

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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- [School Website Calendar](#)

- Wednesday, March 5 – School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Wednesday, March 5 – Bow Valley High School presentation to Grade 8s (during school hours)
- Friday March 7 – Grade 2 & O'Neal 1/2 Field Trip to Telus Spark
- Friday March 7 – Junior B Basketball Games (Boys @ Fireside, Girls @ Muriel Clayton, Airdrie)
- Monday, March 10 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, March 12 – [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago)
- Friday, March 14 – Junior B Basketball Games (Girls @ Fireside, Boys @ Westbrook)
- Thursday, March 20 – Movie Night - *Elemental*
- Friday, March 21 – Junior B Basketball Games (Boys @ Fireside, Girls @ Bearspaw)
- Friday, March 21 – Music Students to Perform O'Canada at Calgary Wranglers Hockey Game
- Tuesday, March 25 – Grade 6 Ski Trip to Nakiska
- Wednesday, March 26 – Grade 5 Ski Trip to Nakiska
- Monday, March 31 – Professional Learning Day (no school)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

Happy last day of February! What a difference a February Break makes (at least as far as weather goes). We went from rags to riches, temperature-wise. As much as we LOVE to see the change, there is a down side to the warmth and ice melt that comes with it: mud! For those of you with adventurous young ones who enjoy a good puddle jump and some exploring in the mud, it would be a huge help to have an extra set of clothes in their backpack if there happens to be a slip in the slop.

Our highlight this week was Pink Shirt Day and, for several students, an opportunity to see the Calgary Hitmen play in their annual Be Brave hockey game. Our school took up many Pink Shirt Day related activities, celebrating anti-bullying and promoting kindness in our school. Buddy

classes connected, made artifacts, and shared their thoughts on ways we can make our school even kinder and more friendly. We're proud of the culture here at Fireside, where kids support and stand up for one another, but there's always room for improvement. Teaching about empathy, compassion, problem solving, and boundary setting are regular occurrences here, not just on Pink Shirt Day.



Our grade 7 & 8 Student Leadership Champions had a second highlight this week, attending Rocky View's annual Middle School Leadership Conference on Friday. This event brings middle school students from around the division together for a day of fun, skill building, and networking. It was a fantastic experience for them.



We've got another photo montage for you this week, so scroll down and check out some of what our kids were up to!

To those families who are observing Ramadan this month, we'd like to extend a heartfelt Ramadan Mubarak and best wishes for your fasting. Should you have any questions or requests for how we can support your children in March, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

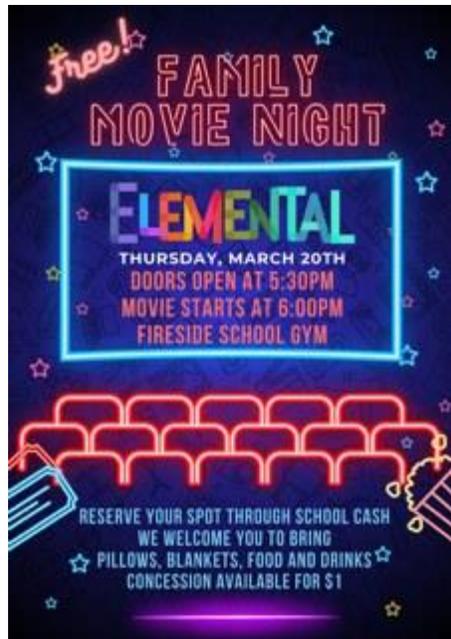
Read-A-Thon Pledges Due

A big thank you to students and families for your support and participation in Fireside School's 2025 Read-A-Thon!

For students who turned in their forms, pledge totals have been entered into School Cash Online. If you made a donation earlier, this amount has been subtracted from the pledge total. At your convenience, please log into your School Cash Online account to complete your pledge payment. Unfortunately the school cannot accept cash payments. All pledges are due by March 11th. Thank you again!

For students who have not yet returned their pledge or reading tracker forms, please have your child turn them in by March 11th. Students who do not return their reading trackers by this date will not be eligible for prizes. Prize winners will be announced at the March 14th SOAR assembly.

Free Movie Night: Thursday March 20th!



March Madness Thank You (Friends of Fireside)

Thank you for your incredible support of our March Madness Fundraiser! 🍌

Be sure to check the **Friends of Fireside** [webpage](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and your email starting **Monday, March 3rd** for daily winner announcements.

We truly appreciate your support for Fireside School – thank you! 🙏

Please also watch for our Home Alone and Babysitting Courses to be announced shortly!



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

From Rocky View Schools: Understanding Provincial and Divisional Assessments

Rocky View Schools is sharing a series of articles on the division website regarding assessments – the process of gathering data about student learning. This information is intended to help provide greater insight into why and when assessments are done and to encourage ongoing communication between teachers and families to support student success.

Check out the first article in this series [here](#), touching on understanding provincial and divisional assessments. Watch for more in this series throughout the spring.

Reminder: 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!



1 - Pink Shirt Day Activities!





2 - Pink Punch Deliveries!



