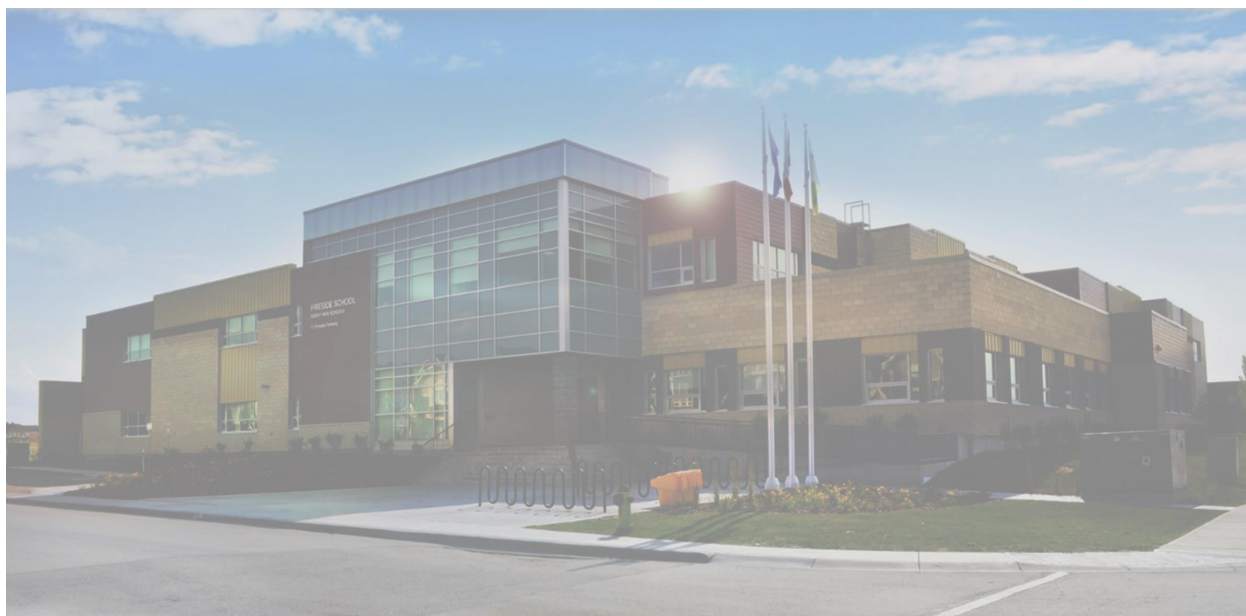


FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – April 4

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Upcoming Dates

- Saturday, April 5 – Home Alone & Babysitting Courses

- Wednesday, April 9 – Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- Thursday, April 10 – Grade 1 Immunizations
- Thursday, April 10 – Grade 8 Badminton Tournament
- Friday, April 11 – Grade 1 Field Trip to Telus Spark
- Monday, April 14 – Mismatch Monday (wear odd clothes combos – mismatched socks, clashy patterns, etc.)
- Tuesday, April 15 – Tourist Tuesday (dress like you're on vacation)
- Tuesday, April 15 – K to 3 Spring Concert - *Go Fish!* (see below)
- Tuesday, April 15 – Grade 7 Badminton Tournament
- Wednesday, April 16 – Western Wednesday (get your Stampede clothes out early)
- Wednesday, April 16 – Grade 8 Field Trip to Telus Spark
- Thursday, April 17 – Throwback Thursday (dress in your family's decade: Forest - 70s, Mountain - 80s, Valley - 90s, River - 00's)
- Thursday, April 17 – Grade 6 Field Trip to Glenbow Ranch Provincial Park
- Thursday, April 17 – Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break
- Friday, April 18 to Sunday, April 27 – Spring Break
- Monday, April 28 – Classes Resume

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It always amazes us how a short week can feel like a long week, but when you pack in student lead conferences, book fair, badminton practices and a field trip, it all of a sudden makes sense. We want to send a **HUGE THANK YOU** out to School Council and everyone that helped to feed the teachers on Wednesday night. Our staff was so appreciative of the meal and nothing brings us all together like food in the staff room. The down time and connection, after the workday, makes the evening that much more enjoyable.

