

CCA CONNECTIONS May 2025



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Message from Administration



Spring is here! As the earth renews and blossoms, we are reminded of God's beautiful promise in 2 Corinthians 5:17 — *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"* May is a wonderful time of growth, fresh beginnings, and renewed energy, and we are excited to see this reflected in the life of our school community.

Many exciting things are happening at CCA this month. Our middle school students are looking forward to Track and Field. On May 7, we will participate in *Hats On for Mental Health*, encouraging students to wear a hat and raise awareness about the importance of caring for our mental well-being. Parents are also invited to complete the *OurSchool Parent Survey* this month; your feedback is truly valuable in helping us continue to make CCA a wonderful place for students to grow academically, socially, and spiritually.

May will also bring some fun and school spirit with special days like PJ Day and our Fun Lunches. We are pleased to offer Babysitting and Home Alone Safety courses as well, allowing students to build essential life skills. On May 22, we are excited to welcome our newest students to our Kindergarten Orientation. Finally, we ask that you join us in praying for our Grade 6 students, who will begin writing their Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) at the end of the month.

As always, we are grateful for your ongoing partnership and support. May this season remind us all of God's faithfulness and the new life we have through Him. Thank you for being part of the CCA community — a place where students are nurtured in both their faith and their learning.

Mr. Sampson and Mrs. van den Berg

Important Dates to Remember

- May 7 - Hats off for Mental Health
- May 8 - Kindergarten Zoo Field Trip
- May 11 - Jugo Juice Fun Lunch orders due
- May 12 - OurSchool Parent Survey opens
- May 12-15 - Babysitting Course at lunch
- May 15 - Self Care and PJ Day | Jugo Juice Fun Lunch
- May 16 - PL Day (no school)
- May 19 - Victoria Day (no school)
- May 20 - Babysitting Course at lunch
- May 22 - New Kindergarten Families Orientation (6:00 p.m.) | School Council Meeting **(7:00 p.m.)**
- May 23 - Last day to hand in reading logs for CCA Reads
- May 25 - Pizza Fun Lunch orders due
- May 28 - Grade 6 ELA - PAT (Part A) | **KA - Gr 8** - CCA Reads *Pizza with the Principal*
- May 29 - **KB:** CCA Reads *Pizza with the Principal*
- May 30 - Grade 3 Glenbow Ranch Field Trip | Fruits of the Spirit Day

Welcome to CCA!



Hi, I'm Jade Griswold—happily married and sharing life with two oversized, lovable dogs, Edmund and Bob. I have celiac disease, so gluten-free baking is my jam (pun intended), and I'm always trying out new recipes. I love to travel and explore new places, especially with friends and family during the holidays. I also enjoy cozy reading sessions and getting creative with a paintbrush. I have a big heart for working with children and run a camp for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children—a true source of joy and purpose. I can't wait to meet all of you!

Jade

Snack Fridge



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your kind and caring efforts in assisting the C.C.A. Snack Fridge. Our fridge is filled with donations and assistance from the Cochrane Food Bank and Cochrane Activettes (in fact, our fridge was also donated by the Activettes last year!).

Donations should be fridge-ready to eat (e.g., washed, chopped) and/or shelf-stable non-perishable. We offer “snacks” to students who:

- Forgot lunch.
- Lost lunch (left on the bus, dropped, etc.).
- Still hungry with tummy grumbles after taking a drink of water and checking their lunch to ensure it was eaten.

Students up to Grade 4 have a stamped place in their agenda indicating that they accessed the fridge; students in Grades 5 and above email home to confirm that they accessed the refrigerator.

Items we would appreciate:

- Fresh Fruit and Veggies. (Celery Sticks, Carrots, Cucumbers, Apples, Oranges).
- Spoons – and yogurt or yogurt drinks.
- Meat Sticks/Cheese Sticks.

- Crackers and Cheese (Rice Crackers are great because they are gluten-free!)
- Peanut/Nut Free Muffins.
- Tuna and Cracker Packs.
- Gift Cards to Grocery Stores – No Frills, Save On, Safe Way.
- If you choose an extra donation to a Jugo Juice Day or a Pizza Day, it brings a lot of smiles to kiddo's who are not able to access these Fun Friday meals - they can be immediately brought to the fridge and handed out as needed.

We do not have a microwave, so unfortunately, items like Mac & Cheese Cups do not work.

Blessings to you – thank you for helping fill hungry tummies, learning minds and happy hearts.

Mrs. Lonsdale –Calkins

CCA Reads



As we are entering the final months of this school year, we would like to celebrate the success of our home reading program, CCA Reads. Throughout the year, our students have embarked on literary adventures, exploring the realms of imagination, knowledge, and creativity.

The final day for students to submit their reading logs is Friday, May 23rd. We are proud of our students who participated in CCA Reads, and we will have the 150-night prize, Pizza with the Principal, on May 28 (May 29 for KB students) at lunch.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to all the parents, guardians, and family members who supported our students throughout this journey. Your encouragement and engagement have played a vital role in making this program a success.

We look forward to continuing this incredible journey of reading and learning in the upcoming school year.

Message from School Council



Happy May!

