

CCA Connections October 2024



Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever.

1 Chronicles 16:34

Cochrane Christian Academy

Our Vision



We are a community of learners journeying together to discover our full potential as expressions of God's love.



Our Mission

Through relationship in Christ, we are committed to:

- Developing learners with God-given PURPOSE,
- Cultivating a family COMMUNITY, and
- Making an IMPACT in our world.

PURPOSE | COMMUNITY | IMPACT

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October at CCA



Principal's Message

October Greetings

We are so thankful for the wonderful start to our school year! The students have settled in beautifully, and it's been a joy to watch them engage in learning in the classroom, participate on sports teams, explore new skills in CTF, and embark on exciting field trips. As we approach Thanksgiving, we are reminded of God's abundant blessings and the spirit of gratitude we're called to live out daily. This October, we look forward to giving thanks as a community for all that God has provided and for the opportunities to learn and grow together.

Wishing your family a blessed and restful Thanksgiving!

Mr. Richard Sampson and Mrs. Josine van den Berg

CCA Welcomes...



Mrs. Paige Metz-Dark - Administrative Assistant II

Hello, my name is Paige Metz-Dark and I have joined the school as an Administrative Assistant. When you don't see me here, I am usually with my family or friends. I have two young boys and two wild cats at home which keep me busy. In my spare time, I enjoy reading, swimming and fun excursions with my family. I am very excited to join this great school and be part of the team!



Mr. Laszlo Anda - School Technologist

I am married with two beautiful children. Our family enjoys going out to our Cabin in the Shuswap. I love the world of Technology. I enjoy watching MMA and Formula One.

Important Dates

October 8th: Parent Prayer 9:30 am

October 10th: Harvest Day Celebrations

October 11th: PL Day - No School for Students

October 13th: Jugo Juice Fun Lunch Orders Due

October 14th: Thanksgiving Day - No School

October 16th & 17th: Conferences 4:00 pm - 7:00 pm

October 17th: School Council Meeting 6:30 pm

October 18th: Gr 7 & 8 Field Trip Spray Lakes

October 18th: Jugo Juice Fun Lunch

October 20th: Pizza Fun Lunch Orders Due

October 24th: Grade 6 Vaccinations

October 29th: Photo Retake Day

October 31st: Pizza Fun Lunch

November 1st: PL Day - No School for Students

Apple Fundraiser

Join us in supporting CCA as we embark on our fundraising journey! Delicious, fresh, handpicked apples from Davison Orchard are now on sale until October 9. These apples are hand picked, packed into 15lb boxes, and delivered straight from Davison Orchard in the Okanagan to the school. Choose from a variety of options, including Honey Crisp for \$42 a box, Okanagan Blend (a surprise mix of 2 varieties) for \$35 per box, or Ambrosia and Gala, both available for just \$32 per box. Your purchase not only satisfies your taste buds but also helps with purchasing student technology, field trips, and student incentives for CCA.

Orders can be placed through School Cash¹ and must be in by October 9. Make sure to spread the word with friends and family as this is a popular fundraiser with many, each fall!

Cochrane Christian Academy Fundraiser
with Apples from Davison Orchards



Picked by hand, packed by hand & delivered fresh from our farm!
This is so ordinary fundraiser! Support your community and enjoy premium BC apples.

Variety	Price	Qty
Barbara Honeycrisp	\$42	
Okanagan Blend - a surprise mix of 2 varieties	\$35	
Ambrosia	\$32	
Gala	\$32	

Order Deadline: October 9
Pickup date: October 23
Contact: Doree
Email: ccacfundraiser@rockcash.ca

Student Name:
Contact:

All apples are hand picked into a 15 lb box.



DAVISON ORCHARDS
Vernon B.C.

Davison Orchards is a family farm and the Okanagan's historic family destination. Specializing in apples, our farm is located at the heart of the beautiful Okanagan valley. We offer fresh & high quality fruit and vegetables in a safe & sustainable way.



