

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ October 1 to October 8

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Friday, Oct. 1	3:00-8:00 pm	Junior A Volleyball Tournament -- Boys
Friday, Oct 8		No School (Professional Learning)
Monday, Oct. 11		No School (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday, Oct 12	8:00 am	Conference Manager Opens (Booking System for 3-Way Conferences)
Wednesday, Oct. 13	6:30 pm	School Council AGM (see below for details)
Friday, Oct. 15	5:00-7:00 pm	Junior A Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, Oct 20 & Thursday, Oct 21	4:00-7:00 pm	3-Way Conferences (Virtual)

Greetings, everyone! It is hard to believe that September is already in the rearview mirror. The school is humming with activity. Our soccer team had a great tournament last weekend, winning both of their games pretty decisively (8-1 vs. Mitford/CCA, 4-1 vs. Rancheview). Way to go, Hawks! We'd like to express our sincere appreciation to Mrs. Nusi, Ms. McDonald, and Mr. Chung for their time and effort coaching our teams this season.

Without skipping a beat, we're already into volleyball season. The Junior A Boys and Girls will be playing in their first tournament at home this evening (assuming you're reading this on Friday). *Go Hawks Go!!* Please remember that gym capacity is limited for spectators due to Covid protocols. Each athlete may have no more than one spectator, and our gym may not be able to accommodate everyone.

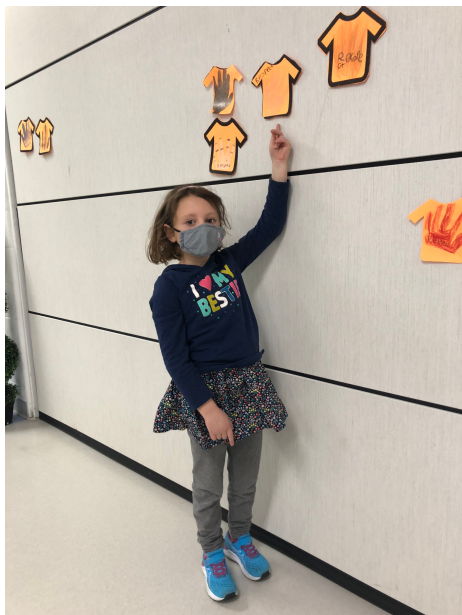
Our week was highlighted by our observance of Orange Shirt Day on Wednesday. The "Open Hearts" part of our motto was on full display as students reflected on how every child should feel and be treated in school. Mr. Petterson [captured video](#) of some of these messages. See below for more information about the day.

NEW: Fireside Honours Orange Shirt Day



Fireside School honoured Orange Shirt Day this week in several ways. Readings of *Phyllis's Orange Shirt* or *The Orange Shirt Story* by Phyllis Webstad, illustrated by Brock Nicol, were shared with classes. Students and staff then designed and created orange shirts with drawings, messages of hope, and thoughtful messages of care and reflection. These shirts were shared with the learning community as a display in the Learning Commons. On Wednesday, students and staff wore orange shirts to honour Thursday's *National Day for Truth and Reconciliation*.





School Council (October 13)

The next School Council meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 via ZOOM. Among the topics being discussed will be:

- An update from our Grade 3 team
- School wide literacy program
- Update from your RVS Trustee (Fiona Gilbert)
- Annual General Meeting where individuals will have the opportunity to volunteer for the following essential positions: Chair/Co-chair, Treasurer/Secretary, 2 Members-at-Large.

You can find the ZOOM link for this month's meeting below:

<https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/2781208156>

3-Way Conferences (October 20 & 21)

3-Way Conferences are part of Rocky View Schools' Communication of Student Learning. These conferences include parents, teachers, and students and offer a chance to review the student's progress to date and set goals for the next steps of their learning journey. Due to COVID-19 safety protocols, this round of 3-Way Conferences will be held virtually, via Zoom Sessions or by telephone. Each conference will be 10 minutes in length.

Parents/Guardians will book an appointment time with the child's homeroom teacher using the online booking program, Conference Manager. From the Parents tab on the Fireside School website, please choose Conference Manager from the list on the left side of the page.

Conference Manager will open for bookings on October 12th at 8:00 am and will close on October 18th at noon.

If you have never used Conference Manager before, please get registered now! You do not have to wait until the site is open for bookings to register. Also, returning users should ensure that they can still log in to the system. You can request a password reset if necessary. Please review your parent/guardian profile to ensure that the information is correct. Important: The email address you provide in this profile will be used to send you the link for the Zoom session. Please call the school office (403-932-4868) if you have questions or are having difficulties logging in.

When the conference booking site opens, please book an appointment date and time that works for you. When you are booking your appointment time, you will be prompted to provide a phone number where the teacher can reach you, should technical issues arise.

NEW: HourZero Safety and Emergency Procedures at Schools Information

At Rocky View Schools, we use HourZero protocols for all of our Emergency Drills and procedures. Information about these aspects can be found in the "Rocky View Schools Emergency Program: A Guide for Parents and Guardians" guide, which is located at Rocky View Schools's site under the Parents tab. Here is a quick link for your reference:

http://www.rockyview.ab.ca/families/assets_parents/RVS-Parent-Summary.pdf

NEW: Illness While at School

As per Rocky View Schools's Return to School Operational Plan: Students exhibiting signs of illness are moved to the school's infirmary room and provided a mask to wear if they are not currently wearing a mask. Parents/guardians will be notified and advised to pick up their child within one hour of notification. If the parent is unable to pick up their child, they must designate an emergency contact for student pick up. It is the expectation that students are picked up by the family or emergency contact.

Please remember that all students, staff, and visitors are to use the [Alberta Daily Health Checklist](#) (click on the link to view) prior to entering the school. Please note that recent and significant changes have been made by Alberta Health Services to this document. Most notably: students who are not fully immunized and are a household contact with a positive case of COVID-19 should remain home for 14 days from the last day of exposure and monitor for symptoms. Parents and guardians play an essential role in keeping other children, students, and staff safe by keeping children home when appearing sick and accessing testing if symptoms develop.

Fireside School Nutrition Program

Due to Covid restrictions, we have changed how students access our School Nutrition Program this year, so we wanted to share this information with our families.

For those students who may have forgotten their lunch or snacks or for those who need school to supply a lunch (no questions asked), they will be able to access a brown bag lunch. These lunches will be available through Ms. Clark and Ms. Abrahams.

Healthy snacks and fruit will be available in the main office, the Roost, Learning Support classrooms, and CDA offices.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact:

Charlene Abrahams, CDA, Grades K-3 cabrahams@rockyview.ab.ca

Helen Clark, CDA, Grades 4-8 hclark@rockyview.ab.ca

Parent Volunteers

During the school year there will be opportunities where volunteers will be needed. Prior to be able to volunteer at the school the following paperwork will need to be completed:

If you have Criminal Record/Volunteer Check on file at Fireside that has been completed in the last five years you must complete the following each year:

[Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Form](#) (AF491)

[Annual Declaration Form](#) (AF490-B)

If you have never had a Criminal Record Check done before, or those that have a Criminal Record Check that is over 5 years old, you must complete the following:

[Confidentiality/Non-Disclosure Form](#) (AF491)

[Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Application](#) (AF490-A)

- This form is to be filled out and taken to your local RCMP Detachment.

Once the appropriate forms are completed/received, please call the office for next steps.