

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – October 25

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Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, Oct 29 & Wednesday, Oct 30 - Junior 'A' Volleyball Divisionals
- Thursday, Oct 31 - Halloween & Costume Day (see below)
- Friday, Nov 1 - Professional Learning Day (No School)

- Wednesday, Nov 6 - School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Thursday, Nov 7 - Grade 6 Immunizations for students with signed parental consent forms

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It's official: We're in the season of endless weather possibilities. We started the week with snow and ice, got some stiff winds, and ended with some lovely sunshine. The students were reminded that we have a fun hill to play on and slide down. They were also reminded that care and attention to who's below them at the bottom of the hill will reduce the risk of ouches and injuries. Sometimes that reminder came from a supervisor, sometimes from first hand experiences. Regardless, we're keeping those safety reminders and lessons rolling, no doubt to be delivered again on the next snowfall.

Anticipation for Halloween is definitely building. Our annual pumpkin carving contest was in full swing. This year's submissions were true works of art! And of course the annual Friends of Fireside Halloween Dance is being prepped as we write this newsletter. By the time you read it, we'll have added some photos and be well into the spooky and silly festivities. Next week, there will be plenty of Halloween Themed activities, including a friendly Family vs. Family (Forest, Mountain, River, Valley) competition called Find the Pumpkin. Then of course, we'll have the big day and a favourite tradition: the Costume Parade. Our younger students will get to travel the school showcasing their amazing costumes. It's a wonderfully fun time of year and the kids are already so excited.



A quick reminder as we approach Halloween regarding costume choices: Please have your kids leave their toy weapons of any kind (guns, blades, nunchuks, clubs, etc.) at home. As we're in a school with kids as young as 4, we're also asking that costumes be free of gore or imagery that appears highly violent (e.g. severed limbs, fake hatchets to the head, etc.).

Wishing everyone an enjoyable pre-Halloween weekend and fun week to come!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)







Lost and Found - Available Until October 31st

We have an abundance of Lost and Found items and it is time for them to be picked up. We will be asking all teachers to walk their students by the collection, to see if anything is theirs, but of course, we encourage families to come take a look as well. It will all be available during the Halloween Dance, as well as next week outside the front doors. We will bag it all on November 1st and will be donated.





Halloween Festivities & October Spirit

Thursday, October 31 - Costume Dress Up Day

- For those who celebrate Halloween, we encourage everyone to dress up in your Halloween costumes! For those without costumes, or that do not celebrate, we encourage you to wear your favourite fall colours (Orange, red, yellow, brown).
- As we have students of very young ages and sensitivities, costumes cannot include weapons, gore, or fake blood.
- There will be other fun offerings, depending on age groups and time of day, so teachers will be letting students know of the various ways we will be spending time together throughout the days leading up to the 31st. We are encouraging teachers to capture as many pictures as possible so we will be able to share all the fun in the Focus as well!

Reminder: Fireside Apparel - Available until November 15



Order your Fireside School Apparel now!

Please check out the online store [here](#) if you want to order a school t-shirt or hoodie. This online store will be open for your orders from now until **November 15th** only. All clothing will be shipped out or delivered to the school around December 11, just in time for the holiday season!

<https://store.kodiaksports.ca/stores/fireside-hawk>

Reminder: Healthy Hunger

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.

Updated: Volunteer Opportunities



We want to thank everyone for all of the support we have had so far this year! Volunteers have truly enriched our student's experiences, and although we do not have any current opportunities, there are a few bigger initiatives coming up.

Please check back, as soon there will be sign ups for literacy support throughout our building, as well as supporting in the learning commons!

Contact Us!

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