Harvest Day



¹<https://rockyview.schoolcashonline.com/>

CCA will be celebrating Harvest Day on October 10th! Students are encouraged to come dressed up as barnyard animals, fruits & vegetables, farmers, or scarecrows etc. No scary costumes, please. The children do not need to wear their costumes all day and are welcome to bring regular clothes and change at any time during the day. **We will not be dressing up for Halloween at the end of the month.**

Food and Treats



Parents are invited to send store-bought, individually pre-packaged food and treats to school with their child for such events as birthdays and special classroom celebrations (please consult your child's teacher for specific classroom routines). All food sent to school to be shared with the class must be commercially packaged. This means such items as cake, cupcakes, and cookies baked and packaged at home (wrapped with cellophane) are not permitted. In addition, all packaged items must be labelled 'NUT FREE'. If baked at home or not labelled 'nut free,' the food will be returned home with the child who brought it to school.

Safe Arrival Absence Reporting



SafeArrival Student Absence Reporting

The SafeArrival student absence reporting system reduces the time it takes to verify student attendance, making it easy for you to report your child's absence and easy for staff to respond to unexplained student absences.

With SafeArrival, you are asked to report your child's absence in advance using any of these three convenient methods. To create your account, please use the same email address/phone number that you use for PowerSchool. If you do not have your PowerSchool login information, please contact your child's school for assistance.

1. Using your **mobile device**, download and install the SchoolMessenger app from the Apple App Store, the Google Play Store, or via the links on the SchoolMessenger website². The first time you use the app, select Sign Up to create your account. To report an absence, Select Attendance.
2. Use the SafeArrival website³. The first time you use the website, select Sign Up to create your account. To report an absence, Select Attendance.
3. Call the **toll-free number** (1-833-244-5565) to report an absence using the automated phone system.

More information about SafeArrival is available in this handbook⁴. Your child's school can also provide guidance.

SIGNING OUT YOUR CHILD DURING SCHOOL HOURS AND LATE STUDENT ARRIVALS

If you need to sign out your child(ren) during school hours, please stop in to the office and sign them out on the clipboard. We cannot release your child to you until they are signed out. All students arriving late must enter the school through the front entry doors to check in at the office.

HourZero



Please follow this link for information on the RVS School Emergency Program⁵ including activation procedures for Lock-Downs, Hold and Secures, Shelter-in-place, and Evacuations.

²<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/>

³<https://go.schoolmessenger.com/#/account/login>

⁴https://resourcecentral.schoolmessenger.com/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=47954658&FileName=Using_SchoolMessenger_App_with_SafeArrival_08162018

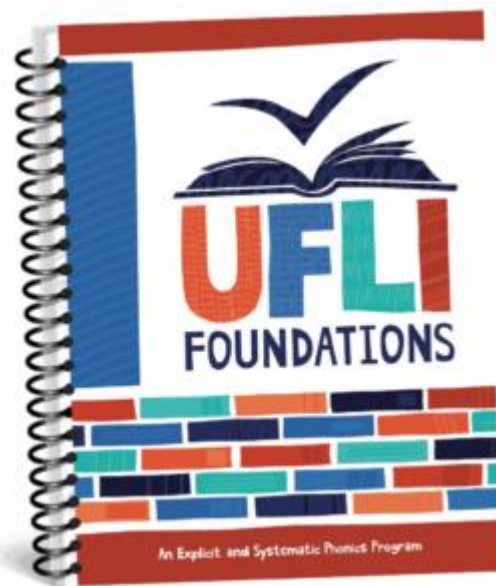
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School Council



The School Council at Cochrane Christian Academy is composed of parents, staff, and administration. Meetings are usually held once a month. All parents and interested stakeholders are welcome and encouraged to attend these meetings. Parent participation is extremely valuable. For meeting dates and meeting minutes, please visit the School Council button on the CCA website. The first meeting of the year will be held in the Learning Commons on the evening of October 17th. Child care will be provided. To learn more, please reach out to Debra Clarke, our School Council Chair at cca-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca.

Literacy Spotlight



What is UFLI?

UFLI, (you fly), stands for the University of Florida Literacy Institute. It is a research-based literacy framework that helps students develop strong reading skills. At CCA, we use UFLI in grades 1 - 3 to ensure that all children are learning to read in a structured and effective way.

How does UFLI work?

UFLI focuses on teaching the foundational skills of reading, including:

- Phonemic awareness (understanding sounds in words)
- Phonics (connecting sounds to letters)
- Fluency (reading smoothly and accurately)
- Vocabulary (understanding the meaning of words)
- Comprehension (understanding what they read)

It's like teaching children the building blocks of reading, step-by-step, to make sure they master each skill before moving on to more complex ones.

