

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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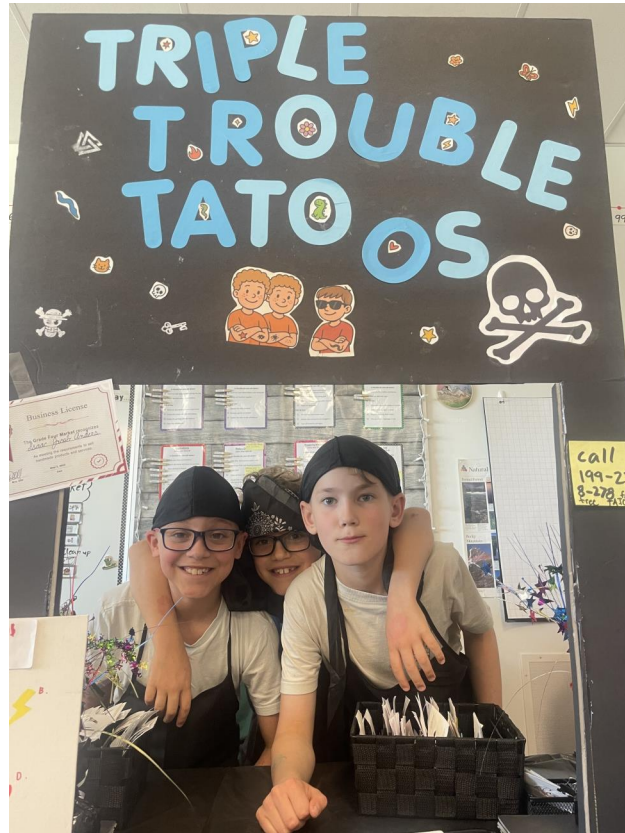
- Wednesday, May 7 – Grade 2 & 3 Spring Concert (5:00 pm, doors open at 4:40)
- Wednesday, May 7 – School Council (6:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Thursday, May 8 – Kindergarten Field Trip to Bow Valley High School
- Friday, May 9 – Grade 8 Field Trip to SLS Center
- Wednesday, May 14 – Healthy Hunger - Mucho Burrito
- Wednesday, May 14 – Deadline to [RSVP](#) for the Volunteer Appreciation Tea
- Wednesday, May 14 – Grade 6 AHS Immunizations
- Thursday, May 15 – Grade 7 Track Meet (8:00 am, Ed Eggerer Athletic Park, Airdrie)
- Friday, May 16 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Monday, May 19 – Victoria Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, May 20 – Grade 8 Track Meet (8:00 am, Ed Eggerer Athletic Park, Airdrie)
- Wednesday, May 21 – Grade 7 Calgary Zoo Field Trip
- Thursday, May 22 – Grade 7 & 8 Track Rain Out Date
- Wednesday, May 28 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea (11:30 am, details below)
- Wednesday, May 28 – Grade 6 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test
- Wednesday, May 28 – Grade 1 Cochrane Rancho House Field Trip
- Friday, May 30 – Grade 6 SLS Centre Field Trip

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It was a very interesting start to our week back from Spring Break with polling for the federal election taking over the library and gym. Plenty of students and staff got their steps and stairs in that day as we tried to get from one end of the building to the other without going through the library. The election was also a great real-life connection for students to learn about democracy, Canadian Confederation, and our parliamentary system of government. The grade 6s even got a

taste of the election experience casting their own votes in the Student Vote Canada program. Nationwide, Canadian students would have elected a Conservative minority government.



The week went on with ever-warming weather and more fun events. Throughout, classes participated in Earth Day clean-ups around the school and neighborhood. The grade 4s had their entrepreneurship market, and grade 7s & 8s enjoyed Track Day on Friday, running all 9 Track & Field events in the sunshine, finishing the day with a well-deserved ice cream.

This coming week, we're looking forward to the "blackout performance" of *Go Fish!* by our Grade 2s & 3s. The power outage we had on performance night hasn't dampened the spirits of our kids, who are looking forward to finally showing off all their hard rehearsal work.

Enjoy Spring Break!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

Join us on Wednesday, May 7th, as young performing artists at Fireside School complete their nautical journey in *Go Fish!*

The front doors of the school will open at 4:40 and the show will start at 5:00.

