

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 7

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Upcoming Dates

- [School Website Calendar](#)
- 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,

Wow, has it felt like such a busy week, but looking back we cannot quite put our finger onto why that was. The weather brings out an energy in everyone that is felt throughout the building. Spring is in the air and we are excited to see the buzz in the hallways as we work our way there.

For our SOAR theme this month we are focussing on respectful play. This includes playing fair, playing safely, and focusing on having fun. In our classrooms, teachers are finding opportunities to teach skills and strategies to their students, as well as problem solving situations as they arise, with a focus on, "How could we have fairness in this situation?... or more respectful play?" Our students, month after month, are growing and developing great skills, and we hope that you are getting opportunities to see this growth at home as well.

We continue to see many faces coming and going as parents find opportunities to volunteer and support their children, both in the school and on field trips. We love sharing all the great things happening in our building, and we cannot stress it enough: If you would like to volunteer or want to share your knowledge with our students, please reach out either to your classroom teacher or to the contacts below in the Volunteer Opportunities section. We will find a way to make it happen!

Basketball season continues with our Junior B Teams participating in tournaments for the next three Fridays! Thank you again to everyone that puts time into supporting our athletic programs and inspiring our students to explore various sports.

Finally, there are many great things on the horizon in March and April. Keep an eye on the Focus for information about special theme days, the Spring Concert, the Book Fair, Student Showcase nights, and more.

Have a great long weekend everyone, and remember: Teachers are busy learning on Monday, so NO SCHOOL for students!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

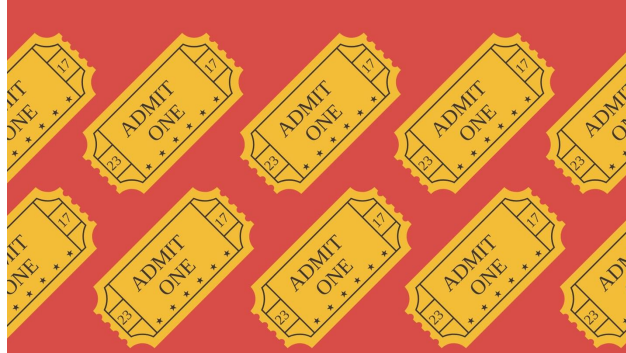
Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

Friends of Fireside

- We hope you're enjoying the excitement of our **March Madness Prize Calendar** and following along with our daily winner announcements via email and social media! A heartfelt thank you to our generous community sponsors for their incredible prize donations and to everyone who participated. With your support, we have successfully raised **\$3,703.79** to directly benefit Fireside School's greenhouse project!
- We are also thrilled to announce our upcoming Friends of Fireside Casino, another important fundraiser in support of the greenhouse project—and we need your help! We are seeking **volunteers** for casino shifts on **June 6th and June 7th**. If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AC28A0FDC16-55192814-casino#>
- Coming up - Babysitting and Home Alone courses - these always sell out fast! Please see attached posters for more information and to sign up!

Thank you for your continued support!



5TH ANNUAL MARCH MADNESS

WE HAVE A WINNER!

Watch our social media pages and your email
daily starting Monday March 3rd
To see if you've won!

#MARCHMADNESS2025





BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

AGES 10+

Saturday
April 5th, 2025

9:00AM-2:00PM **\$68.00**

WE OFFER :

- Rights and responsibilities
- Child development and behavioral problems
- Caring for the child
- Nutrition
- Safety and basic first aid
- Handling emergencies
- The sick child
- Games and play activities
- Children and special needs
- Fire and safety

All students will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and Certificate



register at
www.babysittingcalgary.com



AT THE FIRESIDE SCHOOL
12 FIRESIDE PKY, COCHRANE, AB.

ORGANIZED BY:
FRIENDS OF FIRESIDE

HOME ALONE COURSE

AGES 9/10+

Saturday
April 5th, 2025

9:00AM-12:00PM **\$45.00**

WE OFFER:

- Basic First Aid
- Home Safety Rules
- Emergency 911
- What to do if you are choking
- Street proofing and safety
- Safety to and from school
- Stranger danger and awareness
- Your responsibilities and rights

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Final Reminder: Read-A-Thon Pledges Due

March 11th is the last day for pledge forms and reading tracker forms to be returned. 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. 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. 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!

Reminder: Free Movie Night - Thursday March 20th!

Join us for our upcoming movie night. We will be showing the movie Elemental! It is a free event but you do need to go into School Cash to claim tickets. There are limited tickets available to the event, so jump on the opportunity sooner than later!