Why is UFLI important?

This approach is highly effective because it is based on the latest research in how children learn to read. It helps students of all levels—whether they are struggling or excelling—by giving them the tools they need to become confident and successful readers.

How can parents help at home?

You can support your child by:

1. Encouraging them to practice reading daily.
2. Asking them about the sounds and letters they are learning.
3. Reading together to build a love for books and stories.

Living Books Book Fair

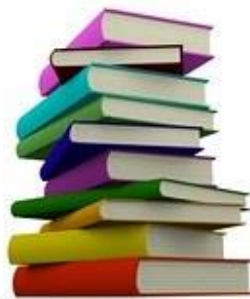


As in previous school year, Christian/Faith-based resources will be available for purchase during Parent Teacher Conferences. Linda Warburton, a distributor for Living Books, will have a display set up on Oct.16 and 17. Students will be able to preview and learn of age appropriate, exciting new books during the day and have the opportunity to purchase them in the evening.

Please visit the web-site at livingbooks.ca or reach out to Linda Warburton at twarbu8056@aol.com or by calling /texting (403)852-2147 if you have questions or a request for something specific.

Many forms of payment available . She looks forward to meeting you!

CCA Reads



CCA Reads will run from October 18 - May 23, 2025. A reading package with details and the student tracker will come home on October 15. Your child is encouraged to read EVERY night and record their reading in the CCA READS TRACKER. Once your child has completed 25 nights, they will return their tracking sheet and earn a prize.

1. 25 nights - CCA Bookmark
2. 50 nights - Desk pet eraser
3. 75 nights - Sweet treat
4. 100 nights - Ice cream coupon
5. 150 nights - Pizza with the Principal
6. 200 nights - A book and dedication in your name for the school library as well as a certificate

Away All Day - Personal Media Device Policy



This letter was sent to families earlier this week.

Dear CCA families,

Thank you for your support in helping CCA maximize learning time and minimize distractions with the implementation of Administrative Procedure (AP) 148: Responsible use of Personal Mobile Devices and Social Media in Schools⁶ this September. We are impressed with the students' cooperation and the improved classroom focus.

On Thursday, September 19th, our school council discussed whether personal mobile devices should continue to be allowed during non-instructional time such as lunch, or travel to field trips. In addition, on the week of September 16th, our parent community was asked to submit feedback and suggestions for technology use during non-instructional time to the school email address. Those who participated in the meeting and email feedback voiced their preference that these devices are to be kept away during the full school day (7:52 a.m. - 2:20 p.m.). Following this consultation with the school community, we have decided to implement this change at CCA as permitted in AP 148.

⁶<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/policies-procedures/administrative-procedures/9834>

Beginning Monday, October 7th students must keep all personal mobile devices away during school hours (7:52-2:20) unless specifically authorized by their teacher or school administration for academic or medical purposes in accordance with AP148.

They may use them before or after school and on the bus/playground outside of school hours but not on the bus during field trips or during recess or lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation as we make these adjustments in our schools to protect our instructional time in the best interests of student learning.

Sincerely,

Richard Sampson

Acting Principal

Josine van den Berg

Acting Assistant Principal

News from Rocky View Schools



WELCOME BACK FROM RVS

Click on RVS' Welcome Back⁷ page for updated division news.

STUDENT ACCIDENT INSURANCE

A kind reminder that RVS offers optional Student Accident Insurance. This insurance is highly encouraged for students, particularly those involved in sports. Registration information can be found on the RVSWebsite⁸.

TRANSPORTATION

⁷https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/whats_new/welcome_back

⁸<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/about-rvs/insurance>

In order for your child(ren) to ride the bus to and from school, you must obtain a bus pass from Rocky View Schools. Please register through your child's School Engage account. Bus passes must be with the student and be shown to the driver on every ride.

To access more information, please click here⁹ to access the RVS Transportation page.

Click here¹⁰ to view the RVS Transportation bus safety video with your child.



Contact Us



⁹<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing-transportation>

¹⁰<https://youtu.be/Y17btTvwdl8>

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