

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 14

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, March 17 – St. Patrick's Day (wear green!)

- Wednesday, March 19 - Conference Manger opens to book times for 3-Way Conferences (Kinder) and Celebration of learning (Gr.1-8)
- 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
- Wednesday, March 26 - Grade 8 (Warwick and Pyle) Field Trip to Glenbow Ranch
- Friday, March 28 – Celebrity Look Alike Day
- Monday, March 31 – Professional Learning Day (no school)
- Tuesday, April 1 - Class Photos
- Wednesday, April 2 & Thursday, April 3 – Celebration of Learning Conferences (see below)
- Wednesday, April 2 – School Council (6:30) and Friends of Fireside (7:30) Meetings
- Tuesday, April 15 – K to 3 Spring Concert - *Go Fish!* (see below)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It was a short week, but there was still plenty going on at Fireside! Our younger students were very excited to see all the "diggers" tearing up the south end of the school grounds and some compound asphalt, as they prepare for our next set of modular classrooms. With the coming and going of equipment and trucks, it has definitely created some street congestion. We can't promise that will improve immediately, but crews are working as swiftly as they can. Students are being redirected to the back of the building as they come and go for recess to avoid any potential mishaps.

We also had two months of SOAR Awards given out on Friday, along with the grade and school-wide reading minute leaders in this year's Read-A-Thon. Check out the pictures below to see the proud recipients. Friday was also "Identicals Day" as friends and siblings came to school as

carbon copies of one another. More pictures below. Start preparing for March 28th and "Celebrity Look Alike Day"!



Our grade 1s enjoyed an outdoor adventure at Glenbow Provincial Park and our French as a Second Language students tested out their français, ordering ice cream at MacKay's! Our Junior B Basketball Teams were in action Friday night for their second tournament of the year (go Hawks!). And Mrs. Hamilton is taking in forms already for Grade 7 & 8 Badminton, which starts the week after next.



A quick note to Grade 1 parents: Immunizations originally scheduled for March 21st have been cancelled. Information on an alternate date will come later.

Lastly, please see below for information on the upcoming Celebration of Learning Conferences in the first week of April, as well as the K to 3 concert that's right around the corner. We're excited to welcome families for both these events as students show you all the hard work they've put into their studies and performances.

Have a lovely weekend families!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

Celebration of Learning Conferences (April 2 & 3)

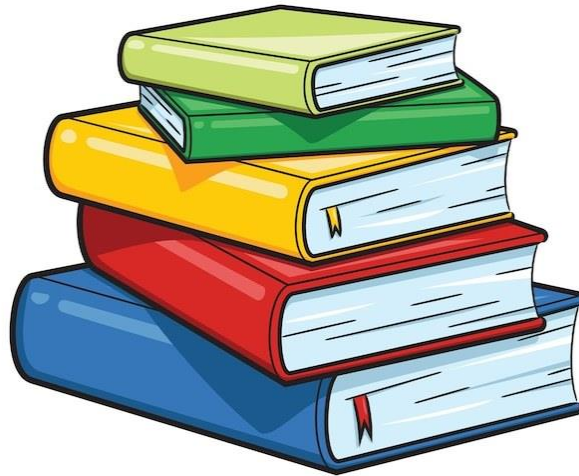


On Wednesday, April 2nd and Thursday, April 3rd, we are excited to welcome students and their families into Fireside School for our Celebration of Learning Conferences. Fireside School uses the online booking program [Conference Manager](#). It will open for booking on Wednesday, March 19th at 8:00 am

For Grades 1-8, this round of conferences will look different than 3-way conferences looked in the fall. Each time slot will be 20 minutes in length, where two students' families will be in the classroom at the same time. During this time frame, each child will show their families projects, learning activities, and work their class has chosen to showcase. Homeroom Teachers will be available throughout the evening too.

Please note: for Kindergarten students, individual 10-minute slot appointments are available for booking.

Scholastic Book Fair - Volunteers Needed



As everyone knows the book fair is one busy place! During conferences, April 2nd and 3rd, the book fair will be open to look at. We are looking for a few volunteers to help out throughout the evening. If you are interested, please sign up using the [link](#). Remember, cash is NOT accepted at the book fair, but with better cell service we are excited to see if Mr. Lofthouse can stay inside to accept payments this year!

K to 3 Spring Concert – Go Fish!

Hold your breath for Fireside Schools next musical production, *Go Fish!*

Students from Kindergarten to Grade 3 are busy practicing their vocals, instruments, and lines for our upcoming concert on **Tuesday, April 15th**. This evening will be split into two shows to accommodate a large and excited audience. Both shows run roughly 30 minutes, the school doors will open 20 minutes prior to showtime.

- **Kindergarten and Grade 1** (except for Mrs. O’Neal’s split class) **will start at 5:00PM**
- **Grade 2-3** (plus Mrs. O’Neal’s split class) **will start at 6:30PM.**

Please message [Mr. Petterson](#) or [Mr. Chung](#) if you are interested in assisting with building props, costume design, or stage setup/teardown.

Sea you soon!



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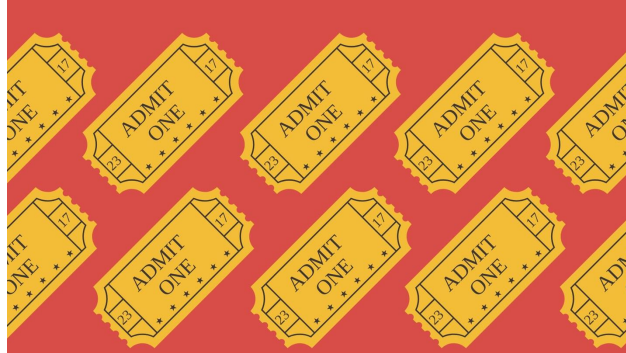
Join us for our upcoming movie night. We will be showing the movie Elemental! It is a free event but you do need to go into School Cash to claim tickets. There are limited tickets available to the event, so jump on the opportunity sooner than later!



Updated: Friends of Fireside

- 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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- 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 - Read-a-Thon Winners













2 - SOAR Awards







3 - Identicals Day













4 - Construction has started!



5 - Basketball!



6 - Grade 1 Field Trip - Listening to Hal Eagletail - Knowledge Keeper



7 - Grade 4 Magnet Exploration



8 - French Class at MacKay's

Contact Us!

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