

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – June 27

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- Wednesday, August 28 – Class lists loaded into PowerSchool, teacher assignments viewable
- Friday, August 30 – Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast (10:00 am - 11:30 am)
- 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,

Summer is here!! There was a very heavy dose of excitement in the school on Wednesday but also a few tears here and there, as students said goodbye to friends and staff for the summer. We'd like to wish everyone a joyful summer with plenty of vacations, family time, and opportunities rejuvenate.

We'd also like to bid some fond farewells to staff who will not be returning next year. Best wishes to all of them on their new adventures and careers after Fireside:

Allyson Billings (Grade 3) – teaching at Elizabeth Rummel School in Canmore

Bev Copithorne (Grade 1) – returning to substitute teaching after covering two staff leaves for us this year

Spencer Felesky (Grade 1) – teaching at Holy Spirit

Doris Frankfurth (Education Assistant) – continuing in RVS

Courtney Johnson (Education Assistant) – continuing in RVS

Tanya McIntyre (Grade 5) – returning to substitute teaching after covering a staff leave

Aiden Smith (Education Assistant) – returning to University & playing on the U of C Mens' Basketball Team

Lindsay White (Grade 8 Humanities) – moving to BC

We'd be remiss if we didn't take a moment to acknowledge Mrs. Billings, who has been a teacher at Fireside School since the very beginning, hired before the building was even finished being built! Thank you for the amazing work you have done here Allyson. You will be dearly missed.

This week saw our final SOAR Assemblies of the year, as well as the Grade 8 Farewell Ceremony. Awards were given for Academic Excellence, Citizenship, and Athletics. Check out all our winners in the photos below.



Please take note of your child's start date in September. As has been the case in recent years, we will have a staggered entry on the first two days of school. Last names in Grades 1-8 beginning with A-K will come on Sept 3rd for their first day and will remain at home on Sept 4th. Last names in Grades 1-8 beginning with L-Z will come on Sept 4th for their first day, remaining at home on Sept 3rd. Kindergarten parents: your teacher will reach out to you at the end of August to book a meet & greet time on one of the first two days of school. All students will come to school from Sept 5th onward.

We're excited to welcome families back to Fireside on Friday, August 30th for a Welcome Back Pancake Breakfast from 10:00 - 11:30. We'll be flipping cakes on the griddle and inviting kids to meet their teachers and take a peek at their classrooms before school gets underway.

Have a great summer everyone, and we'll see most of your kids in September! All the best to families who are departing Fireside this year.

Warm regards,

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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](#)