

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



## Fireside Focus – May 16

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### *Upcoming Dates*

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#### School Calendar

- 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 27 – NEW DATE - Grade 1 Cochrane Rancho House Field Trip
- Wednesday, May 28 – Grade 6 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test
- Wednesday, May 28 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea (11:30 am, details below)
- Friday, May 30 – Grade 6 SLS Centre Field Trip

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### *From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

This week we enjoyed the laughs from students as an unexpected wall of rain came crashing in at recess just as the younger students were not all in yet, and half of the older students were already out. There is something about being stuck in the rain that brings out complete joy, no matter your age. It was also a good reminder for the kids that layers are still needed! Spring time in the area can have all kinds of weather systems throughout our day, and many classes are finding opportunities to get outside, rain or shine.

Our grade 7 students were off to their track meet and had a great day of competition! Everyone had a blast challenging their personal bests and spending time connecting in between events. Thank you to all the coaches that supported our students, helped to run events, and were also some of the loudest cheerleaders. Next week our grade 8s are off to their meet and we hope they have a great day too! Good Luck everyone!

The season of busy, busy, busy days are ahead of us, with field trips or special events almost every day. Please keep an eye on the calendar above so you can stay in the loop with what is up and coming! We are sure between spring sports and school events, students are likely to be tired and sleeping well at night.



*1 - Grade 7 - Track and Field Meet*





Finally, below you will find information for families to share their voice in the OURSchool survey. This survey helps to inform our decisions in the school, regarding what the areas of focus should be for the upcoming school year. We encourage you all to take 10 minutes to fill ou, as the more voices we have, the better informed we can be.

Now, off to enjoy the long weekend, and we will see you Tuesday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

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### ***OurSCHOOL Parent Survey: We Need Your Feedback***

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Fireside School is participating in an online school survey for parents and guardians called the OurSCHOOL Parent Survey. Feedback from families is tremendously valuable and helps to guide our decisions for priorities in our school.

This Survey gives you the chance to provide your feedback about our school anonymously. It's of course voluntary, but we'd appreciate your participation so we get a better understanding of how you feel about important aspects of the school, such as student learning, a safe and inclusive environment, school culture, and others.

The survey takes about 15 minutes to complete. We truly appreciate the time you'll take to let us know how we're doing.

To access the survey, [click this LINK.](#)

Information about the survey itself can be found on our partner's site [www.thelearningbar.com](http://www.thelearningbar.com).  
For more information, please contact the school with your questions.

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### *Division Update: Grade 1- 3 Literacy and Numeracy Re-assessments*

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#### **Literacy and Numeracy Reassessments for Grades 1-3**

Some students in Grades 1-3 who have been receiving intervention support in literacy and/or numeracy will be reassessed on one or more [provincial assessments](#) in late May to early June.

Please note:

1. **Not all students** will be reassessed.
2. **Kindergarten students** are not required to be reassessed.
3. Final data will be returned to RVS in August; your child's next-year teacher will have access to the information to make informed decisions about intervention supports needed.

Thank you for your understanding and support in our ongoing commitment to support student learning. If you are unsure if your child is being reassessed please reach out to their teacher.

Read more about [understanding provincial and divisional assessments on the RVS website](#).

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### *Division Update: Numeracy and Literacy Interventions*

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#### **Assessment at RVS: Numeracy and Literacy Interventions**

Rocky View Schools is sharing a series of articles on the division website regarding assessments: the process of gathering data about student learning. This information is intended to help provide greater insight into why and when assessments are done and encourage ongoing communication between teachers and families to support student success.

Read the second article in our series this month, [covering numeracy and literacy interventions at RVS](#). Our earlier article, [Understanding Provincial and Divisional Assessments](#), is also available on our website.

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### *Division Update: Transportation*

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#### **Register Now to Save on Transportation Fees**

Rocky View Schools (RVS) has opened transportation registration for the 2025/26 school year through SchoolEngage. Parents/guardians are encouraged to register by June 30 to receive a \$40 discount or by Aug. 1 to ensure bus service for the first day of school.

