

CCA CONNECTIONS MARCH 2025



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MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION



As we step into March, we are reminded of the incredible journey we are on together as a school community. This month, our Monthly Core Value is Responsibility. We believe that each student is capable of excellence and overcoming challenges through discipline and perseverance. By embracing rigour, dedication, integrity, and resilience, our students will continue to grow and achieve mastery in all they do.

Our guiding scripture for this month is Colossians 3:23-24: *"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving."* This verse beautifully encapsulates the essence of responsibility, encouraging us to give our best in all our endeavors, knowing that our efforts are ultimately for a higher purpose.

In addition to our focus on responsibility, we are excited to invite you to our upcoming Student-led Conferences. This special event provides a wonderful opportunity for you to celebrate your child's achievements and growth. Together with the teacher, you will have the chance to discuss your child's academic journey and set goals for the future. Your presence and support are invaluable to us, and we look forward to sharing this meaningful experience with you.

During the 30-minute showcase, parents will have 10 minutes to interact directly with the teacher to ask questions and gain insights into their child's progress. Please see below for all the details and the link to sign up.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. Let us continue to work together to nurture and guide our students as they strive for excellence.

Richard Sampson & Josine van den Berg

CCA Administration

IMPORTANT DATES



- **March 9** - Subway fun lunch orders due
- **March 10** - PL Day (NO SCHOOL)
- **March 12** - Bow Valley High School Open House (6:00-7:30 p.m.)
- **March 13** - Cochrane High School Open House (5:00 -8:00 p.m.)
- **March 14** - Subway Fun Lunch
- **March 19** - Student Led Conferences (4:00-7:00 p.m.)
- **March 20** - Grades 1-3 Telus Spark Field Trip | Student Led Conferences (4:00-7:00 p.m.)
| School Council Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- **March 30** - Jugo Juice fun lunch orders due
- **March 31** - PL Day (NO SCHOOL)

STUDENT-LED CONFERENCES



Our conferences in March will take on a different shape than our conferences in October, so we would like to inform you of what you can expect from this round of conferences. March conferences will be 30 minutes in duration and there will be three families in the classroom during this time.

You and your child will have 20 minutes to review their work, centres, and classroom displays, or participate in different activities. Your child will be prepared to take an active part in these conferences and share their learning with you. You will have an opportunity to share your comments and reflections on their work with them. You and your child will also have 5-10 minutes to meet with the teacher to discuss your child's learning goals from last term and to set a new learning goal for the remainder of the year. *If you have any concerns or issues you want to discuss privately with your child's teacher, an alternative time to discuss these concerns can be arranged with the teacher.*

For your child to be able to celebrate their learning with you, childcare will be provided for their siblings. Teachers will be sending home information outlining what the evening will look like in your child's classroom before conferences. We believe that Student-Led Conferences are an important part to supporting student learning and we look forward to seeing you then.

Our Student-Led Conferences will be held on **March 19th and 20th, from 4:00-7:00 p.m.**

Parents can book a conference time by clicking here: <https://cca.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>
Conference scheduling is now open for booking.

Additionally, our teachers would greatly appreciate if you would consider bringing in a dish to contribute to them for dinner. Alternatively, if you are unable to bring something in, please consider donating to CCA-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca so we can purchase some food instead.

You can find the sign up sheets for:

- **March 19th:** volunteersignup.org/7Q3QT
- **March 20th:** volunteersignup.org/7CXLW

Many thanks from the staff at CCA! We look forward to seeing you all then.

SCHOOL COUNCIL UPDATE



School Council News – March Update

Happy March! We hope you had a wonderful start to the year and are excited for the arrival of spring. Here are some important updates from your School Council:

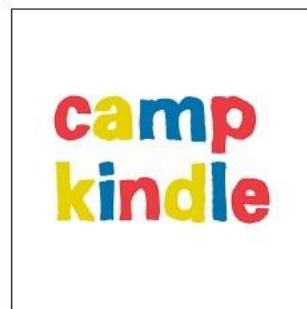
- **Subway Fun Lunch:** Mark your calendars! Our next Subway Fun Lunch is scheduled for **March 14th!**
- **Fun Fact:** We raise an average of \$400 from each Fun Lunch, which goes towards CCA student technology, field trips, and student incentives. Although this is just a fraction of what our school needs, every little bit helps. Thank you for your continued support!
- **School Council Meeting:** Our next School Council meeting will be on **Thursday, March 20th 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: **April 10, May 22** (Note: This meeting will be at **7:00 PM**) and **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

THE BEAUTY AND THE BEARDS



Please join "The Beauty and The Beards" in Fundraising for Camp Kindle and Kids Cancer Care this March 21st, 2025.

Hello Pledgers:

I want to thank you in advance for your pledges. My want to fundraise for Kids Cancer Care & Camp Kindle was twofold. Firstly, being inspired by friends and youth who have previously supported raising funds to Kids Cancer Care & Camp Kindle, my heart was deeply impacted. Secondly, being personally impacted by Cancer within my family, friends and in addition having been on the journey myself this year walked me into wanting to give back to children and families who are going through the experience and the life impacting changes that Cancer has on the family unit. My willingness to lose my locks was nothing compared to those I know have battled fought and won the battle in fighting Cancer (and in memory to those I/we have lost). I have always appreciated and admired the work of Camp Kindle - the wondrous opportunities they provide to kids, families and the community to assist those working and through childhood

Cancer or helping children/youth who have a family member experiencing Cancer and or to those who have lost a loved one to Cancer. *"To give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praised for the spirit of heaviness"* - Isaiah 61:3. There are so many young hearts and their families battling huge struggles through their difficult and courageous journey with Cancer, your support and care means the world to me and those impacted.


