

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 7

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Upcoming Dates

- 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 - 3-Way Conferences (see below)
- 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)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

Today we took time to honor those who have served, or are serving, our country as part of its military and peacekeeping legacy. Our school community had the opportunity to take part in a tremendously impactful Remembrance Day Ceremony, organized by Mr. Chung, who did a wonderful job on the presentation. We were honored to be joined by Corporal Jamie Evanoff (Canadian Armed Forces, CFB Edmonton), Officer Steve Christie (Calgary Police Service), and Major Al Dickie (ret.). Major Dickie captivated our entire student body and guests from the community with his presentation, describing his role and that of our armed forces in wartime and in peace was powerful. Watching Grade 8 students return to the gymnasium and stand in line to shake his hand and thank him for his service speaks volumes about the impact of his presentation and his message of, "Take time and thank those who served." For all families that had students participate in the ceremony, a huge congratulations to them all. It is not easy to stand in front of all of your peers, parents, and honored guests to speak, sing, or play. The confidence and vulnerability this took needs to be celebrated.

This week, our Outdoor Education 7/8 option class had the opportunity to go and explore Fish Creek Park. Sadly, they were out on the one day this week where it was really chilly, snowy. Not ideal, but they dressed for the weather and embraced the experience. They were joined by Cameron Crowchild, Cultural Liaison with our Indigenous Branch. Staff and students all spoke about the amazing experience they had, walking and learning alongside Cameron. They were so appreciative of his time, wisdom, and simple ease he carries while interacting with everyone.



Learning, connecting and collaboration continues to flood our classrooms, hallways and gathering areas. Teachers are so excited for all the growth and development that is being seen thus far. We excited to share and celebrate the work your kids have been doing at our upcoming 3-way conferences conferences. Please see below for directions on how to sign up for conferences.

Thank you everyone for being such active members in our school community! Our families are fundamental to the amazing children we get to interact with everyday, and we cannot thank you enough for all that you do to support us. Today, when families were leaving our Remembrance Day service, we were stopped multiple times to hear someone from our community share how impressed they were by our students, their positive behaviour, and the respect they showed today in our assemblies! There isn't anything that makes us more proud of our kids than having adults who are not in our building day-in and day-out recognize their character!

Please enjoy another lovely weekend together with your families, and we will see you back on TUESDAY!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

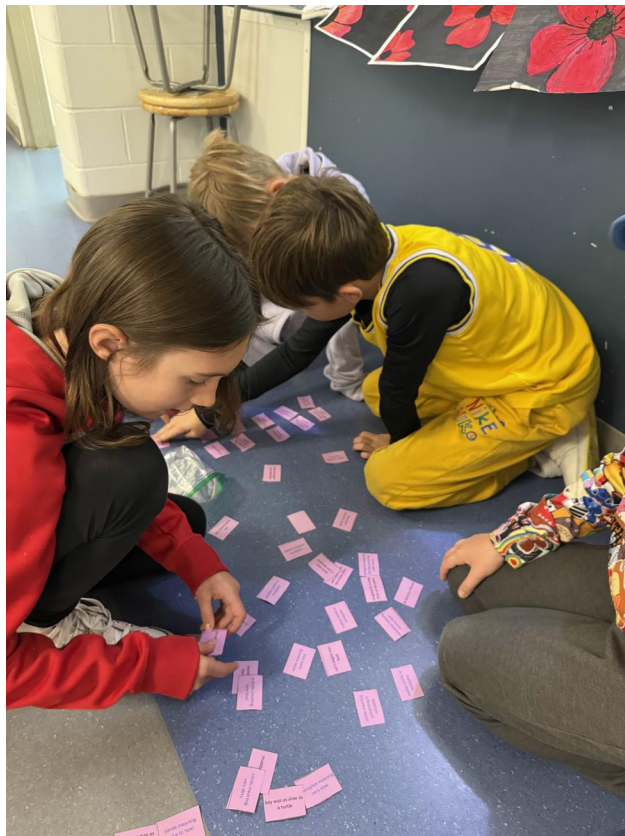
Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

