

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – October 4

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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, Oct 9 - [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago Pizza)

- Friday, Oct 11 - Professional Learning Day (No Classes)
- Monday, Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Wednesday, Oct 16 - Grade 1 field trip to Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park
- Friday, Oct 18 - Junior 'A' Volleyball Tournaments (Girls at Fireside, Boys at Banded Peak)
- Friday, Oct 25 - Annual Fireside Halloween Dance! (see below)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

This week we welcomed all students back to the times when wifi didn't exist! We reminisced on the key teaching methods of the 90s, like overhead projectors, cassette recorders and remembering the trials and tribulations of dial up internet! Our step counts tripled in the office as we got to run around the building to deliver messages, find kids for sign out, and search for items that were usually just a phone call away. We thank everyone, especially our staff and students, for their adaptability, flexibility, and willingness to keep the atmosphere upbeat. There was so much fun had in the hallways and classrooms!

Our Junior 'A' Volleyball teams had their first tournament of the season on Friday, with the boys hosting here at Fireside, while the girls headed up the hill to RancheView School. It was fun to watch their excitement as they pulled on their jerseys at lunch. Thank you to the coaches (Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Soroka, Mrs. Pyle, and Miss Warwick) for taking the time and energy to enrich our student's experience in sport!

A reminder to all that Healthy Hunger is coming up next week...that's right...if you ordered, it is one less day of having to make lunches!! If you would like to help with organizing and handing out lunches, please contact the office to let us know!

We hope everyone has a great weekend!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)







THE MOMENT YOU REALIZE



**YOU DON'T HAVE TO MAKE LUNCH
TOMORROW**

1 - How we will feel Tuesday night!



Fireside School Council

We had another great turn out for our School Council and Friends of Fireside Meetings. School Council received updates from the Board of Trustees, Mr. Banderk regarding Fireside specifics, and held their AGM. Krystle Anderson was re-elected as our council chair, along with a great team of individuals who filled the supporting roles that help to make our council complete. Thank you everyone for stepping up in the new roles, which will be updated on our school website soon!

Friends of Fireside Annual Halloween Dance



Join us on Friday, October 25th for a spooktacular night of dancing, fun, and frights (the friendly kind, of course)! Get your costumes ready (without the weapons) and come dance the night away!

This year the dance is split into 2 groups:

Kindergarten to Grade 4

Time: 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Parent supervision is required for this group, and yes, parents need a ticket too! Due to the limited space in the school, it would be greatly appreciated to limit 1 parent per student. Music and activities geared towards the younger crowd. Chips and water are available for purchase.

Grade 5 to Grade 8

Time: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

No need for parental supervision, so drop them off and let your older kids enjoy the fun! Music and activities will be geared toward the older crowd. Chips and water are available, and cash or credit is welcome. Children who are not currently attending Fireside School (including those who previously attended) are not allowed to join and will be refused at the door. Costumes are required for everyone, so come dressed to impress! Let's make this Halloween one to remember!

Tickets are \$5.00 per student or parent. Tickets will be handed out on the 24th of October to the students on the order. We have a limited number of tickets due to fire code, and they sell out every year. So please purchase your tickets early [here](#).





Athletics - Junior 'B' Volleyball Coaches Still Needed

We are still looking for parents interested in coaching our Junior B girls volleyball teams, which consists of Grade 7 and 8 students. All interested students will make the team. We had a large number of girls try out 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.

Updated: 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!

Reminder: 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?

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