

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – February 14

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Upcoming Dates

- [School Website Calendar](#)
- Monday, Feb 17 to Friday, Feb 21 - No Classes (Family Day, February Break, Teachers' Convention)

- Wednesday, Feb 26 – Pink Shirt Day
- Friday, Feb 28 – Middle School Leadership Conference (Grade 7/8 Leadership Students)
- Wednesday, March 5 – School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Monday, March 10 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, March 12 – [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

Happy Valentine's Day!! (At least for those of you reading this on Friday; Happy Belated Valentine's Day to everyone else.) It was a cozy day for pajamas, Valentine's treats, and desk forts as the cold weather again confined us inside for recesses. Our kids were excited both for their Valentine's parties and the upcoming winter break. They've been working hard since returning from Christmas Break six weeks ago and are now looking forward to a bit of R&R. The teachers are looking forward to a few days to recoup as well, but it won't all be fun and games as we head into Calgary on Thursday and Friday for our annual professional development convention. For those of you who commute downtown daily, we'll try to wave with a smile as we get a small taste of your daily traffic struggles.

There was plenty more to be excited for this week. Read-A-Thon was in full swing, as kids "got caught reading" and entered their names into daily prize draws throughout the week. There were plenty of fun costumes on Dress Like Your Favorite Book Character Day. We had several "Drop Everything and Read" moments, where our students got to set aside their other to-dos and settle in with a good book or two for 10 minutes. We also got to enjoy visits from several guest readers in the school, including children's book author Lisa Bowes. As it is every year with this event, our goal has been to continue building a love for reading in our kids. If your child hasn't yet handed in their reading tracker, please have them bring it on Monday so we can finish our calculations.



It's still a couple weeks away, but there won't be a Focus next week, so we'd like to mention that Wednesday the 26th is Pink Shirt Day. There will be several activities and lessons that day, focusing on bullying awareness and prevention. We'll encourage our kids to wear pink that day. It also ties nicely into our Positive Behaviour theme for the month – kindness. We're recognizing random acts of kindness from our students throughout the month.

We'd like to wish everyone a lovely Family Day long weekend and a great extended break for those of you who will be joining the kids on some or all of their week off.

Dave Banderk (Principal)

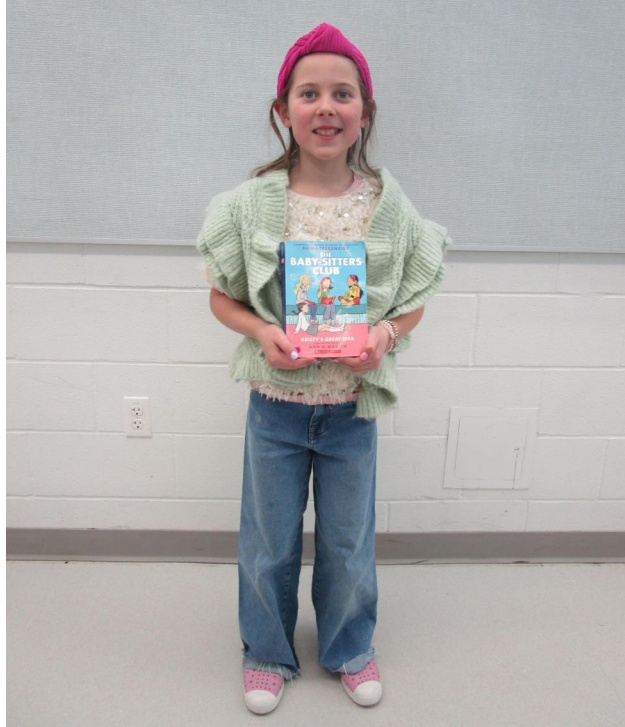
Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)



