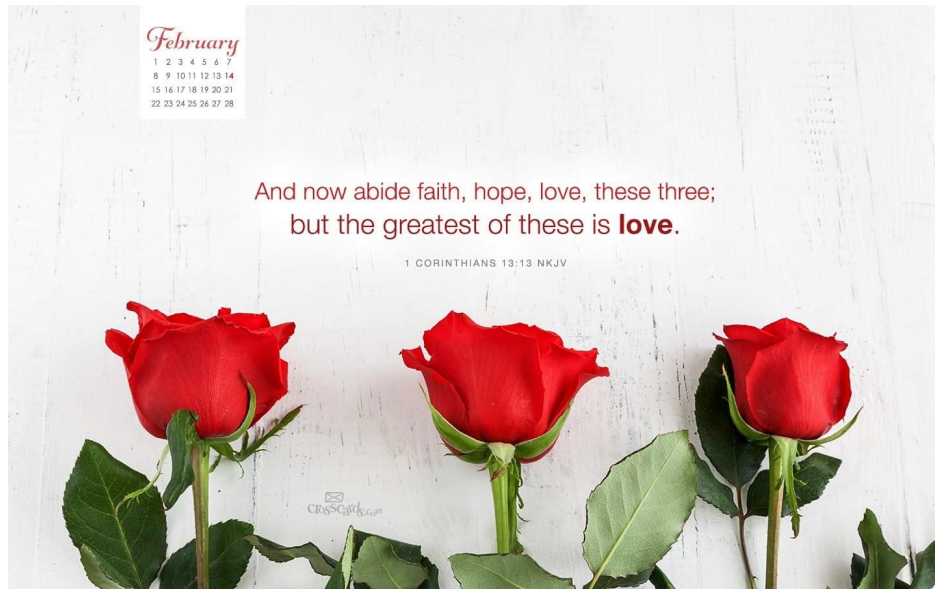


# CCA CONNECTIONS FEBRUARY 2025



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## Message from Administration



As we step into February, our school community is excited to embrace the theme of kindness. This month, we will focus on fostering a spirit of compassion and understanding among our students, inspired by the scripture, "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you" (Ephesians 4:32).

We have several engaging activities planned to help our students practice and celebrate kindness. On *Pink Shirt Day*, we will stand together against bullying and promote kindness and inclusivity. Encourage your children to wear pink and participate in discussions and activities that highlight the importance of treating everyone with respect and empathy.

Another fun event is *Show the Love - Dress Like Your Teacher Day*. This will be a wonderful opportunity for students to show appreciation for their teachers by dressing up like them. It's a lighthearted way to build stronger connections and understand the hard work and dedication our teachers put into their roles.

Our *Food Drive*, led by our grade 6's and leadership team, is another significant initiative this month. We aim to teach our students the value of giving and supporting those in need. Please consider donating non-perishable food items. Your generosity will make a difference in the lives of many families in our community.

Additionally, we have our *Reading Break* for the Teacher's Convention from February 15th to 23rd. This break will allow our dedicated teachers to attend professional development sessions and return with new ideas and strategies to enhance our students' learning experiences.

As we navigate through this month, let's remember the words of Proverbs 16:24: "Gracious words are a honeycomb, sweet to the soul and healing to the bones." Together, we can create a nurturing environment where kindness flourishes and every student feels valued and loved.

Thank you for your continued support and involvement in our school community.

Warm regards,

Richard Sampson & Josine van den Berg

CCA Administration

## Important Dates



- February 3 - 2025/2026 Registration Opened for current and new families
- February 7 - Show the Love - Dress up like a teacher and teacher's dress up like you (students)
- February 9 - Subway fun lunch orders due
- February 10 -14 - CCA Food Drive
- February 13 - School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- February 14 - Pink Shirt Day (and if you don't have one wear something Valentine's colours or with heart shapes)
- February 14 - Subway Fun Lunch
- February 17 -21 - February Break **(no school)**
- February 23 - Jugo Juice fun lunch orders due
- February 28 - Jugo Juice fun lunch

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## CCA Food Drive



Mrs. Coverdale's grade six class is running the CCA food drive for the Food Bank during our Kindness Week on **February 10th-14th**. We are very excited to support our community in this way! We will be having a competition as each grade partners with their buddy teams. CCA usually blows them away with our generosity!