In response to rising costs, transportation fees have increased for the coming school year. A list of fees is available on the [RVS website](#). Families are encouraged to take advantage of the early registration discount to offset some of the transportation cost. Eligible families may also apply to have their transportation fees waived by completing a Transportation Fee Waiver.

The June 30 early registration discount of \$40 is extended to each of the first two Kindergarten – Grade 12 students in a family, with additional students receiving \$20 off if registering early. A minimum payment of 50 per cent is due at registration. Bus service may be cancelled up until Oct. 31 to receive a full refund for all fees paid.

Families are urged to register as soon as possible for transportation to ensure a smooth start to the fall. To guarantee service for the first day of school, registration must be received before Aug. 1. Students registered after this deadline may experience delays of two to three weeks before they can ride the bus.

A step-by-step guide to registration, fee information and more is available on the [Transportation section](#) of the RVS website.

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### *Reminder: Volunteer Tea – May 28th*

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If you forgot to [RSVP](#) to our Volunteer Tea invite, please don't hesitate, click on the link below and do so now! We understand life gets busy and we want to celebrate as many of you as possible! 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. We cannot thank our volunteers enough!





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### *Reminder: Friends of Fireside Casino*

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#### **Friday, June 6th and Saturday, June 7th - - Located at Ace Casino Blackfoot**

- For everyone that has volunteered for the Casino already, THANK YOU!
- All volunteers, if you have not already, you will be receiving an email with your assigned shift and position.
- We are thrilled to announce our upcoming Friends of Fireside Casino, another important fundraiser in support of the greenhouse project.
- 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!

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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#>