Please note: We have the "3 Beards" joining us this year - Mr. Sampson, Constable Epp and Constable Moore - rocking their "beard locks" as part of this fundraiser, Mrs. L.C. - the "Beauty" part of the crew will be rocking her locks - by losing them for a most wonderful cause! Please join us in fundraising all of March (<https://www.zeffy.com/peer-to-peer/the-beauty-and-the-beards-2>) - the 3 top fundraising classroom's will join us for the event - we will provide a video for the remaining classes to join virtually! Micheil Alzukaimi of "Shears To You" will be donating his time and talents! You can donate on the link provided. Thank you in advance for your amazing donations. You have blessed me and others by your donations and touched my heart beyond means.

March 21st, 2025 @ 9:00 AM - "The Beauty & The Beards" will have this momentous occasion for Kids Cancer Care and Camp Kindle!

Blessings,

Mrs. Joy Lonsdale - Calkins

HOME ALONE SAFETY COURSE



Home Alone Safety


An interactive safety training course for youth ages 10+ as of January 2025

Course Skills Include:
This program prepares your youth for all the important steps of being 'home alone.' Without some basic skills, being on your own can be an unsafe and uncomfortable situation. Let's all work together to keep our youth safe and confident!

- Minor First Aid
- EMS System
- Fire Safety
- Personal Responsibilities
- Answering Doors & Telephones
- Appliance Safety
- Flooding Toilets
- General Safety

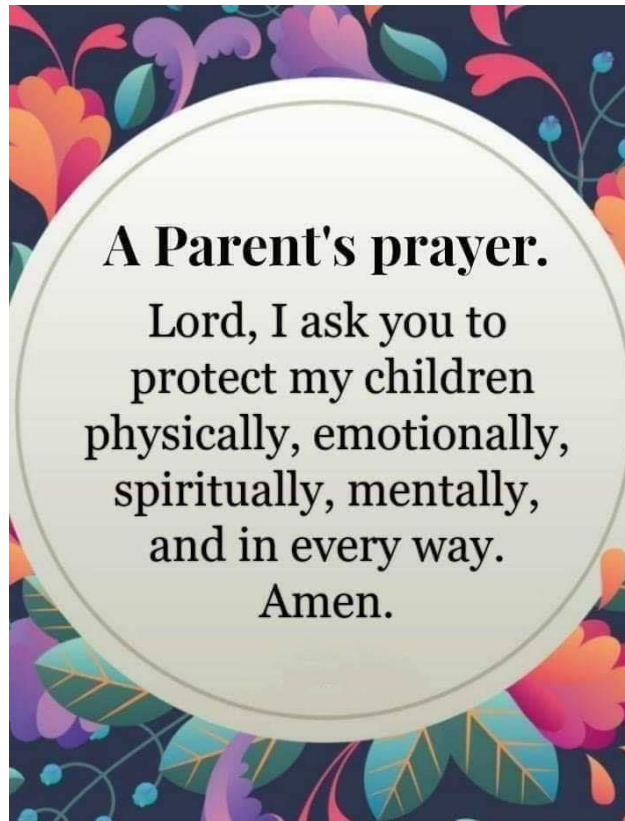
These skills are fully covered in this program through interactive games and role playing.

Date: April 14 & April 15, 2025 (Mon/Tues)
Location: Cochrane Christian Academy
Time: 11:40a.m. – 12:40p.m.
Cost: \$30.00 incl. GST
Bring: Peanut free lunch, drink & pencil to class.



Payment via School Cash DEADLINE: April 4, 2025

PRAYING PARENTS



All interested parents:

We would like to invite all parents to a '***Parent Prayer-Group***', which will be led by one of our parents, Amber Cranston.

This will be held each first Tuesday of every month from 9:30-10:30, until June 2025. The date for April will be the 9th.

If you want to find out more, please get in touch with Amber at: amberlodge@inorbit.com

Amber is excited to see what God will do and commit these plans to Him.

Matthew 18:20. "For where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there among them".

FOOD DRIVE PICS

During Kindness Week, Mrs. Coverdale's Grade Six class took the lead in organizing the CCA Annual Food Drive as part of their service project for the Cochrane Food Bank. With creativity

and enthusiasm, students designed eye-catching posters and classes teamed up with their cross-grade buddies in a friendly competition to collect the most food donations.

And wow—our CCA community blew us away with their generosity! We received an incredible number of donations, filling the entire back of the Cochrane Food Bank van. In fact, the total value of the food easily surpassed a thousand dollars!

A huge **congratulations** to our food drive champions—Mrs. Sawchuk’s Grade One class and Miss Smith’s Grade Four class! These amazing students will be celebrating their kindness and teamwork with a well-deserved ice cream sundae party!

A heartfelt thank you goes out to our hardworking Grade Six leaders and to all our CCA families for making such a meaningful impact. Your kindness is truly inspiring!







CCA Swag Store

There's still another chance to rock your school spirit with our exclusive Swag items!

From apparel to accessories, we've got everything you need to represent our school! Our online store is open for **1 more week**, so don't miss out!

 **Shop now:** <https://ccaspring2025store.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

 **Closing Date: March 14th**

Order your favorites now while you still can!



UNDERSTANDING PROVINCIAL AND DIVISIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Assessment at RVS: Understanding Provincial and Divisional Assessments

Rocky View Schools is sharing a series of articles on the division website regarding assessments: the process of gathering data about student learning. This information is intended to help provide greater insight into why and when assessments are done and encourage ongoing communication between teachers and families to support student success.

[Read the first in the series this month, touching on understanding provincial and divisional assessments.](#) Watch for more in this series throughout the spring.

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