

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ September 24th to October 1st

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Friday, Sept 24th	5:00-7:00 pm	Grade 6 Divisional Soccer Tournament (Airdrie)
Monday, Sept 27th	7:00 pm	Friends of Fireside AGM (see below for details)
Wednesday, Sept 29th		Orange Shirt Day
Thursday, Sept 30th		No School (National Day for Truth and Reconciliation)
Friday, Oct. 1st	3:00-8:00 pm	Junior A Volleyball Tournament
Friday, Oct 8th		No School (Professional Learning)
Monday, Oct. 11th		No School (Thanksgiving)
Wednesday, Oct. 13th	6:30 pm	School Council AGM (see below for details)
Friday, Oct. 15th	5:00-7:00 pm	Junior A Volleyball Tournament
Wednesday, Oct 20th & Thursday, Oct 21st	4:00-7:00 pm	3-Way Conferences (Virtual)

It has been an excellent first couple of weeks back at Fireside School. Options and extra-curricular activities are up and running. We're settling in and enjoying the fall weather. Students have been outside for nature walks, extracurricular sports, physical education, and plenty of time well spent on the playground. Here's Mrs. Cooledge's class investigating neighbouring ecosystems and looking for bugs earlier this week:



We held our Annual Terry Fox Run on Friday, September 17th. On behalf of the Terry Fox Foundation, we would like to sincerely thank our parents and community members who, together, raised more than \$2,300 for cancer research! Way to go Hawks!

Donations can still be made at <http://www.terryfox.ca/FiresideSchool>

Three-Way Conferences are less than a month away. We will be conducting this round of conferences virtually via Zoom. Information regarding how to book your conferences will be coming from your child's teacher soon.

These continue to be challenging times in our province. We would like to remind everyone that we are under new provincially mandated restrictions. Everyone entering our building must be wearing a mask. Additionally, the daily health checklist that all visitors must use prior to coming into the building has been updated recently. Please see below for details. We ask that if your child is showing symptoms as described by the checklist, please do not bring them to school.

We're off to a great start at Fireside School! Thank you for all the support you provide your children and to us at the school as we work toward making this an excellent year for every one of our Hawks.

[NEW: Daily Health Checklist Update](#)

RVS continues to require all students, staff, and visitors to use the [Alberta Daily Health Checklist](#) (click on the link to view) prior to coming to 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/Guardians play an essential role as they support actions in the home (such as keeping children/students home when sick and accessing testing if symptoms develop) that ultimately keep other children, students, and staff safe.

[NEW: 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

[If Students Arrive to School Late for Any Reason...](#)

If students arrive after the start of Period 1 (8:05 am) or after the start of Period 5 (12:15 pm), they need to sign in at the office, please.

Please note that if they arrive after 8:15 am in the morning, they will need to enter through the front doors; the same is true for after lunch, if they arrive after 12:20 pm.

[School Council](#)

Fireside will have its Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, October 13th at 6:30 pm.

Nominations and elections will be conducted for School Council Executive positions at this meeting. School Council is a great way to explore topics essential to the culture of the school, including the Four-Year Plan, school initiatives, and student learning. Each month, Council is able to hear from Rocky View Schools Cochrane Trustee and Board Chair Fiona Gilbert. You can find the Zoom link for the School Council meeting below:

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

[Friends of Fireside School](#)

Interested in learning what Friends of Fireside School is all about?

Interested in meeting new people and helping to organize fundraising events to support your child's school?

Please join us at our Annual General Meeting.

Monday, Sept 27th at 7:00 PM

Location: Google Meet meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh

~A Few Friendly Reminders~

[Student Absences](#)

If a student is going to be away for any reason, please let the office know either through an email or by calling the school. You are also encouraged to let the classroom teacher know, of course. Thank you for your help with this.

Parents' Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents who come to either pick-up or drop off their children are asked to follow all traffic regulations. Students can be dropped off in the "Kiss & Go" lane in front of the school or down any neighboring streets. The bus lanes on the north side of the building must remain clear. As well, we continue to ask that families do not park in the staff parking lot (northwest corner behind the building). In addition to being a safety concern, busses may need to block the entrance of this lot when they park.

Appointments

There may be times when you need to pick up your child during instructional times. Parents or guardians will need to come into the building and sign their children out. We ask that you also notify the student's homeroom teacher in advance to let them know your child will be leaving.

Item Drop Off

Forgotten lunches? Shoes? Homework? On occasion, parents need to drop off items for their child during the school day. Like last year, we will have a cart at the front entrance where you can leave items that are clearly marked with the child's first and last name. We will ensure they are delivered to the child as soon as we are able to do so.

Visitors and Volunteers

At Fireside School, we love our volunteers and are excited to welcome them back. Our plan is to take a cautious approach with volunteers as we follow the Rocky View Schools' School Operation Plan. Please keep an "eye out" in the next month for more information on how and where we can have our amazing volunteers supporting the learning of students.

Lunch

Students staying at school will eat lunch in their classrooms, while those who choose to go home for lunch are permitted to do so. If your child will be going home for lunch each day, please contact the homeroom teacher so we are aware of who is leaving. **Students who are leaving must make the commitment to leave each day and may not pick and choose when to stay and when to go.**

Fireside School is a closed campus; therefore, students may not leave the premises unless we have confirmation from home, including at lunch. Reminder: lunch time this year is now from 11:35 am to 12:15 pm.