

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 15

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- Monday, Nov 18 - First Junior 'A' Boys Basketball Tryout (7:00 am)
- Tuesday, Nov19 - First Junior 'A' Girls Basketball Tryout (7:00 am)
- Wednesday, Nov 20 & Thursday, Nov 21 - 3-Way Conferences (4:00 pm- 7:00 pm; see below)

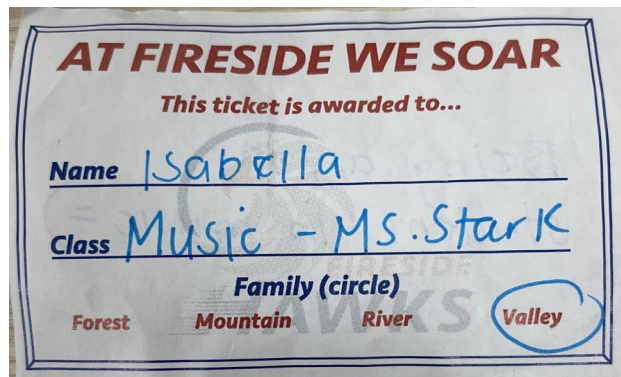
- Wednesday, Nov 20 - Eastern Canada Trip Information Night (7:00 pm)
- Friday, Nov 22 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Boys @ Fireside, Girls @ Bearspaw)
- Wednesday, Nov 27 - Grade 8 Field Trip to Theatre Calgary
- Friday, Nov 29 - Junior 'B' Volleyball Tournaments (Girls @ Mitford, Boys @ Bearspaw)
- Monday, Dec 2 - Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, Dec 3 - Term 2 Options Begin (Gr 7 & 8)
- Wednesday, Dec 4 - Fireside School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings

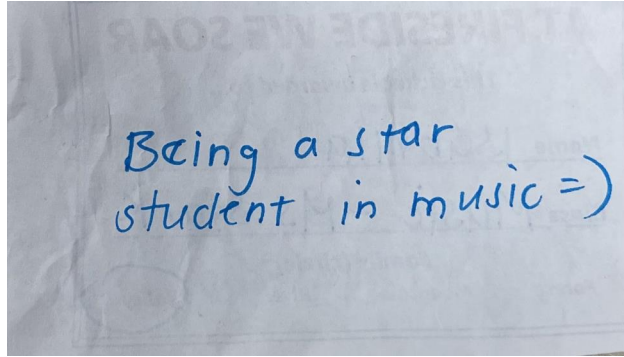
From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

History was made on Friday at Fireside School! For the first time, students were able to defeat a staff team in the annual Teachers vs. Students volleyball game. The kids were able to make good on their promises to show the teachers up this year and secure a win (three wins in fact!). It was a testament to the kids' hard work this season and some great coaching as well. Way to go Hawks! We'll also wish our Junior 'B' Volleyball Hawks well on their first tournaments of the year on Friday.

3-Way Conferences are fast approaching. If you haven't yet secured a meeting time, please log into [Conference Manager](#) to find a time slot. Learning Support Teachers and Administrators are also available for meetings during these times. Please reach out to make an appointment if interested.





Many of you will have seen SOAR Tickets come home, like those pictured here. Students demonstrating safe, responsible and respectful behaviours can be acknowledged with these small tokens of appreciation. The slips are entered into draws for small prizes at the end of each week and then returned to students after the draws. If a SOAR ticket finds its way home, be sure to ask your child how they earned it (the reason won't always appear on the back).

It's hard to believe, but term 2 is coming quickly, which means we're already approaching the "one third of the way done" mark in our school year. This is a great time to take a look at how your kids are doing academically in PowerSchool. IPP reviews for those students who have them are also coming up soon, so keep an eye out for communication from your child's teachers.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

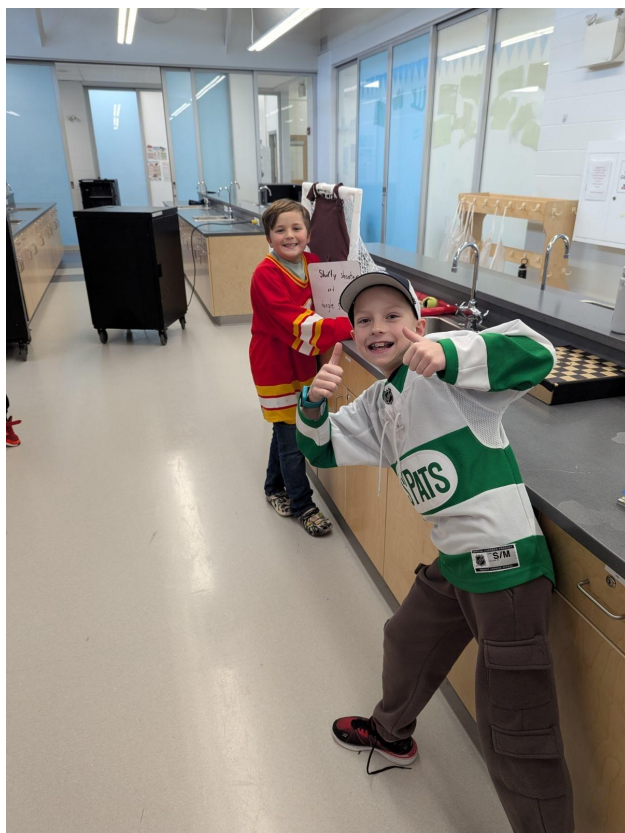




Grade 4 Trash Bash

Our 4s did an amazing job of showcasing their upcycled inventions in the annual Trash Bash celebration of learning. Check out a few of their fun and innovative designs:







Updated: Upcoming Parent Teacher Conferences - November 20th & 21st

Conference Manager are open for bookings until 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 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. Online meetings are not being offered unless circumstances require it.

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

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!

Current Opportunities:

Our Literacy Teacher, Mrs. Hall is looking for ongoing help with student literacy and fostering 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!

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