Thank you to everyone that was able to join us for student lead conferences. The buzz in the hallways was electric and the students were so happy sharing all that they have been working

on in recent months. Our teachers gave great feedback saying that good conversations were had with families and that everyone seemed to enjoy hearing directly from their children about their learning. It was so fun hearing the band play each night, as well as seeing families duking it out in the gym playing badminton and the grade one students exploring the big Indigenous Floor Map on the other side of the gym.

Basketball season has officially come to a close and we want to be sure to send another **HUGE THANK YOU** out to the parents and staff that have volunteered their time with our students. The kids had so much fun this season and without you all, these opportunities would not be possible! Badminton is in full swing, and the tournament is coming up quick next week; good luck Hawks!

We are officially in "Sprinter" season...where we may have winter in the morning and spring in the afternoon, or multiple cycles of both throughout the day. It is never a bad thing to have a spare change of clothes in your child's backpack (no matter the age), as between the mud, the slippery hills and the massive puddles, we have many students looking to call home for new clothes.



1 - 'Tis the season where we go from winter to spring...day after day!



A few final reminders, healthy hunger is coming up on Wednesday - Subway, double check that your orders are in. As well, spirit days are coming up soon. They are all listed above for you, so take special note while reading the "Upcoming Dates" section!

Have a great weekend and we will see all the students back on Monday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

Elections Canada Positions for Fireside Polling Station

On Monday, April 28th, Canada goes to the polls to elect a new government. Fireside School will be one of the polling stations for the election that day. Parents and other interested parties can apply to work on Election Day at the school. Below, you will find information on how you can apply to work at the polling stations on Election Day and to ensure you work here at Fireside.

How to apply (from Elections Canada):

1. Go to elections.ca
2. Click on the **Jobs** tab located at the top of the page
3. Click on **Poll Worker Positions**
4. Select from one of the four available positions. Then click Apply Now.
5. Enter your postal code to direct the application to our offices (you must reside in our electoral district in order to work at one of the schools).
6. Click Apply Now again at the bottom of the page.
7. Complete the application, filling in all fields and then click Submit at the bottom.
8. If you receive a call from our recruiting department please let the agent know that you would like to work at your child's school and state the name of the school.
9. Alternatively, after you have completed the application online you can contact the recruiting department at **403.796.5604** to ensure that you are assigned to your child's school.

All interested parties **must** apply online first. Parents can then wait for a call from recruiting or can call us at 403-796-5604 to ensure they are placed at the correct school.

Parents can apply for any position but many will likely be interested in the role of Information Officer. This position is responsible for monitoring the polling place and guiding electors' foot traffic on Election Day.

All positions are paid. Parents will also be compensated for their mandatory training. Training will be available at our office in Cochrane. Details will be provided upon application.

Proposed Changes for 2025-26 School Fees

Each year, school administration assesses school fees to determine whether they need to be adjusted to meet costs for the coming year. Rocky View Schools mandates that program fees cannot be increased beyond \$10 or 5% of the current fee, whichever is greater. Below is a summary of proposed (pending board approval) fees for the 2025-26 school year. Fee increases this year are largely due to price increases for supplies and our service partners. If you have questions about these fees or their proposed changes, please contact the school.



FIRESIDE SCHOOL			
PROPOSED SCHOOL FEES for 2025/2026			
	Current Fee	Increase	Proposed Fee
Activity Fees			
ACT Active Living Days (Gr 1,Gr 2,Gr 3,Gr 4,Gr 5,Gr 6,Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
ACT Active Living Days (K)	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00
ACT Band Camp (Gr 6,Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 350.00		\$ 350.00
ACT Band Field Trip (Gr 6)	\$ 40.00		\$ 40.00
ACT Band Field Trip (Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 1)	\$ 100.00		\$ 100.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 2)	\$ 90.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 100.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 3)	\$ 125.00		\$ 125.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 4)	\$ 104.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 114.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 5)	\$ 150.00		\$ 150.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 6)	\$ 220.00		\$ 220.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 7)	\$ 200.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 210.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (Gr 8)	\$ 250.00		\$ 250.00
ACT Field Trips and In School Activities (K)	\$ 55.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 65.00
ACT Outdoor School (Gr 1,Gr 2,Gr 3,Gr 4,Gr 5,Gr 6,Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 300.00		\$ 300.00
ACT Ski Field Trip (Gr 5,Gr 6,Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 100.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 110.00
ACT Supplementary Physical Education Activities (K,Gr 1,Gr 2,Gr 3,Gr 4,Gr 5,Gr 6,Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 85.00		\$ 85.00
Fees for Optional Courses			
OCF Art	\$ 16.00		\$ 16.00
OCF Art Sculpture and Mixed Media	\$ 15.00	\$ 5.00	\$ 20.00
OCF Band (Gr 6)	\$ 60.00		\$ 60.00
OCF Band (Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 75.00		\$ 75.00
OCF Construction Technology & Fabrication - Shop	\$ 21.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 25.00
OCF Cosmetology (Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 23.00	\$ 7.00	\$ 30.00
OCF CTF (Gr 6)	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
OCF Divisional Instrument Rental Fee	\$ 210.00		\$ 210.00
OCF Divisional Summer Instrument Rental Fee	\$ 140.00		\$ 140.00
OCF Drama (Gr 7,Gr 8)	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
OCF Fibre Art	\$ 21.00	\$ 4.00	\$ 25.00
OCF Foods	\$ 22.00	\$ 8.00	\$ 30.00
OCF Mad Science	\$ 15.00		\$ 15.00
OCF Outdoor Leadership Option	\$ 58.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 68.00
OCF Photography	\$ 10.00		\$ 10.00
OCF Recreation Fitness	\$ 20.00		\$ 20.00

