

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**



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### *Upcoming Dates*

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- Monday, Oct 14 - Thanksgiving Day (No School)
- Friday, Oct 18 - Junior 'A' Volleyball Tournaments (Girls at Fireside, Boys at Banded Peak)
- Tuesday, Oct 22 - Picture Retakes Day

- Friday, Oct 25 - Junior 'A' Volleyball Tournaments (Girls at Windsong, Boys at Heron's Crossing)
- Friday, Oct 25 - Annual Fireside Halloween Dance! (see below)
- Tuesday, Oct 29 & Wednesday, Oct 30 - Junior 'A' Volleyball Divisionals
- Friday, Nov 1 - Professional Learning Day (No School)
- Wednesday, Nov 6 - School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It was a great week a Fireside, with the highlight coming on Wednesday when we held our first Soar Awards Assembly and celebrated students from across the grades who were "soaring" in September. Academic achievement, spirit, character, respect, and responsibility were a few of the characteristics demonstrated by our many Soar Award recipients this month. We also got to have some fun with friendly Fireside Family competitions, celebrating our Terry Fox Run success (over \$1,600 raised for cancer research!!), and showcasing the artifacts students produced on Orange Shirt Day.

At Fireside, we strive to develop our students' social and emotional character alongside their academic learning. We try to foster a sense of belonging, inclusion, positivity, and respect in our students. Acknowledging students who are demonstrating these qualities is just one aspect of that social/emotional development. We also promote positive behaviour in our school by reinforcing our three primary school rules: Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful.

If you've been in our school, you've likely seen our school "Rules Matrix" in various locations around the school. Staff spend time teaching students what "Safe, Responsible, and Respectful" look like in and around the school, with consistent language and messaging.

We'd encourage families to ask your children about what happens at Soar Assemblies and what our Rules Matrix means for them in their classes and around the rest of the school.

Wishing everyone a fantastic long weekend. For those who celebrate it, we wish you a Happy Thanksgiving, and for those observing Yom Kippur, we wish you an easy fast.

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)







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## *Healthy Hunger*

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On Wednesday, kids enjoyed their first "Fun Lunch" with deliveries from Panago. Our next Healthy Hunger day is Nov. 13th, with food from NoodleBox. Orders for all the year's dates can be placed on the [Healthy Hunger](#) site. For questions about food, the Healthy Hunger program, orders, or any other aspect of Fun Lunch, please contact Healthy Hunger directly. Neither the school nor Friends of Fireside plays a role in the administration of the program.

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## *Reminder: Friends of Fireside Annual Halloween Dance*

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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](#).





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*Updated: Volunteer Opportunities*

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*"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](mailto:achung@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](mailto: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>.
- Friends of Fireside would be excited for volunteers to help with the Halloween Dance. If you are interested in any of the following, please email [president@friendsoffireside.ca](mailto:president@friendsoffireside.ca)
  - Set up crew & decorating
  - Clean up crew
  - Snack stand
  - Front door tickets
  - Small gym quiet station
  - Coat Check

### **Contact Us!**

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