

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, March 31 – Professional Learning Day (no school)

- Tuesday, April 1 - Class Photos
- **Wednesday, April 2 – School Council (6:30) and Friends of Fireside (7:30) Meetings**
- Wednesday, April 2 & Thursday, April 3 – Celebration of Learning Conferences (see below)
- Friday, April 4 – Grade 7 Active Living Field Trip to SLS Center
- Saturday, April 5 – Home Alone & Babysitting Courses
- Wednesday, April 9 – Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- Tuesday, April 15 – K to 3 Spring Concert - *Go Fish!* (see below)

Please note that School Council and Friends of Fireside is Wednesday April 2nd NOT April 9th as noted in last week's Focus!

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

Another week down, and another busy week of amazing experiences and memories being created. Last Friday night our choir sang *O'Canada* at the Wranglers game. They did amazing and had so much fun. Thank you to Mr. Chung for creating the experience. Two of our Grade 8 classes went to Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park and were joined by Hal Eagletail, Knowledge Keeper. They really enjoyed all the learning and stories he shared throughout the day. Today, the Grade 6 Mavericks had their carnival and enjoyed classes coming to share in their experience. Grade 2s had their East Coast - Meteghan Day Celebration! They had so much fun circulating through the stations, engaging in all the hands-on activities. Grade 4s have been exploring magnets and there were more class markets held today too! We are so proud the time our teachers put in to make learning come alive for our students. The pride our students show while sharing their learning is remarkable.

Progress on the new portables continues, and the students continue to enjoy watching the workers during recess. If you have been in the back area lately, you will see that the RVS Grounds Department is trying hard to help us with our mud pits, adding mulch to the "grass area" between the compound and playground areas. Unfortunately, it is not a perfect solution, so we continue to thank students who are taking off muddy footwear and carrying their shoes to the boot racks, or trying to walk around the muddy areas so they minimize tracking mud in

the school. It's an endless struggle for our caretakers, and we appreciate everyone trying to minimize the clean up. If you see a caretaker, please thank them for all their hard work!



1 - Choir singing "O'Canada" at the Wranglers hockey game.



2 - The Three Musketeers were at school today!







3 - Grade 8 Trip to Glenbow Ranch







4 - Making lobsters in Grade 2.





Our leadership students organized "dress like a celebrity" day today! It was so fun seeing everyone's outfits; the creativity was evident around the entire building! Our Grade 6 basketball teams are playing in their tournaments tonight in Cochrane, we hope they have a blast.

Next week, we will welcome families into the school for the Student Showcase Celebrations on Wednesday and Thursday evening. Remember, there will be a few families in the classroom for each time slot. This is a great opportunity for families to come in and see the activities that their student's get to partake in throughout the year. As well, on Wednesday, we will have our School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings, so please join if you are able. Finally, this week the Scholastic book fair is available for browsing during the day and purchasing can take place in the evenings on Wednesday and Thursday!

Have a lovely weekend, and don't forget...NO SCHOOL for students on Monday! We will see everyone back on Tuesday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

School Council Feed the Teachers Night

Our fantastic School Council has graciously offered to organize a meal for staff on the first day of Conferences (April 2nd). They have created a [SignUp Genius page](#) for families who would like to contribute. On behalf of the teachers, we'd like to express our sincere gratitude for the meal. We truly appreciate the effort that goes into it, as well as the thanks from families that it represents.



Friends of Fireside

CASINO

- We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Friends of Fireside Casino, another important fundraiser in support of the greenhouse project—and we desperately 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#>
- We need all the help we can get to ensure our spot at the casino! We currently do not have enough volunteers! It's super easy and fun!! Thanks in advance!

COURSES

Friends of Fireside is excited to provide the community with TWO amazing courses! Home Alone and Babysitting! We only have 6 spots left for each course!

Home Alone Course

- Date: APR 5 SAT 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
- Cost: \$ 45
- Ages: 9 & 10 plus
- Located at Fireside School
- Is your child ready to handle being home alone? Our Home Alone Course teaches 9/10 year olds essential skills to stay safe and confident when at home by themselves!
- Course Highlights: Basic Safety Skills: Learn how to lock doors, use emergency numbers, and handle unexpected situations. First Aid Basics: Know how to deal with small injuries and when to call for help. How to Handle Strangers: Safe practices for answering the door and dealing with unexpected visitors. Emergency Preparedness: What to do in case of fire, power outage, or other emergencies. Is Your Child Ready for Responsibility? Equip them with the knowledge they need to stay safe and confident. Sign up today and give them the skills to thrive when home alone! Register Now and ensure your child is ready to take on their next big responsibility!

Babysitter Training Course - Sign Up Now!

- Ages 10+
- Date: April 5th, 9 am to 2 pm
- Located at Fireside School
- Course Highlights: Basic First Aid and CPR: Learn life-saving skills! Childcare Basics: From diapering to feeding, to playtime activities. Safety Protocols: Preventing and handling emergencies. Leadership Skills: Becoming a reliable and trusted caregiver. Give your child the tools they need to be a successful and responsible babysitter. Register today as this popular course fills up fast! We look forward to helping your child become a confident, well-prepared babysitter!
- <http://babysittingcalgary.com/>



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.



