

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – June 21

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- Monday, June 24 – Dress "Fancy" Day (for Grade 8 farewell)
- Monday, June 24 – Grade 8 Farewell (1:00 pm)
- Tuesday, June 25 – Final SOAR Assembly (morning)
- Wednesday, June 26 - Grades 5-8 Calaway Park Trip
- Wednesday, June 26 - Last day of School (Gr. 1-8) - Report Cards are available to be viewed

- Tuesday, Sep 3 – First day of school for Gr 1-8 students with last names beginning A-K (L-Z stay home)
- Wednesday, Sep 4 – First day of school for Gr 1-8 students with last names beginning L-Z (A-K stay home)



From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

There's plenty we could talk about from this week, but we'll let some of the images from Thursday do most of the talking for us. Carnival Day was AMAZING!! Our students made a whole lot of memories during a wonderful day of fun and friendship, with nearly perfect weather and plenty of games to enjoy. A day like that doesn't happen without the incredible work of an amazing organizing committee and, of course, the 40+ volunteers who joined us to help make the day happen, including some of our former Fireside students. Thank you Mrs. Pyle, Mrs. Carriere, Ms. Waugh, Mrs. Soroka, Mrs. Loewen, Mr. Cox, Mrs. Holzer, Mrs. Cooledge, and Mrs. Lawrence for all the hard work you put into making the special day happen. An added thank you to Chef Andrea Pinter and her crack team of food preparers for getting almost a thousand hotdogs cooked, bunned, and delivered. What a day!!

We wanted to send a quick note of congratulations to eight students in Mrs. Billings's Grade 3 class who had their stories published earlier this month in the Polar Express Publishing national writing contest

anthology. This is a writing contest that takes place every summer and fall, and we're proud of our kids for getting their stories in print. The [summer contest](#) is coming should any of your kiddos happen to be interested in doing some story writing.

Lastly, we've got some exciting celebrations coming up before we end our school year. Monday will see the Grade Eight farewell at 1:00, where we'll wish our eldest students all the best in their upcoming high school careers. On Tuesday, we'll have our final SOAR Assembly, where we'll give out some special Citizen of the Year awards to students who have exemplified the qualities of Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect this year.

Wishing everyone a great (final) weekend of the school year.

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School Fee Reminder & Options Fee Waiver

School Fees

Parents/Guardians: This year, students were offered many field trips, extracurricular sports, optional classes, and special events to enrich their learning. If you have any outstanding fees relating to these experiences, please log into your [School Cash Online](#) account and make payment. All outstanding fees

are now past due. If you are experiencing financial difficulties, please contact the office to set up a payment plan.

Waiver for Grade 6, 7, 8 Optional Course Fees

Upon receipt by the school principal of Form [AF5105 Waiver Application](#) parents of students who provide a copy of Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit notice with the names of dependent children listed, will qualify to have their fees waived. Waiver is applicable only to School Established Optional Course Fees. The deadline for submission of Form AF5105 Waiver Application to the school principal is June 30th of the current school year.

2024-25 School Supply List

Some important information for next year regarding what your child(ren) should bring to school each day:

All Students

- Students need a backpack, water bottle, and nutritious lunch and snacks.
- Fireside School has a two-shoe policy; students need to change into a pair of indoor shoes, which should remain at the school, when they enter the building.
- Weather appropriate clothing each day (recesses and phys ed are outside every day unless conditions are severe).

Kindergarten

- School supplies are provided to students in Kindergarten.

Grades 1-4

- School supplies are provided to students in Grades 1 – 4.
- Each student will receive an agenda. Replacement agendas are available from the office for \$5.50.

Grades 5-8

- Students entering Grade 5 and students new to the school in Grades 6 – 8 receive a combination lock for their lockers. School-issued locks are preferred as they offer key override should lock trouble occur. Replacement locks are available from the office for \$10.50.
- Students in Grades 5 – 8 bring their own school supplies.
- [Student supplies required for grades 5 – 8](#)

Grades 7 & 8 - Laptop Computer

- Grade 7 & 8 students require the use of a laptop computer. Information about our [One to One Program](#)

Reminder: Yearbook Ordering

Last chance!! The 2023-24 Fireside School yearbook can be purchased directly from [Lifetouch Canada](#). Yearbooks are \$25 each. To order, use access code 13485524. The deadline to order yearbooks is (was) June 21st.