Here is a list of the main items that are needed at this time:

1 Point – Canned veggies, toilet paper, paper towel

2 points – canned soups and fruit (vegetable and cream of mushroom)

3 points – cereals, granola bars, and juices (litre and juice boxes)

4 points – canned meats, rice, oatmeal

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

## Letters of Intent



Letters of Intent were sent home last Friday, January 31st. We are now actively planning for the 25/26 school year and we need to know if your children are returning to CCA in September. This information is vital for the planning process and allows us to better anticipate our class/grade configurations and staffing for next year.

Please fill out the Letter of Intent and have it returned to the school by February 14th. Doing so will reserve your child's placement at CCA for the 25/26 school year.

Please contact the school if you have any questions. Thank you for your cooperation and continued support!

## CCA Reads



If your child hasn't started, or fell off the wagon, we invite your child to participate in CCA Reads, our school's home reading program! Reading at home offers numerous benefits, such as improving literacy skills, increasing knowledge, enhancing imagination, and boosting academic

performance. By joining CCA Reads, your child can enjoy these advantages while also having the chance to win fantastic prizes like a bookmark, a desk pet eraser, a free ice cream, or even pizza with the principal. It's never too late to start, so encourage your child to grab a book and dive into a new adventure today! Please reach out to Mrs. van den Berg if you have any questions.

## Message from School Council



**JOIN OUR  
PARENT  
FACEBOOK PAGE**

Join our CCA Parents Facebook group! This is a great space for us to communicate, support each other, and stay updated on all things related to our school. Whether you want to share information, discuss events, or advocate for CCA, your voice matters here.

Please request to join the group and help us create a strong, united community for our kids.

[REQUEST TO JOIN HERE:](#)



Happy February! We hope you had a great start to the year and are looking forward to all that this month has to offer. Here are some important updates from your School Council:

- **Subway Fun Lunch:** Mark your calendars! Our next Subway Fun Lunch is scheduled for **February 14th!**
- **Jugo Juice Fun Lunch:** Mark your calendars! Our next Jugo Juice Fun Lunch is scheduled for **February 28th!**
- **School Council Meeting:** Our next School Council meeting will be on **Thursday, February 13th at 6:30 PM**. We invite all parents and guardians to join us for this meeting, where we'll discuss important topics and upcoming events. **Child care will be provided** during the meeting, so please feel free to bring your little ones!
- **Upcoming School Council Meeting Dates:** Here are the remaining dates for School Council meetings this school year. Please join us for as many as you can:
  - **March 20**

- **April 10**
  - **May 22** (Note: This meeting will be at **7:00 PM**)
  - **June 12**
- **Additional Donations:** We also want to remind everyone that additional donations can be made anytime online directly to Cochrane Christian Academy through **CanadaHelps.org**. Simply select **Rocky View Schools** and then choose **Cochrane Christian Academy**. Donations greater than \$20 will receive a tax receipt.
  - **Bottle Depot Donations:** Don't forget that you can also contribute to CCA by taking your bottles to the **Cochrane Bottle Depot** and asking to have the funds put towards Cochrane Christian Academy. This is another easy way to support our school! We look forward to another great month and appreciate your ongoing involvement and support in making our school community thrive!

Warm regards,

The School Council

## WheresTheBus App



### Real-time tracking with new bus app

RVS is excited to be transitioning to a new tool, WheresTheBus, to provide parents/guardians and schools with timely arrival and location information for our fleet of contracted buses. WheresTheBus is free, secure and easy to use. This tool uses GPS and tablets installed on school buses to track and report the real-time location of the bus and estimated arrival times, allowing you to check where the bus is and see when the bus arrives at your child's stop and at school. It is free and you may opt-out of the program at any time.

Please note, due to bus shortages and route substitutions, there may be occasions where tracking on your bus is not up-to-date. RVS is working with our contractors to ensure the accuracy of our WheresTheBus data.

**WheresTheBus will replace the current Bus Status App, which will no longer be available effective March 6, 2025.**

To create your account, you will need your student's PowerSchool number, which can be found on PowerSchool or by contacting your school. More information about WheresTheBus including how to create your account, use the app and frequently asked questions is available on the [RVS website](#).

For assistance with WheresTheBus, please submit a ticket through the [RVS Transportation Portal](#).

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