This concert will include students from Grades 2 and 3 (plus Mrs. O'Neal's Grade 1s).

Great work to all the performers in Kindergarten and Grade 1 with their show before the break!



Friends of Fireside Casino

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.
- We wanted to send out a **HUGE** thank you for signing up to help with the Friends of Fireside School casino weekend! We could not do this without you! We are in the process of creating our final schedule and job placements, and will email them out next week. We are still short volunteers, mostly "on-call" shifts. If you know someone who could help us out last minute in case of a cancellation, please have them [sign up here](#). We would really appreciate it!
- **To confirm: casino shifts Friday, June 6th, and Saturday, June 7th, Located at Ace Casino Blackfoot.** We will email next week with your assigned shift and position. Thank you again so much for your help!

Updated: Volunteer Tea

We cannot thank our volunteers enough! So many parents and family members have come into our school, joined us on field trips, coached, or have worked behind the scenes to ensure that our students have exceptional experiences in their learning journey.

Please join us for an enchanting get together, so staff and students can celebrate you! All volunteers are welcome, regardless of how often or how big your volunteer action was. Please see the attached poster with all the details. Please [RSVP](#) by May 14th. We cannot wait to see you!



1 - <https://forms.gle/tDr6armoWMqPU3Nu9>

Elementary Schools Track and Field Championships



The Alberta Schools Athletic Association would like to announce the first-ever Elementary School Track & Field City Championships, happening on **Saturday, May 31!**

This exciting new event is open to all students in **Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6** from across Calgary and area. The event's goal is to create a fun and inclusive day that celebrates the core elements of physical literacy: running, jumping, and throwing, while offering students a chance to experience the joy of friendly competition.

Unlike older students, younger grades haven't had this kind of opportunity, **until now**. It's going to be a day full of movement, joy, and discovery for kids. Whether they're new to track and field or already passionate about sports, this event will be a fantastic experience.

Details:

Foothills Track – 2431 Crowchild Trail N.W.

May 31, 2025, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Entry Fee: \$10 per event

Entry Deadline: May 20, 2025 @ 11:59 p.m.

[Register here](#)

Heat Sheets, Tentative Schedule, Final Schedule & Results will be posted on Trackie

Events:

Grade 3: 60m, 150m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Throw, 300m

Grade 4: 80m, 150m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Ball Throw, 400m

Grade 5: 80m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 400m

Grade 6: 100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, High Jump, 600m

Questions: Sam Read (sam.trackandfieldcoach@gmail.com) or Kim Cousins (kecousins1@gmail.com)

2025 Elementary Schools Track and Field Championship

Run, Jump, Throw, FUN

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May 31, 2025
10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Calling all Grade 3, 4, 5, & 6 students. Come test your skills in running, jumping and throwing! Challenge yourself and have a blast competing against other local elementary school athletes. Bring your energy, bring your friends and let's make it a day to remember.



<https://www.trackie.com/event/2025-elementary-school-championships/1019863/>



Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities

- **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#>



2 - The weather has changed and we are loving it!





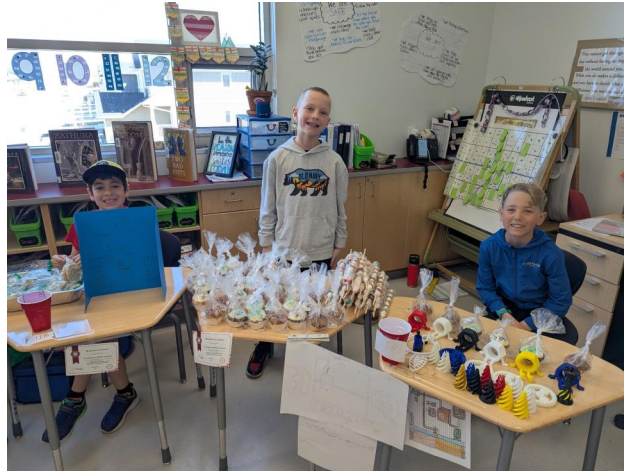
3 - Community Clean Up has started





4 - Mrs. Colling, Mrs. Doll, and Mrs. Pare's classes had their entrepreneurship market.







5 - Gr. 7 and 8 Track and Field





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