3 - Calgary Hitmen Be Brave Hockey Game

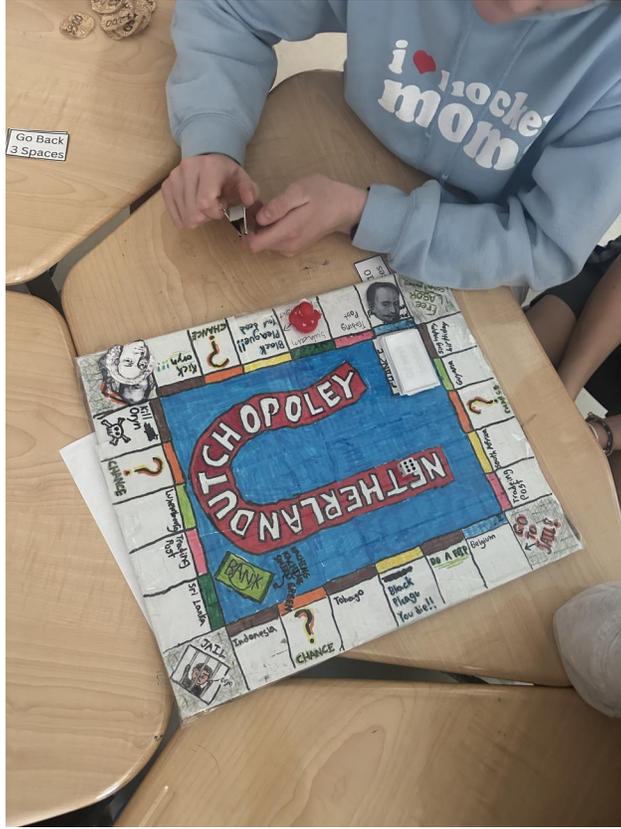




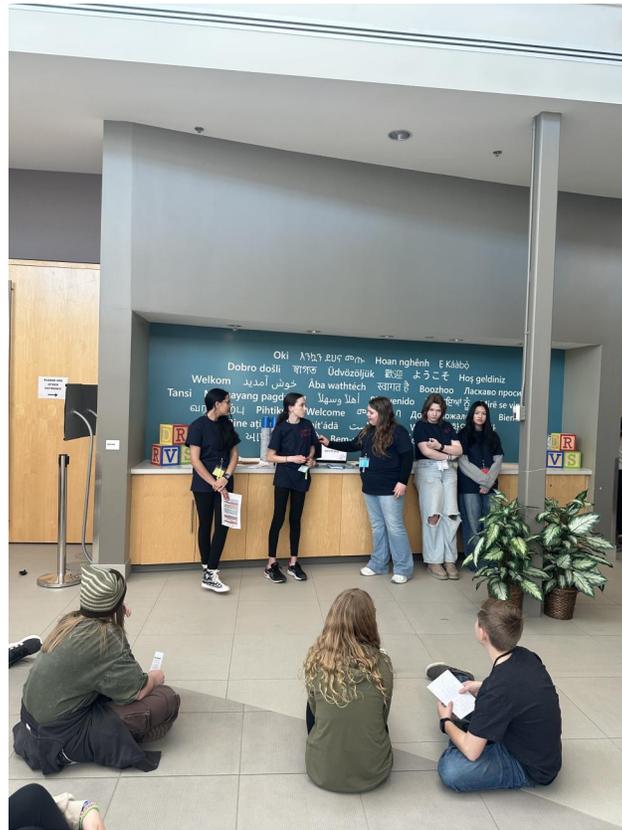
4 - "Street" Hockey in the Sunshine (Grade 7)



5 - Gamified History Projects (Grade 8)



6 - Students & Staff at the 2025 Middle School Leadership Conference





7 - My Story, My Voice Presentations (Grade 3)



8 - Art Prints in The Style of Eric Carle (Grade 1/2)

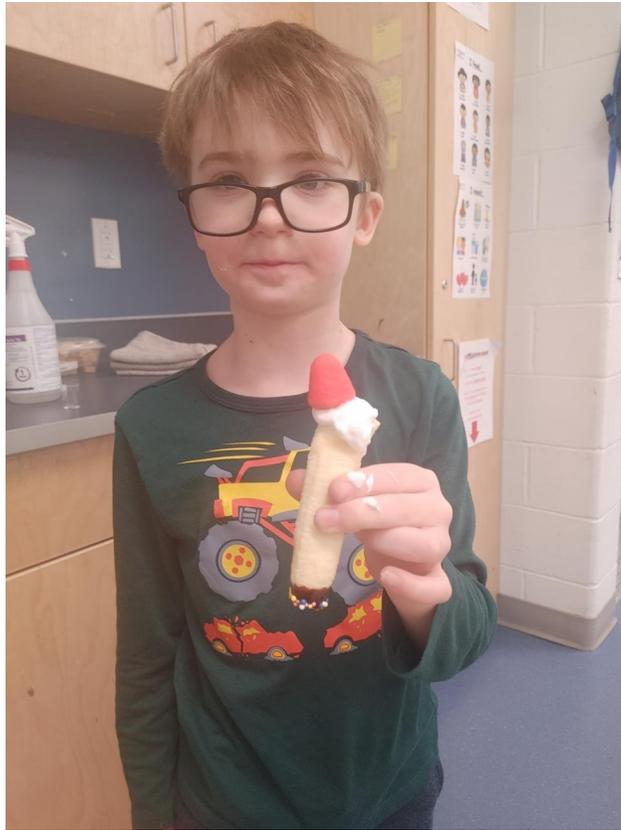


9 - 9-Square! A School Favourite





10 - Grade 5 Science



11 - Grade 1 Crafting





12 - Grade 2 & Grade 8 Buddy Sewing Projects





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