

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – September 13

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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Sept 11 – School Council (6:30 - 7:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 - 8:30 pm) meetings
- Tuesday, Sept 17 – Terry Fox Run
- Friday, Sept 20 – Photo Day
- Friday, Sept 27 – Orange Shirt Day
- Monday, Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
- Wednesday, Oct 9 – [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago Pizza)
- Wednesday, Oct 2 – Fireside School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings

From the Admin Desk





Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It still shocks us how fast a week can go by! Everyone continues to settle into routines and the vibes around the building are great. Middle school students have had a lot of excitement this week. Term 1 option classes started on Tuesday and Thursday with a buzz about the opportunities to come in terms 2 & 3. Forms for grade 8 off-campus permissions were sent home, symbolizing a favourite time of year for this group. Finally, volleyball tryouts are underway for our 7 & 8's, and teams will be decided shortly. As always, the turnout has been great and the enthusiasm for athletics is alive and well.

As most families would have noticed, our portables did not get installed this week. We're not certain, but it seems Mother Nature somehow knows the installation dates and (for some reason) is adjusting the weather forecast accordingly. We will continue to have fences up in the meantime, as students are adjusting to which doors are available to go in and out of for morning entry and recess breaks. We're waiting on a new date for installation, but hopefully it's very soon. Our 7s & 8s who will be moving into them are anxious to do so.

Lastly, we had a great showing at School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings this past week! There was plenty of excitement and interest in expanding the role of Council toward organizing fun evening events. See below for a recap of the meetings.

We hope everyone has a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing the kids on Monday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)

Fireside School Council & Friends of Fireside Meeting Recaps



School Council and Friends of Fireside met this week. There were a lot of returning faces and many new ones! Thank you to everyone who attended. At the meeting, several parents expressed hopes for more events and opportunities to interact with the school, both in and outside of the school day. Our admin team and the School Council executive were excited to hear about ideas and interest from parents to organize events and help make Fireside a hub for great events in our community. Council meetings this year will be a central place for event information and organization. Please considering coming out to our next meeting on Wednesday, October 2nd if you'd like to get involved. We'll be providing information about more opportunities here in the Focus. We also encourage anyone who is interested in lending their support or ideas for events and parent-led initiatives to reach out to school administration or Fireside School Council (fireside-schoolcouncil@rvschools.ab.ca).

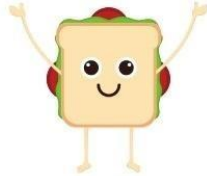
Also stay tuned for fundraising offerings from [Friends of Fireside](#) coming soon. They held their Annual General Meeting on Wednesday. At the meeting, Roger Versluis stepped down from his position as FoF President. We'd like to sincerely thank Roger for his efforts and organization over the past several years. Taking over as President this year will be Erin Lirantzis, who has spearheaded the organization in years past. Welcome back Erin!

[Healthy Hunger Signups Open](#)

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Healthy Hunger



We're pleased to announce that Healthy Hunger will be offered again this year, and the website is up and running. This year families will be able to sign up for the whole year, all at once! After that, all that is left is to remember what you ordered! Please go to the [Healthy Hunger](#) website, login (or create an account), and follow the prompts, and order away.

In the upcoming weeks, please watch our "Volunteer Opportunities" section below, in order to sign up to help organize and hand out our Healthy Hunger meals to classrooms.

School Photos - Friday, September 20th



Shine up those pearly whites, wear the outfit that brings you joy, and practice your smile. Photo day is on Friday, September 20th! All students will have an individual photo taken (class photos are in the Spring). Information packages including ordering information will appear a couple weeks afterwards.

Fireside Emergency Response Plan



A critical piece of school operations is ensuring student safety in the event of an emergency. For information on protocols we use in response to various emergency, please check out the [RVS Emergency Response Plan](#). Virtually all protocols are practiced throughout the year to ensure students know what to do in an emergency. In fact, our first fire drill of the year will happen this coming week.

Volunteer Opportunities



In the upcoming weeks, and throughout the year, please check out this section for opportunities to volunteer in our school community, beyond those that teachers email for individually (such as field trips). There will be a variety of options available, so if there isn't something that "speaks to you" one week, please check back! These opportunities will also be posted on our school website.

Reminder: Terry Fox Run – Sept 17



THE TERRY FOX FOUNDATION

We are very excited to be a part of this year's Terry Fox event. This is our opportunity to "Try Like Terry" and go the distance for this year's event which is scheduled to take place on **Tuesday, September 17**, rain or shine (we'll have an indoor run if it's pouring though). We hope that we can continue to show the great strength and resilience of our school community. Let's all use Terry's message of hope and strength to inspire us throughout the school year!

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school as well as provide student/classroom "Terry" activities. Here are some of the ways you can support your child for this year's Terry Fox event:

Donate online at: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/72980>

- Click the link above to donate or search for our school name at terryfox.org
- There is no minimum donation, every dollar counts!
- Receipts are issued immediately to donors by email.

Please join us to support cancer research while building incredible school spirit for all of our students. Thank you in advance for your support!

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