

# **FIRESIDE FOCUS**



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### *Upcoming Dates*

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- Tuesday, Nov 5 - Outdoor Education Field Trip to Fish Creek Park (Gr 7/8)
- 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
- Friday, Nov 8 - Remembrance Day Assemblies, K-4: 8:45-9:30, 5-8 10:45-11:30 (see below)
- Monday, Nov 11 - Remembrance Day (no school)
- Wednesday, Nov 13 - Healthy Hunger (Noodle Box)
- Thursday, Nov 14 - Friends of Fireside Presents: Movie Night Despicable Me 4 (5:30 pm)
- Friday, Nov 15 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Boys @ TBD, Girls @ TBD)
- Friday, Nov 15 - Deadline to Order Fireside Apparel (see below)
- Wednesday, Nov 20 & Thursday, Nov 21 - Three-Way Conferences (more info to come)
- Friday, Nov 22 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Boys @ TBD, Girls @ TBD)
- Wednesday, Nov 27 - Grade 8 Field Trip to Theatre Calgary
- Friday, Nov 29 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Boys @ TBD, Girls @ TBD)

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

We imagine it will come as no surprise what this week's highlight was. The school was chock full of wonderful costumes, great energy, and more than a few sugar highs on Thursday! In addition to all the usual classroom Halloween festivities and the annual costume parade, our Leadership students set up an awesome "spooky obstacle course" in the auxiliary gym for classes to enjoy. They did a wonderful job!

We also had an exciting pep rally prior to sending off our Junior 'A' Volleyball teams to divisional championships. There was plenty of cheering and fun games for our older grades to enjoy. We're proud of our teams for playing well in a division with some very stiff competition.

Our grade 2s enjoyed a very cool presentation on bat biology from Dr. Robert Barclay, retired Biology Professor and research scientist at the University of Calgary. We're excited to check out the dioramas the kids made as final artifacts of their learning.

A quick note to our Grade 8 parents: your students will now be able to leave campus during lunch periods all 5 days of the week. Help us remind them that just because Tuesday and Thursday afternoons are "only options," we still need to see them back at school and ready to learn on time.

Speaking of "ready to learn," check out the blurb on our Positive Behaviour focus for the month below. We're excited to promote Readiness for Learning with our students this month.



Please enjoy a lovely weekend everyone. It's hard to believe, but we're already more than half way to our Holiday Break!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)









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*Remembrance Day - Photos Wanted*

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We would like to create a slideshow of names and images of our family's relatives who have served, or are currently serving, in the military by Wednesday, November 6. Students can drop off the photos in the box that is just outside the band room, or you can email them to your child's teacher.

Our students will join in our Remembrance Day Assemblies on Friday, November 8th. (K-4 at 8:45, 5-8 at 10:45). Parents and families wishing to attend these ceremonies are warmly invited.

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### *Friends of Fireside - Movie Night*

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Join us at the school on Thursday, November 14th for a FREE Movie Night in the gym. You must RSVP on School Cash Online to reserve your spot. We can't wait to see you there!



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### *SOAR Corner*

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Our theme for positive behaviour promotion in November is under our **Responsible** column on the school rules matrix. The focus will be *Ready to Learn*. We encourage our families to have conversations with your children about what it can look and sound like to be *Ready to Learn*, for example: how we show our teachers we are ready, how we can get mentally prepared to learn, and how we can make sure we have all the tools and items necessary for learning on hand. As a school, are engaging in activities with our students that promote readiness for learning, We then positively reinforce these skills using our 'SOAR Tickets.' You may have heard of these tickets in the past, and now we're returning them to students who have been "caught being great!" Please ask them what they did to earn a ticket and celebrate the great work they are doing!

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*Reminder: Fireside Apparel - Available until November 15*

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**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.kodiakports.ca/stores/fireside-hawk>



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*Reminder: Healthy Hunger*

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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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*Updated: Volunteer Opportunities*

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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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