

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – September 27

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, Sept 30 – National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (No School)
- Wednesday, Oct 2 – Fireside School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meeting

- Friday, Oct 4 - Jr. A Boys and Girls Volleyball Tournament (Locations still to be determined)
- Wednesday, Oct 9 - [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago Pizza)
- Friday, Oct 11 - Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
- Monday, Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

IT HAPPENED!!! The weather held off, the crane arrived and we received our three portables! We are excited for the next few weeks to pass, as workers do the final preparations in and around the portables, and we can move our classes out to their forever home.

This week our teachers took the time to intentionally embed activities that brought focus to the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. Many students loved diving into our ever growing Indigenous book collection. As well, every class created a wooden art piece that symbolizes "Every Child Matters." These will be weather proofed over the next week, and then hung on the fence around our outdoor play area on the north side of the building.

Our athletic teams have started up with the first tournament of the year taking place today, with our Grade 6 Soccer team taking the pitch. The Junior 'A' Volleyball teams are made and have started practicing in preparation for their first tournament that is coming up in early October.

We also want to celebrate all of our amazing students. As we progressed through September, we have been able to witness a multitude of ways that our student body has shown Respectful, Responsible and Safe behaviours. Students have earned SOAR tickets this month for embodying our Positive Behaviour Matrix. As the year progresses, we will focus on specific topics and goals that continue to enhance our school's expectations. If September is any indication, our students are going to continue to thrive and grow as 21st century citizens.

We hope you all have a great long weekend and we will see everyone back on Tuesday, October 1st!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)



1 - A few of our Grade One students in Mr. Cox's class witnessing the portable install.



2 - A sample of the wooden signs being created by our homeroom classes!



3 - Fun numeracy games for our kinders, expertly facilitated by our grade 8s.



Fireside School Council and Friends of Fireside



Last month we had an amazing group join us for our first set of meetings. We would be thrilled to have another great showing in October! Please come and join our Fireside School Council meeting on Wednesday October 2nd, 6:30pm - 7:30pm, and then our Friends of Fireside meeting from 7:30pm-8:30pm.

A reminder that our first Healthy Hunger lunch is coming up on October 9th. Please sign up through [Healthy Hunger](#).

Athletics - Junior 'B' Volleyball Coaches Needed

We are looking for any parents interested in coaching our Junior B girls volleyball program, which consists of Grade 7 and 8 students. Anyone that is interested will make the team. We had a large number of girls tryout for the Junior A team, so we are hoping that we will have enough girls for two Junior B teams. We will likely have one boys team. Practices will start the week of October 28th and run until the last tournament, which is scheduled on November 29th. There are 3 Friday tournaments on Nov. 15th, 22nd and 29th. Practices will be twice a week (unless there are other conflicts with the schedule) and run from 2:20-3:45. If you have any volleyball experience and are interested in helping with this program, please reach out to Mrs. Hamilton, our Athletic Director at mhamilton@rockyview.ab.ca.

Jacket Racket

The Jacket Racket event is coming up. Last year there was a 72% increase in individuals served through this program. The organizers are eager to get the word out and are holding hope that everyone will have access to warm winter wear this season.



Jacket Racket

Join us for our annual winter clothing event to pick up free gently used winter wear.

**Saturday, October 19
10 a.m. - 12 p.m.**

Cochrane Alliance Church
902 Glenbow Drive



Donations Needed

Donations of clean gently used winter wear and Halloween costumes will be accepted October 2-16 at:

- BGC Cochrane, Fifth Ave
- Bow Valley Credit Union
- Cochrane Alliance Church
- Family and Community Support Services (FCSS)
- Family Resource Network (FRN)
- Cochrane RancheHouse
- Safeway Cochrane
- SLS Centre
- Bragg Creek Community Centre

Donations NOT accepted at the event.

QUESTIONS?

fcss@cochrane.ca • 403-851-2250
cochrane.ca/jacketracket



Volunteer Opportunities



“Volunteerism is the voice of the people put into action. These actions shape and mold the present into a future of which we can all be proud.” -Helen Dyer

We welcome our school community to look at the opportunities below, and sign up where possible to lend a helping hand to enhancing our students educational experience.

You can also see all our volunteer opportunities on the school website!

CURRENT OPPORTUNITIES

- We are looking for a speaker for our Remembrance Day assembly. If you know anyone that is connected with the Canadian Forces, or another countries forces, and would be interested in joining our ceremony, please contact Alex Chung at achung@rockyview.ab.ca
- If you are interested in helping to coach Junior 'B' Volleyball, please see the information above and contact Mel Hamilton via email mhamilton@rockyview.ab.ca.
- As listed above, if you are able to help with Fireside's Halloween Dance in any way, please email president@friendsoffireside.ca
- Mrs. Erin Carriere would like to do a weekly [community walk](#) on Fridays with her Grade One Class. She is looking for two volunteers from 1:20-2:15 on select dates. She would like to open this opportunity to anyone in the school community that has time to help out. If this is you, please click on the link to sign up or copy and paste the URL to sign up: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0549AAAD2CA7F49-51523849-mrs>.

Reminder: Friends of Fireside: Halloween Dance Volunteers Needed!



It's that time of year again!

Get ready for the event everyone is buzzing about – our most anticipated tradition of the year – the Fireside School Family Halloween Dance!

This is the one everyone talks about, the one that brings the whole community together for a night of spooky fun and unforgettable memories! But to make it truly magical, we need YOU!

We're calling on volunteers to help us create the best Halloween bash yet! Here's how you can be a part of the excitement:

- Set up crew & decorating
- Clean up crew
- Snack stand
- Front door tickets
- Small gym quiet station
- Coat Check

Each job is so important for the success of the event! Please email president@friendsoffireside.ca if you can help us! Thank you so much and we cannot wait to see you all dressed in your best costumes for this much-anticipated Family Dance!

Contact Us!

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