Here are some important updates from your School Council:

Jugo Juice Fun Lunch – May 15

Mark your calendars! Our next Jugo Juice Fun Lunch is scheduled for May 15.

Fun Fact: Each Fun Lunch raises an average of \$400, which goes toward student technology, field trips, and student incentives. While this is just a fraction of what our school needs, every little bit helps. Thank you for your continued support!

School Council Meeting – May 22 at 7:00 PM

Our next School Council meeting will be on Thursday, May 22, at 7:00PM. Please note the time change for this month's meeting. We encourage all parents and guardians to join us as we discuss important topics and upcoming events. Childcare will be provided, so feel free to bring your little ones!

Remaining School Council Meeting Dates

We'd love to see you at as many meetings as possible! Here are the remaining dates for this school year:

- May 22 (Please note: this meeting will be at 7:00 PM)
- June 12

Additional Ways to Give

- Online Donations: You can make donations anytime online through CanadaHelps.org by selecting Rocky View Schools and choosing Cochrane Christian Academy. Donations over \$20 will receive a tax receipt.

- Bottle Depot Donations: Support CCA by taking your bottles to the Cochrane Bottle Depot and asking to have the funds directed to Cochrane Christian Academy—an easy way to contribute!

We look forward to another fantastic month and appreciate your continued support in making our school community thrive!

Warm regards,

School Council

CCA OurSchool Parent Survey

CCA OurSchool Parent Survey – Opens May 12

CCA will be participating in the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey, an online survey for parents and guardians. We invite you to review the details below and take a few minutes to complete the survey once it opens.

Who: All parents and guardians at CCA

When: May 12 – June 6

Where: Online – a QR code and link will be shared with you on May 12

Why: The OurSCHOOL Parent Survey is your opportunity to provide anonymous feedback on how our school supports student learning, positive behaviour, and a safe, inclusive environment. Your voice matters! Although participation is voluntary, we strongly encourage you to take part so we can continue to grow and improve together.

Babysitter Program



The Babysitter Program will be held May 12-15 and May 20. Payments are still open on School Cash.

Please note that students must be at least 10 years of age as of January 1, 2025, to participate. There are limited spots available, so enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis. This course will be held during the lunch hour.

CCA Talent Show



We are excited to announce CCA's Got Talent will be held on June 6th!

If your child is considering submitting an audition video, please read through the following expectations carefully:

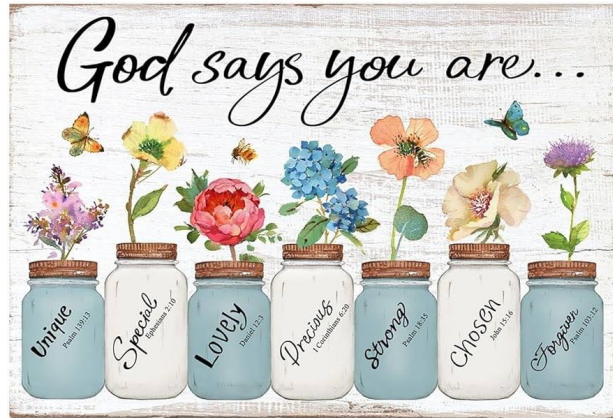
1. **Audition Submissions:** All performers must submit a video audition (maximum 1 minute) showcasing their talent. Please ensure your video is clear and shows the talent in its best light.
2. **Show Details:** Students will **perform live on June 6th** (video submissions will not be shown), with each performance lasting up to 2 minutes maximum. If your child's song or music is longer than 2 minutes, we kindly request that you work with your child to find a suitable spot to end. We kindly ask that all participants adhere to this timeline so that we can accommodate *as many participants as possible*.
3. **Music Submission:** If your child's performance requires pre-recorded music, a downloadable MP3 file of the music must also be submitted. All music must be school-appropriate, featuring clean lyrics.
4. **Important Dates:** Auditions are due on May 12th, and selection will be announced on May 20th. Please note that not all performers will be selected for the show.
5. **Agreement:** By submitting an audition, the performer's family agrees to send all necessary files (the audition video and any MP3 music files) to the talent show coordinators. All music files will be requested following selection and will be shared to kargreen@rvschools.ab.ca (please do not use the @rockyviewschools.ab.ca email address).

We are thrilled to showcase our students' talents and look forward to seeing the creativity and hard work they bring to the stage!

Thank you for being so supportive,

Ms. Green, Mrs. Sawchuk, and the Leadership Team

Appreciating our Volunteers



As the school year progresses, we take a moment to express our deepest gratitude to our invaluable volunteers. They are the heartbeat of our school community, dedicating their time, energy, and passion to make a difference.

From assisting in classrooms, chaperoning on field trips, handing out hot lunch, fundraising, or coaching sports, their unwavering support is felt in every corner of our school. Their commitment and enthusiasm inspire us all and contribute immeasurably to the success of our students.

To all our incredible volunteers: thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the positive impact you have made. Your generosity and kindness are truly appreciated and do not go unnoticed. Together, we continue to create an environment where our students can thrive and succeed.

We are truly grateful for all that you do!

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