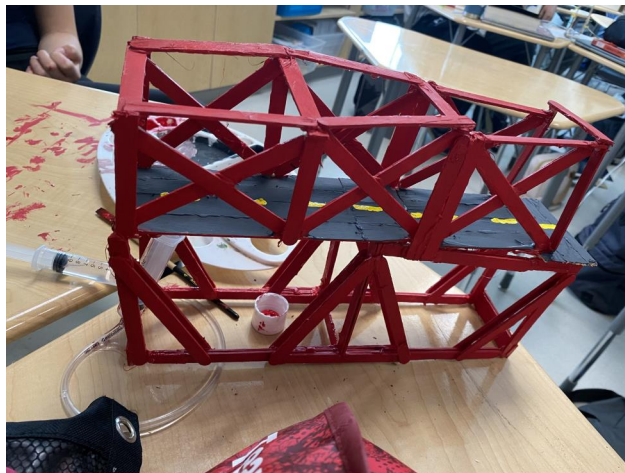
*3 - Grade 2s working with robotics*





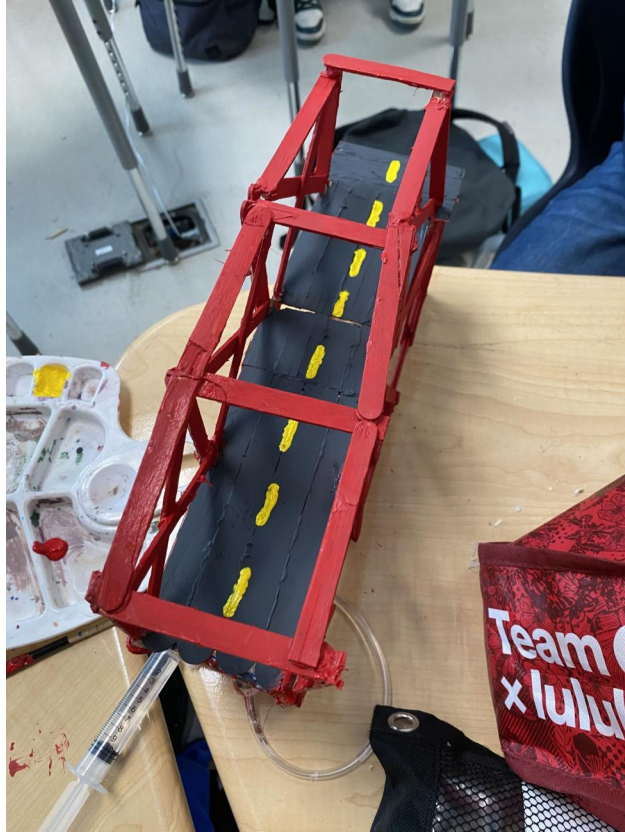


4 - Grade 8s - Creating 3D mini towns in geometry



5 - Grade 8s - Working on hydraulic lifts

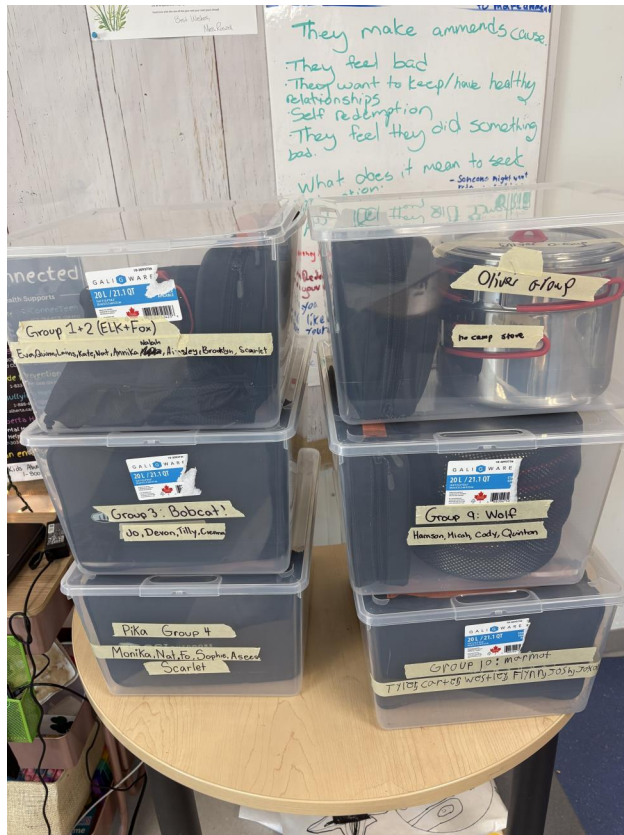




*6 - Grade 7 and 8 Option Classes*



*7 - Foods Class*

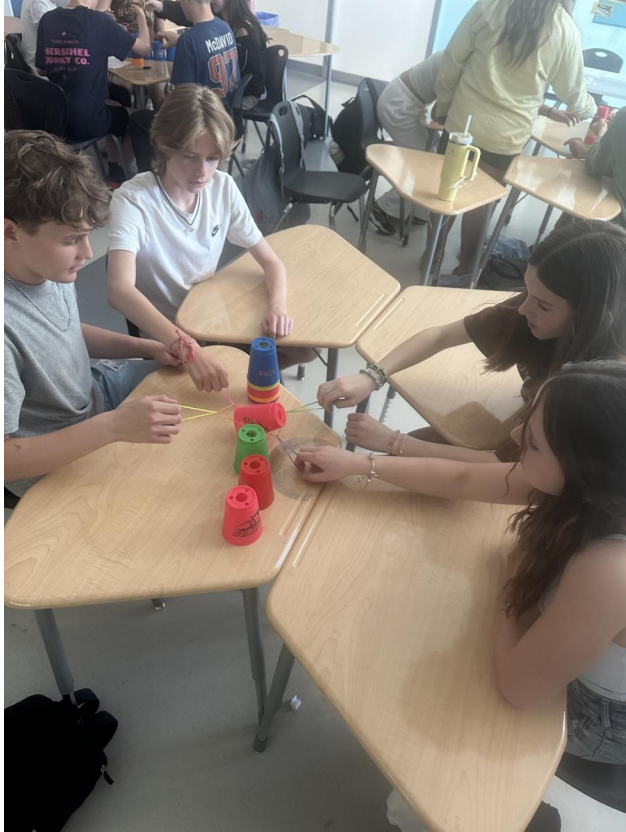


8 - Outdoor Ed is starting to prepare their camp kitchens for their overnight trip