Updated: Volunteer Opportunities

- Friends of Fireside are seeking **volunteers** for casino shifts on **June 6th and June 7th**. If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AC28A0FDC16-55192814-casino#>
- Book Fair Volunteers - - We are looking for 2 volunteers for each shift, each night. The book fair will be on April 2nd and 3rd, from 4-7pm each night. Shifts will be available either from 3:30 - 5:00 or from 5:00-7:00. If you are interested in helping, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4FAAAE2CAAF5C16-55600095-april>
- 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

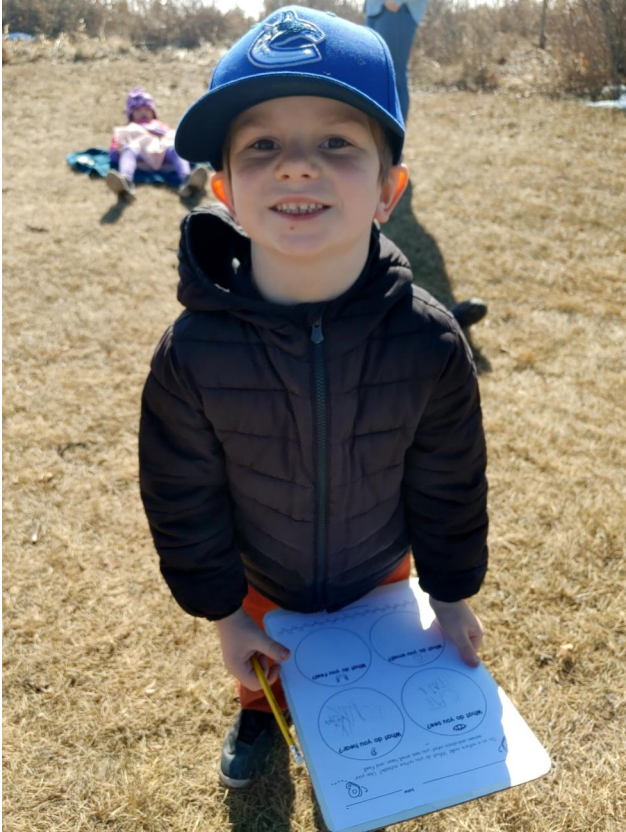
Kirsty Reade (K-4 Assistant Principal) (kreade@rockyview.ab.ca), and she will be happy to find a good fit opportunity for you!

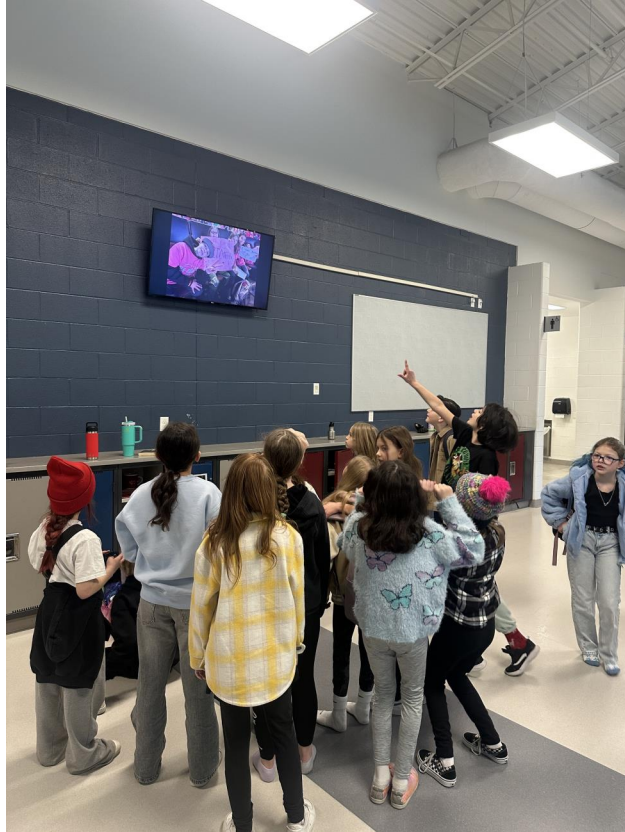
- We are always excited to have parent volunteers in to read with our students. If you are interested in finding a time once a week, once a month, or anything in between, please contact Leslie Hall (lahall@rockyview.ab.ca), or your classroom teacher, and together we will ensure to have you connected with our students through literature!



1 - Grade 1 pond study







2 - Grade 4s check out their projects



3 - Jr. B Girls Basketball Team





4 - Junior B Boys Basketball Team



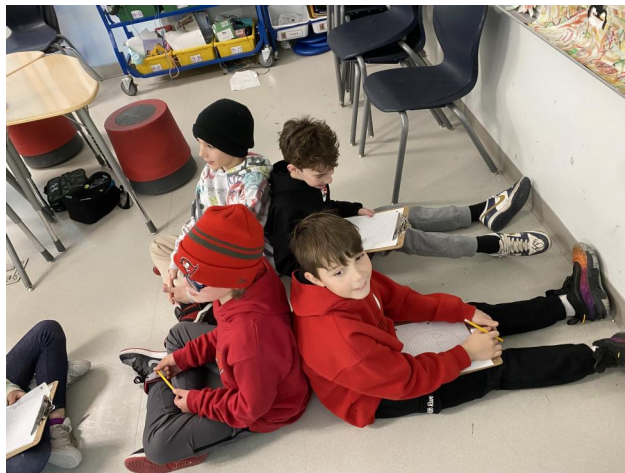


5 - Science experiments are always a highlight





6 - Spring concert construction is under way



7 - Grade 5s Work on Communication



8 - Perspectives in Grade 2





9 - Officer Cassleton stops by Fireside to apprehend some hardened criminals.



10 - Circus arts in gym





11 - Branded drumsticks!

Contact Us!

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