

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



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***Upcoming Dates***

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[School Calendar](#)

- 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
- Monday, April 28 – Federal Election Day - Fireside School will be a Polling Station

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

Spring fever has definitely sprung, even if winter weather probably isn't quite done with us yet. Our students were excited to be outside all week, whether for gym, recess, or extra outdoor time in their classes. With Spring Break just four school days away, there's plenty of energy in our halls. The grade 1s got to enjoy some amazing hands-on experiences at Telus Spark on Friday, and our Grade 8 badminton team put their skills to the test at the RVS Divisional tournament on Thursday.

Next week we're looking forward to some fun theme days (see Upcoming Dates above) and our K-3 Spring Concert. A huge amount of work has gone into all the rehearsals and set design for the concert, and the kids can't wait to show it all off on Tuesday night.



With Basketball officially wrapped up, we wanted to take one more moment to thank all the coaches that took time before and/or after school to volunteer for this year's basketball teams. Your time is essential to our students having these early experiences in school sport, and they had SO much fun participating.

Jr. A Boys Basketball: Mr.Shaw and Coach Bruce

Jr. A Girls Basketball: Ms.Duong and Mrs.Loewen

Jr. B Boys Basketball: Mrs.Niki, Coach Mandi and Coach Steve

Jr.B Girls Basketball: Mrs. Judy, Coach Jason and Coach Jenna

Grade 6 Girls Basketball: Mrs.Cheverie and Coach Madison

Grade 6 Boys Basketball: Mr. Chung, Mrs. Simpson and Coach Alison

That's it for us this week! 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)

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*Election Day Polling Station*

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On Monday, April 28, Fireside School will be one of many polling stations for the upcoming Federal Election. That will of course increase foot traffic into and out of the front of the building that day. To enable the polling station to run smoothly, students who would ordinarily enter and exit through the front doors will need to use alternate doors that day:

Kindergarten & Grade 7: The side door adjacent to the bus lane next to the small black metal fence.

Grade 6: The door at the back of the building that opens onto the asphalt compound.

Please expect traffic to be even more challenging that day, particularly at the end of day.

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*Reminder: Friends of Fireside*

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### 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/>



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**Reminder: K to 3 Spring Concert – Go Fish!**

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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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### *Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities*

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- **WE ARE ALMOST THERE - - 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#>



*1 - Rehearsals for Tuesday's concert continue!*



2 - "Addition Snap" in Grade 4







3 - Mr. Russell's class out doing yard clean up for Recycle Club!





4 - Our Fireside Hawks represented well at the Grade 8 Badminton Tournament.







*5 - It's already time to start practicing for Track & Field!*









*6 - Grade 1s on their Telus Spark field trip.*

















*7 - Mrs. Carriere's class - - Paper Maché Art*



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***Reminder: Elections Canada Positions for Fireside Polling Station***

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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.

**Contact Us!**

Fireside School

403.932.4868

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