*9 - Grade 7 and 8 Outdoor Ed work on collaboration and communication skills*







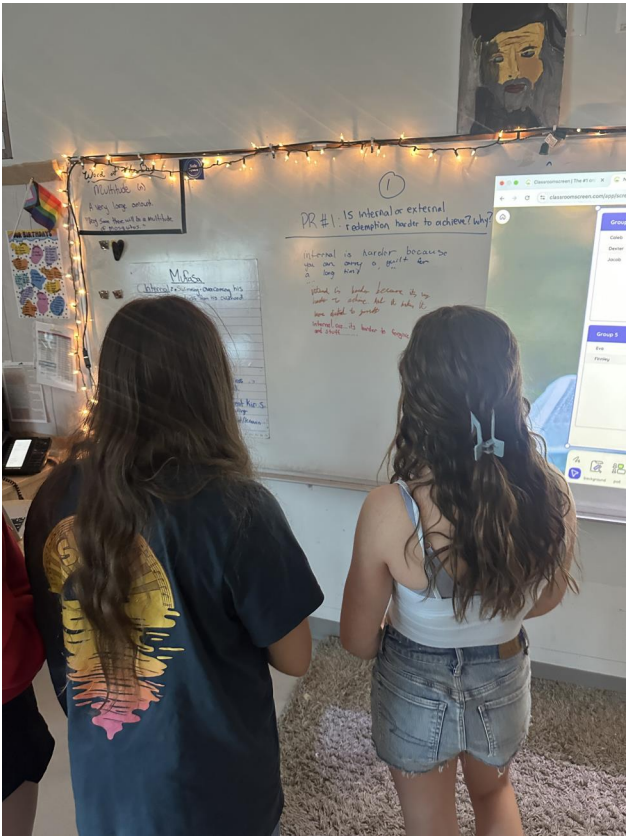
*10 - Hats on for Mental Health*



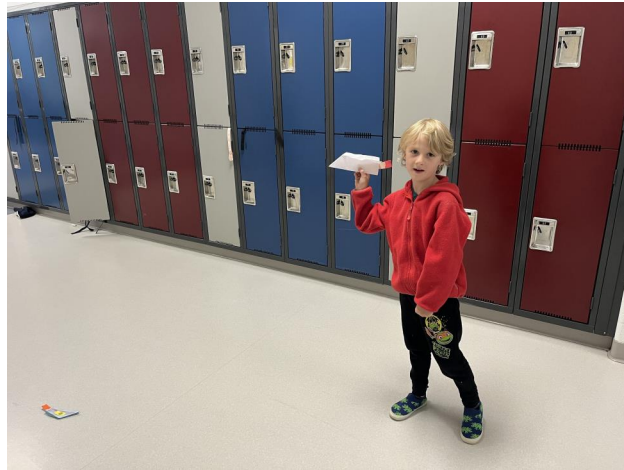
11 - Grade 8s engaged in probability experiments and games