NEW GREENHOUSE PROJECT FOR FIRESIDE SCHOOL

- 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!



Friends of Fireside School Society is ready to roll out our next fundraiser!

🕯️ **Milk Jar Candle Fundraiser – Because Your House Should Smell Like Serenity, Not Spilled Juice & Sour Milk!** 🕯️

Parents, let's face it—your home has *a scent*. And not the fancy kind. We're talking mystery sock, forgotten lunchbox, and that one smell you just can't locate. 🤔👁️

Lucky for you, Milk Jar Candles are here to save the day! With scents that scream “clean and put-together” (even if you're running on coffee and chaos), your house can finally smell like a spa instead of a snack cupboard explosion.

🔥 Buy one, support our fundraiser, and treat yourself to a home that smells like calm... even if life is anything but.

📢 Order now before your kid "accidentally" microwaves something they shouldn't! 😊

<https://friendsoffireside.shopmyfundraising.com/>



SOAR Corner

This month at Fireside school we are going to focus on the column *Responsible* on our PBIS Matrix. We will be highlighting “Do your best”, “On Time and in Class” and “Ready to Learn”. These parts of the matrix can look very different in each space of our school, depending on the grade, therefore teachers adjust our weekly lessons accordingly. We encourage our families to continue the conversations at home around these topics!



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

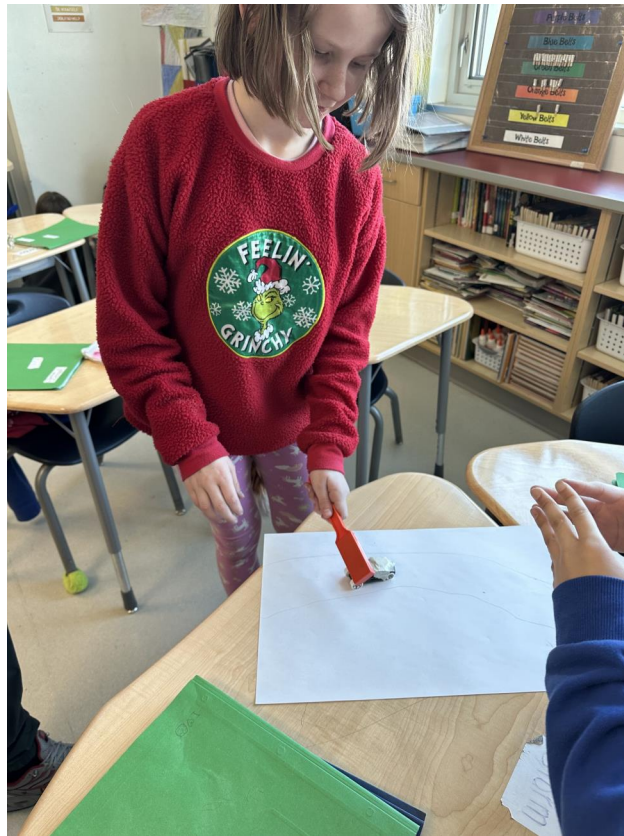
- **CASINO WORKERS STILL NEEDED!** Friends of Fireside are seeking volunteers for casino shifts on June 6th and June 7th. If you're able to lend a hand, please sign up here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A44A5AC28A0FDC16-55192814-casino#>