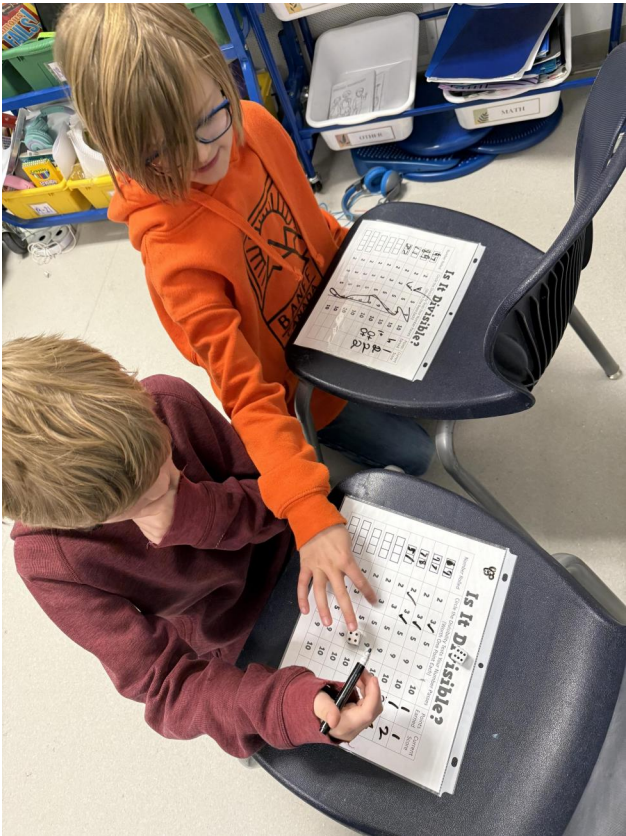
Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)











Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences - November 20th & 21st

Conference Manager will open for bookings this coming Tuesday, November 12th, at 8:00 AM; it will close on Tuesday, November 19th, at 4:00 PM. Fireside School uses the online booking program 'Conference Manager', which can be accessed [here](#). Please call the school office (403-932-4868) if you have questions or are having difficulties logging in.

When the conference booking site opens, please book an appointment date and time that works for you. When you are booking your appointment time, you will be prompted to provide a phone number where the teacher can reach you, should there be any reason to need to contact you directly.

Our 3-Way Conferences are part of Rocky View Schools' Communication of Student Learning. These 10-minute conferences include parents, teachers, and students and offer a chance to review the student's progress to date and to set goals for the next steps of their learning journey. For the upcoming round of conferences, we are offering face-to-face meetings only.

If you have never used Conference Manager before, please register now. You do not have to wait until the site is open for bookings. Returning users should ensure they can log in to the system – a password reset is available if necessary. Please review your parent/guardian profile to ensure the information is correct. Important: the email address you provide in this profile will be used to send you the booking confirmation.

We can't wait to see you in a few weeks!

SOAR Corner

On Wednesday we celebrated students success and contributions from October with our monthly SOAR Awards Assembly. In addition to recognizing the hard work, amazing spirit, and wonderful character of our kids, they were thoroughly entertained by their teachers in a Fireside Families challenge, balancing smarties on pencils suspended from their ears! It was truly a fun event!





Healthy Hunger - November 13



Wednesday, November 13th is our next Healthy Hunger day! Our students and staff will be enjoying meals from NoodleBox. If you missed this order, but would like to order for future dates, please go to the Orders [Healthy Hunger](#) site.

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 experience!

New Opportunities:

- Ms. Alison's afternoon Kindergarten is looking for 2 volunteers for our forest visit November 13 from 1 pm to 2:17pm. If you can help, please send an email to ahumphrys@rockyview.ab.ca
- Mrs. Hall is also looking for ongoing help with student literacy:

We are excited to offer a wonderful opportunity for you to get involved in your child's education and help foster a love of reading! We are looking for parent volunteers to read with students in grades 1 through 4. This is a great way to contribute to your child's learning experience while also supporting other students in the school.

Flexible Commitment: We understand that parents have busy schedules, so there is no minimum or maximum commitment required. Whether you can spare 30 minutes after school drop-off or before pick-up, any time you can give is greatly appreciated!

When and Where: Student(s) will come with a selection of books they pick and together you will find a comfortable spot (Learning Commons, Literacy Room etc.) to read to/with the student. You do not need to commit to a regular schedule; even a half-hour session here or there can make a big difference in a child's reading development and confidence. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Leslie Hall at lahall@rockyview.ab.ca to sign up or ask any questions. Thank you!

Reminder: Friends of Fireside - Movie Night

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!

Free! Join Us for a **MOVIE NIGHT**

Thursday, November 14th
Doors open at 5:30 pm,
Movie starts at 6:00 pm

In the Fireside School Gym
Despicable Me 4

Cash Concession available

MUST RSVP on School Cash Online

A black poster for a movie night event. At the top left, it says "Free!" in a white, curved font. Next to it, "Join Us for a" is written in a smaller white font, followed by "MOVIE NIGHT" in large, bold, white capital letters. Below this, the date and time are listed: "Thursday, November 14th", "Doors open at 5:30 pm,", and "Movie starts at 6:00 pm". The location and movie title are "In the Fireside School Gym" and "Despicable Me 4". In the top right corner, there is a logo for "SCHOOL CASH ONLINE" with a heart icon, and the text "Cash Concession available". In the bottom right corner, it says "MUST RSVP on School Cash Online" with a yellow arrow pointing to the right. The poster is decorated with illustrations of a yellow robot, a red cup with a straw, a red and white striped popcorn bucket labeled "POP CORN", a clapperboard, and a film reel. There are also several yellow arrows pointing in various directions and small popcorn icons scattered around.

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>

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