

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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- 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)
- Friday, April 5 – Grade 7 Active Living Field Trip to SLS Center
- Wednesday, April 9 – School Council (6:30) and Friends of Fireside (7:30) Meetings
- Wednesday, April 9 – Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- Tuesday, April 15 – K to 3 Spring Concert - *Go Fish!* (see below)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

There was some recess sadness with the loss of two of our basketball nets due to the construction this week. But the nice weather and ice-free fields made up for it a bit, with soccer and football becoming recess staples again. Classes have also been taking advantage of the weather to collaborate on playing "safe, fair and fun." Pairs of classes (1 older & 1 younger) got together to plan games and talk about how to play with sportsmanship, fairness, and safety as part of our Positive Behaviour Strategies work.

Fireside was excited to welcome 10 new pre-service (student) teachers from the U of C, starting their Year 2 practicums at our school this week. They join 3 others from U of C who have been in the school since the fall, completing their final field experiences. Our school is very fortunate to have the extra adults supporting learning, and we're proud to help mentor and train another group of strong educators.

Celebration of Learning Conferences are approaching quickly. See instructions below to book some times before they all fill up! Please note that administrators and learning support staff are also available for meetings on those evenings.



Our Read-a-Thon last month was a huge success, raising approximately \$10,000 to support our school library! Thank you so much to our students and families for their participation and donations. We also want to sincerely thank Friends of Fireside for arranging, gathering, and providing student prizes for this year's events. They do so much to support our school, and we truly can't thank them (and all of you who donate) enough. We would like to wrap up this fundraiser now, and ask that if you have yet to submit your pledge, please do so by March 28. Pledges have been posted to School Cash Online accounts for payment. Thanks so much!

One final note from our divisional tech department: RVS school and division websites, including PowerSchool, may experience intermittent outages on Saturday, March 22 due to technology updates and testing.

Have a lovely weekend, families!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

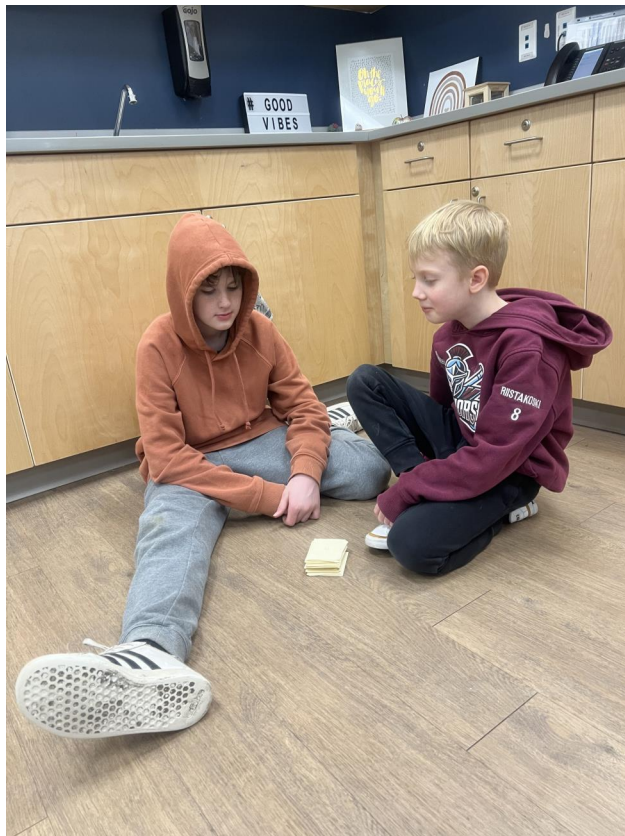


1 - Buddy classes teaming up to play safe, fair and fun.











2 - Grade 4s investigate magnetic forces.





3 - Pippen in Ms. Stark's class loves a little snuggle with kids when they're reading