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

All students will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and Certificate



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URGENTLY NEEDED



WE NEED YOU!

CASINO SHIFTS

Supporting Fireside School's Greenhouse Project!

Reminder: Band Performances (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.

Reminder: Celebration of Learning Conferences (April 2 & 3)



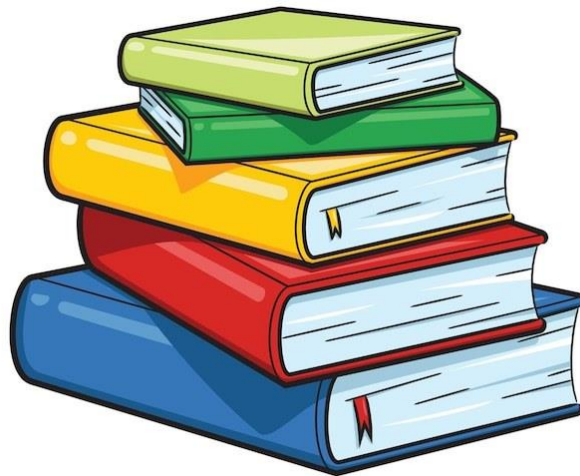
On Wednesday, April 2nd and Thursday, April 3rd, we are excited to welcome students and their families into Fireside School for our Celebration of Learning Conferences. Fireside School uses the online booking program [Conference Manager](#), and bookings are now open.

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!



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!



5 - A little grade 6 "Snow Bowl" before the first basketball tournament of the season.

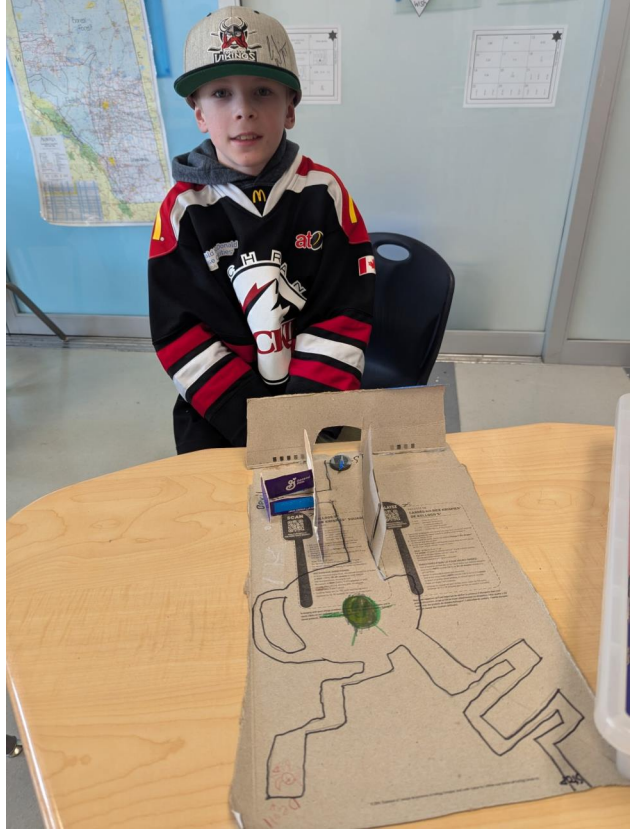


6 - The Grade 6 "Maverick Carnival"





7 - Magnet Games in Grade 4



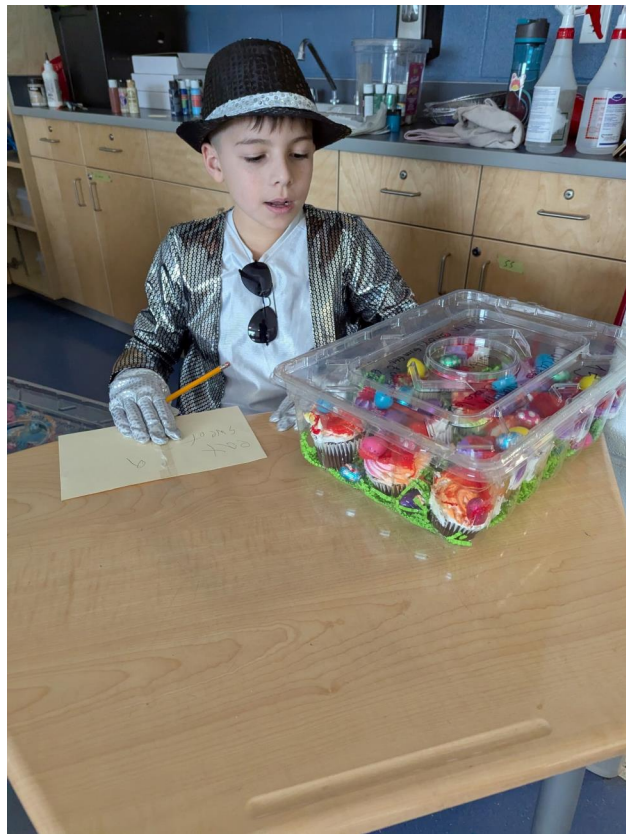




8 - Grade Four Market in Ms.Waugh and Mr.Shaw's Room









9 - Some musicians in Grades 3-5 practicing performing for a live audience.





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