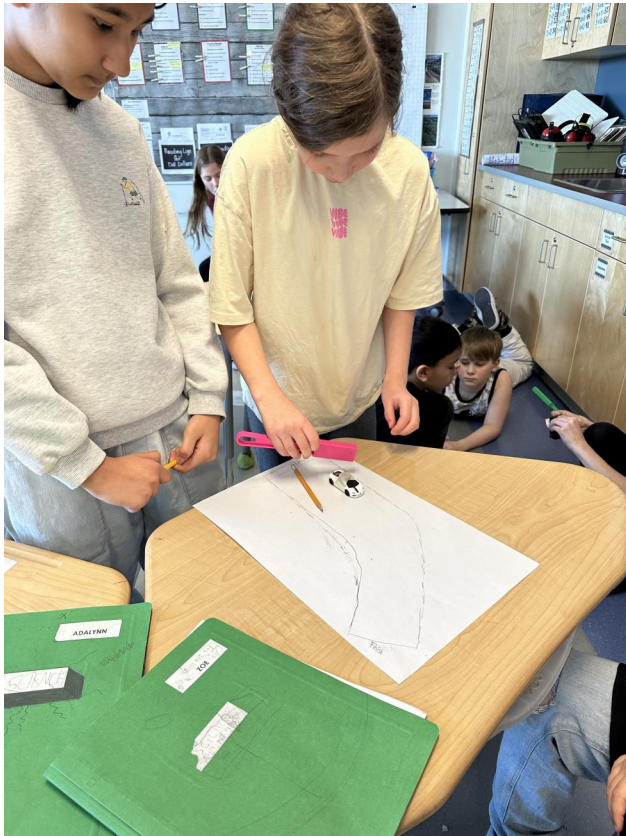
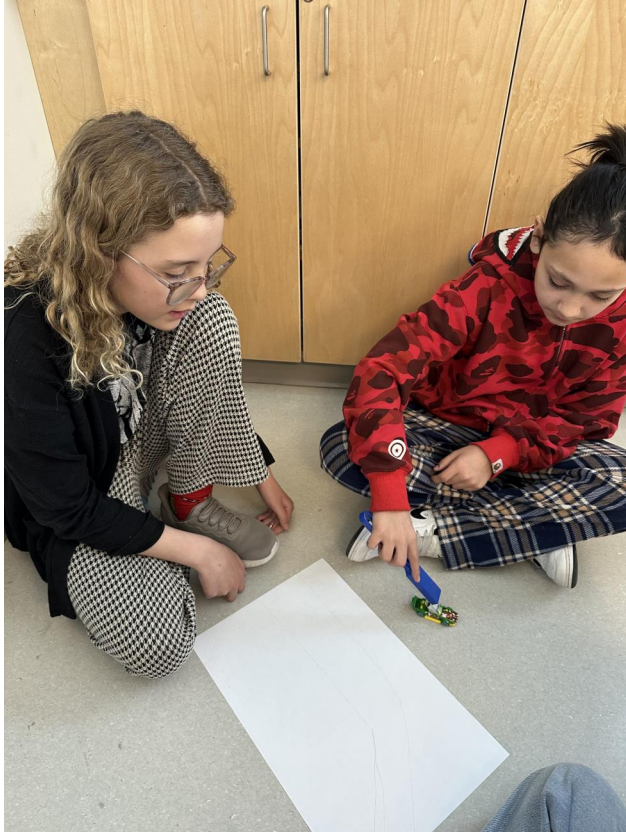