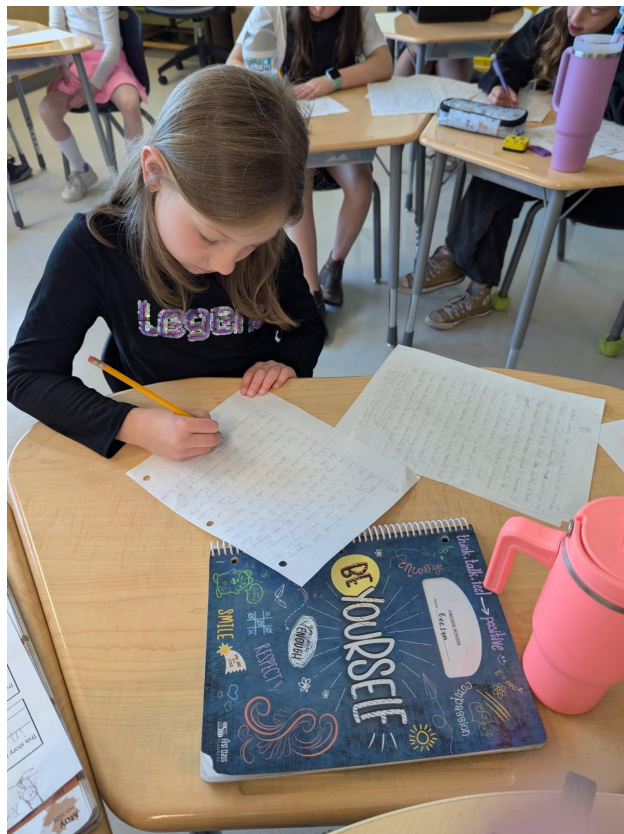




12 - Grade 8s engage in ELA building thinking classrooms on essay prompts

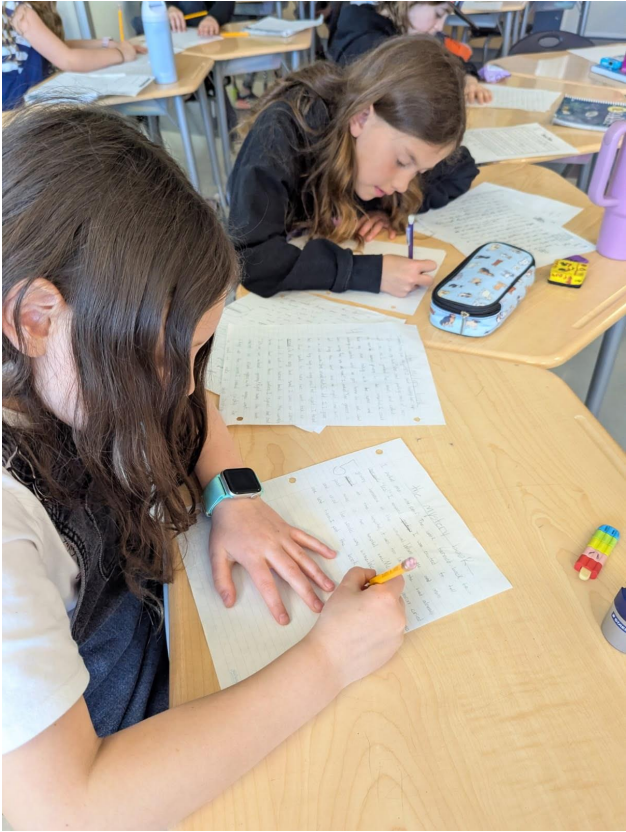


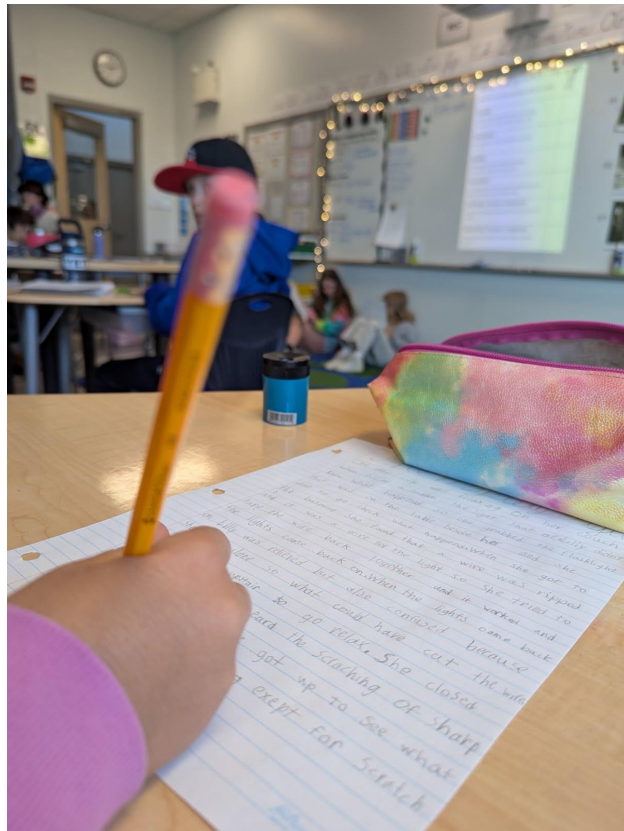
13 - Kinders working on airplanes



14 - Grade 4s hard at work on story writing







15 - Grade 8 Creative writing video game pitches



*16 - Here come the portables!*





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