1 - Dress as Your Favorite Character Day

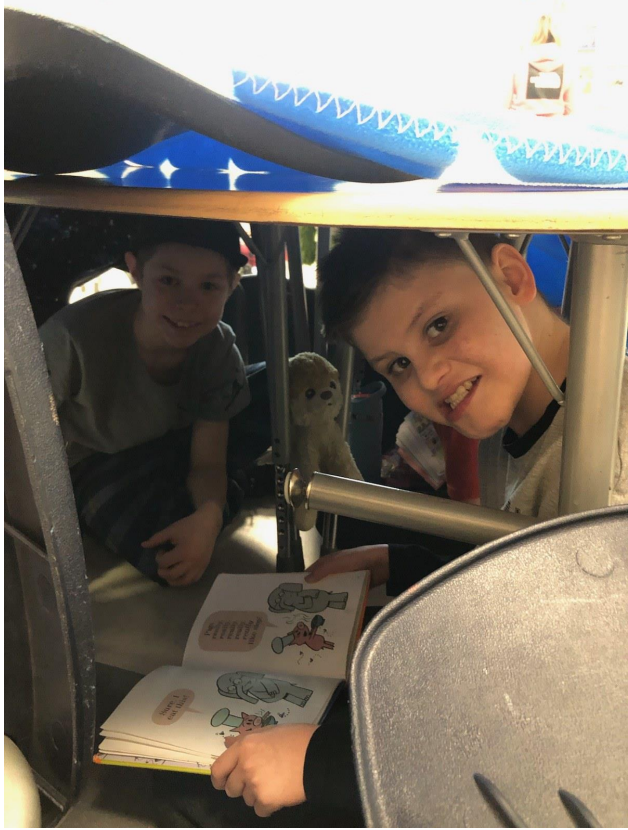




2 - Guest Read-A-Thon Reader Lisa Bowes



3 - Valentine's Day Desk Forts



4 - Outdoor Ed Field Trip at the Canmore Nordic Center





March Madness Fundraiser (Friends of Fireside)

This is not a DRILL!

Friends of Fireside Society March Madness Fundraiser is LIVE!!

Get ready for an exciting March Madness Fundraiser hosted by the Friends of Fireside Society! This year, we're raising funds to build a greenhouse at Fireside School – creating a hands-on learning space for students to explore gardening, sustainability, and science.

How it works:

Step 1: Purchase tickets through [our website](#). Each ticket gets you a chance to win both a daily prize and it's entered back in for the grand prize draw!

Step 2: Watch our social media channels (and your email) for daily winner announcements

Step 3: Thanks for your support!

Every ticket purchased supports the greenhouse project, bringing this incredible educational opportunity to life.

Let's grow something amazing together! Support the fundraiser and spread the word!

Thanks for your help!



Friends of Fireside 5th Annual March Madness Over \$5000 in prizes!



To participate, visit our website:
www.friendsoffireside.ca



Tickets are 20\$ each or 3 for \$50. The first draw is held on March 3rd
Winners will be announced the same or next day by email and Facebook
One ticket wins one prize, but the final grande prize (31st) will be drawn from all tickets sold.

3 Sarah Taylor Photography mini session \$275 Nakiška Ski Family pack \$540	4 Still Water Tea GC \$20 The River Room Pedicure \$40	5 Elbow Springs Golf 18 hole golf pass \$104	6 Zahra Guy Exp Realty Walmart GC \$200 Sacred Bloom First period boxes \$130	7 The Messy Moose Studio 2 passes \$44 Cochrane Lanes 1 hour bowling + shoes \$65
10 Cochrane Drum Tutor 45 min drum lessons \$120	11 ZSquared Designs Sweater and Mug \$70	12 Lannie Rae Gourmet Pancakes mixes \$160 Water Valley Electrical Lightbulbs \$50	13 Jenna Jemieff Mortgages Mckays Gift Card \$25 Donair On the Run	14 Grey Eagle Casino 4x Glass Tiger Concert Tickets \$280 Cochrane Movie House 4 tickets \$56
17 Heart to home gifts Gift Basket \$70	18 Dental Hygiene Collective Teeth Whitening \$300	19 Wandering Willow Boutique GC \$50	20 Jaipur Gift Card \$50 Cochrane Lanes 1 hour bowling + shoes \$65	21 The Messy Moose Studio 2 passes \$44 Cochrane Movie House 4 tickets \$56
24 Cochrane Floral Boutique GC \$60 Alicia Furtado Photography Family Session \$300	25 Pampered Chef by Jill Fleming GC \$50	26 Elbow Springs Golf 18 hole golf pass \$104	27 Garmin Forerunner 45S Watch \$250 Fireside Dental Kids Electric Toothbrush \$50	28 SLSC 5 Family Day Passes \$167 Calaway Park 4 Day Passes \$200