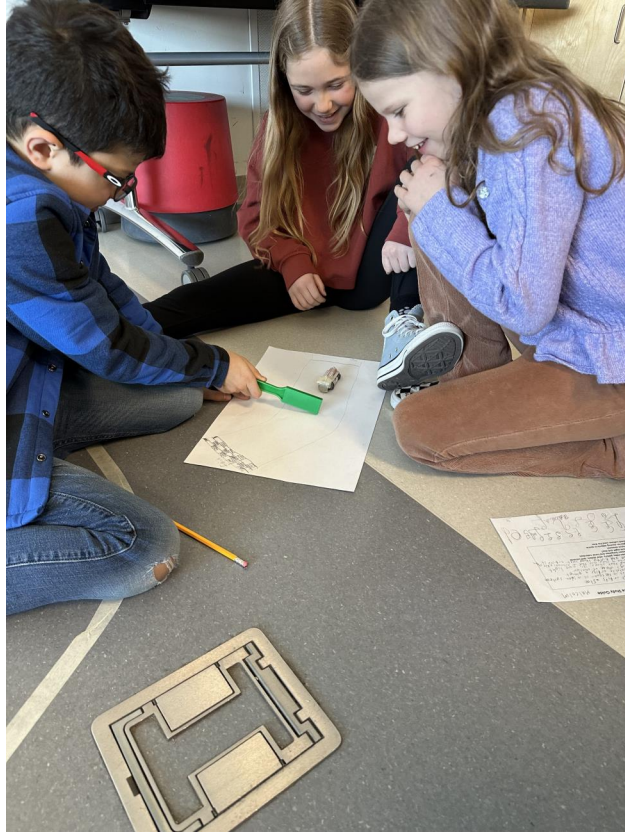
2 - Grade 8s helping out their Kinder buddies with their sea creature decorations for the play.



3 - Grade 4 Magnet Studies



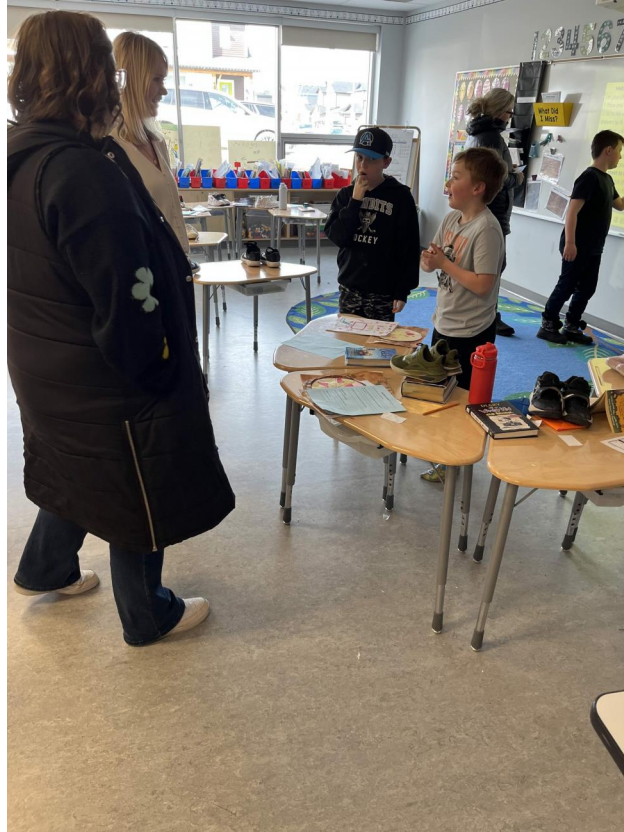






4 - Thank you to everyone that came out for the Celebration of Learning this week!

















5 - Thank you to everyone who supported the Scholastic Book Fair this year!





6 - Amazing performances by our Grade 5 Choir, Grades 6 Band, and Grade 7/8 Band during the Celebrations of Learning

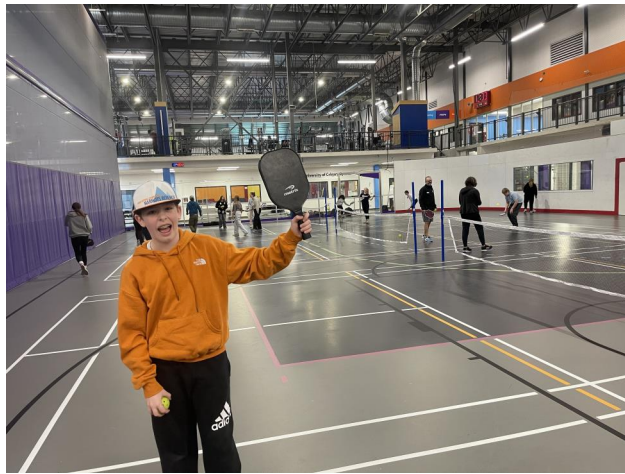






7 - Grade 7 Active Living Day at SLS Center







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