4 - Jr B Boys in their last tourney of the season

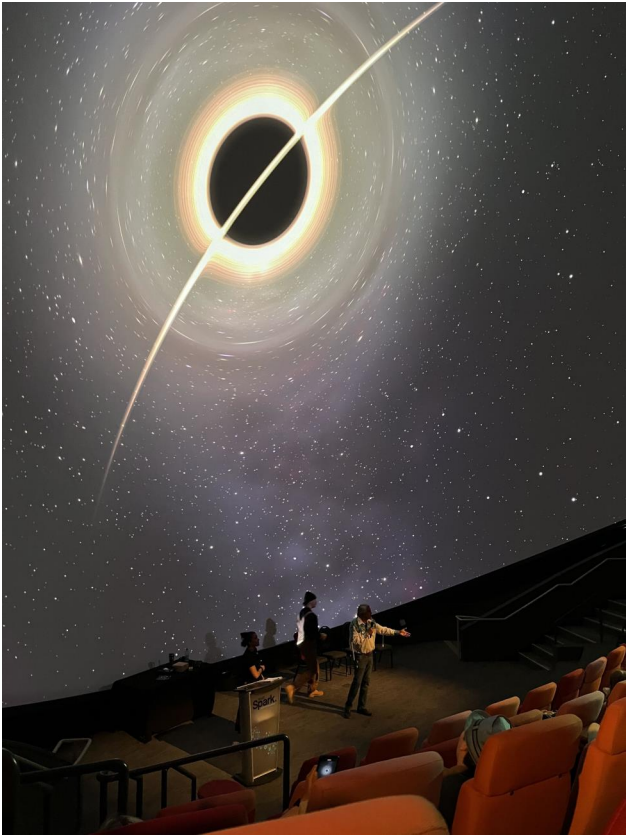


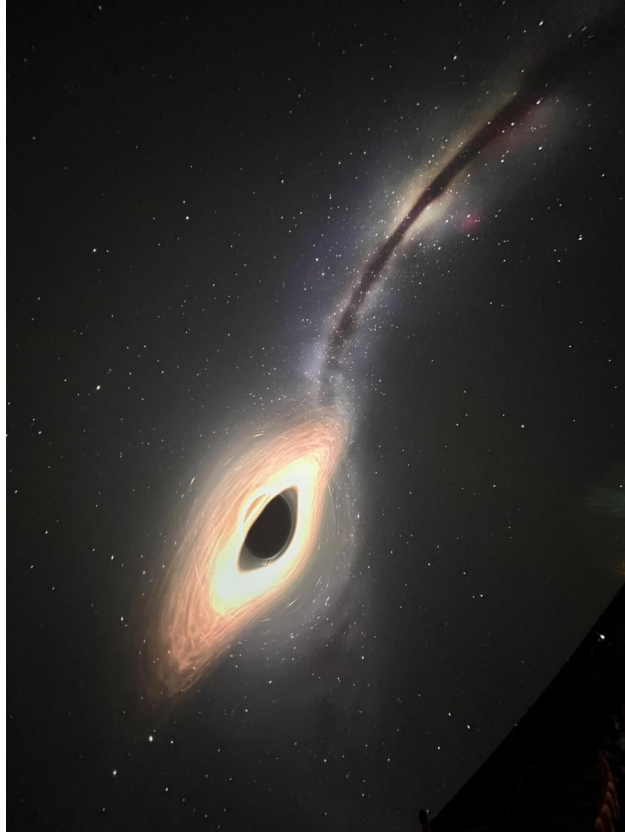


5 - Jr B Girls in their last tourney of the season



6 - Some of our students participated in the Indigenous Youth Gathering at Telus Spark. Cool experience for all, with the Infinity Dome, Circle with the Elders, and Robotics being highlights.





Band Performances at Celebration of Learning Conferences (April 2 & 3)



Our Grade 6 Band and Grade 7/8 Band will also be showcasing their talents on the evenings of Celebration of Learning Conferences. At 5:00 on Wednesday, April 2nd, students in Grade 6 Band will perform several orchestral pieces they have been working hard on (set up is at 4:45 pm; performance at 5:00 pm). Then, on Thursday, April 3rd, the Grade 7/8 Band will perform (set up is at 4:45 pm; performance at 5:00 pm). These performances will take place in our Auxiliary Gym for all to enjoy. *If your child is in our Band Program, please book your appointments outside of their performance time so that you are able to enjoy the entertainment.* Grade 5 families who are interested in Band for next year can attend a quick 15-minute information session following the Band performance on either night.

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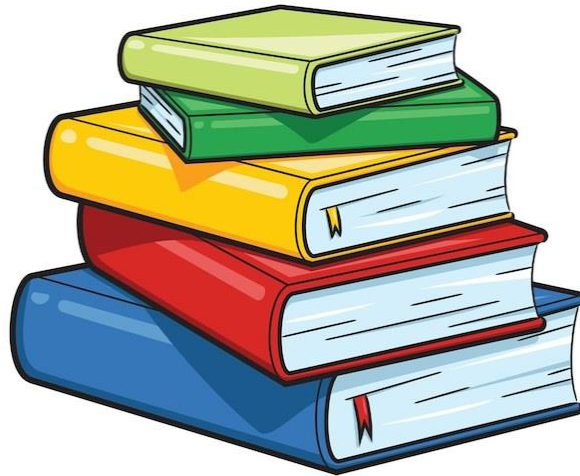
On Wednesday, April 2nd and Thursday, April 3rd, we are excited to welcome students and their families into Fireside School for our Celebration of Learning Conferences. Fireside School uses the online booking program [Conference Manager](#), and bookings are now open.

If you have never used Conference Manager before, please register now. Returning users should ensure they can log into the system – a password reset is available if necessary. Please review your parent/guardian profile to ensure the information is correct. Important: the email address you provide in this profile will be used to send you the booking confirmation.

For Grades 1-8, this round of conferences will look different than 3-way conferences did in the fall. Grades 1-3, your bookable time slots are 10 minutes in length, but you will be welcome to circulate in the classroom prior to or after your visit. Your homeroom teachers may be sending additional instructions via email. Grades 5-8, your time slots 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.

Reminder: 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!

Reminder: 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!



Reminder: 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!





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!

Real-Time Tracking with the WheresTheBus App

Thank you to everyone who has created a WheresTheBus account and started using the app to track your child's bus! RVS has now fully transitioned to using WhereTheBus, and is no longer using the Bus Status App to share bus information.

More information about WheresTheBus including how to create your account, use the app and frequently asked questions is available on the [RVS website](#).

Please note, WheresTheBus is one more tool to provide information about your child's bus ride and should not replace standard [safety measures](#) such as arriving to your bus stop five minutes before your child's scheduled pick up time, having a back up plan in case of a delay and ensuring your child is dressed appropriately for the weather. Please review the Parent/Guardian Responsibilities on the [Transportation section](#) of our website.

Contact Us!

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