**MARCH 31ST
GRAND PRIZE**

Sacred Panga Massage +
3 Seeds Shop Charcuterie Board +
1 night stay at the Banff Springs +
2 Cochrane Movie House Tickets

\$700
Grand Prize

Updated: Kindergarten Registration is Open

Kindergarten registration for the 2025/26 school year is open for all schools in RVS. Children born between Jan. 1 and Dec. 31, 2020 can register for Kindergarten for the 2025/26 school year. All registration for Kindergarten must be completed online. More information can be found at [this link](#). During operational hours, we can assist families who may have difficulty or do not have access to a computer. Please come to the school to inquire. If you have any questions regarding Kindergarten at Fireside, please call the school (403.932.4868), and we will be sure to get you connected to our team! School and classroom tours will be available to prospective families by appointment. If any of our current families (most of you reading this newsletter) know of potential future Fireside families considering enrolling their child in Kindergarten, please encourage them to reach out to the school if they have questions or would like to know more.

Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities

- Are you interested in volunteering in your child's classroom? We would love to have you! Please reach out to your individual teacher(s) and let them know of your interest, and our teacher's will get back to you with opportunities they have in the classroom!
- If you are interested in volunteering in the school, but would prefer not to be tied to a class that your student is in, or would prefer to not be in a classroom, we are extremely happy to connect with you and find an opportunity that would work best. Please contact Kirsty Reade (K-4 Assistant Principal) (kreade@rockyview.ab.ca), and she will be happy to find a good fit opportunity for you!
- We are always excited to have parent volunteers in to read with our students. If you are interested in finding a time once a week, once a month, or anything in between, please contact Leslie Hall (lahall@rockyview.ab.ca), or your classroom teacher, and together we will ensure to have you connected with our students through literature!

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For more information:

- Visit our website at: <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/>
- Call 403.945.4022 or
- Email: learningsupports@rockyview.ab.ca

To apply online visit:

<https://rockyview.schoolengage.ca>



PREK



**Welcome to
Pre-K**



RVS Pre-Kindergarten 2025-26 Open Houses



Rocky View Schools' Pre-Kindergarten Program (Pre-K) offers developmentally appropriate programming within a welcoming, inclusive environment for children ages 3 - 5 years. Our child-centered, play-based approach aims to provide engaging experiences that reflect the developmental needs of all children building on their natural curiosity.

In partnership with families, learning is designed to nurture the whole child within an accessible and supportive environment. Children with developmental, medical, or social-emotional needs may receive therapeutic services from relevant members of the learning support team.

For more information regarding your application or the Open House, contact Trish Cull:

Early Childhood Services
403.945.4026
tcull@rockyview.ab.ca

Open Houses

East Lake School (Chestermere)
Friday, February 28, 2025 or
Friday, April 4, 2025
8:30 – 10:30 am

RancheView School (Cochrane)
Friday, February 28, 2025 or
Friday, April 4, 2025
8:30 – 10:30 am

Cooper's Crossing School (Airdrie)
Friday, February 28, 2025 or
Friday, April 4, 2025
8:30 – 10:30 am

Children are invited to attend and engage in the open play centres!



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Contact Us!

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