

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



## Fireside Focus – May 23

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### *Upcoming Dates*

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### [School Calendar](#)

- Tuesday, May 27 – NEW DATE - Grade 1 Cochrane Rancho House Field Trip

- Tuesday, May 27 – Grade 7 Track & Field Zone Championships
- Tuesday, May 27 – Outdoor Leadership Field Trip to West Bragg Creek
- Wednesday, May 28 – Grade 6 English Language Arts Provincial Achievement Test Part A
- Wednesday, May 28 – Volunteer Appreciation Tea (11:30 am)
- Friday, May 30 – Grade 6 SLS Centre Field Trip
- Tuesday, June 3 & Wednesday, June 4 – Grade 4 Field Trip to Glenbow Ranch PP
- Wednesday, June 4 – School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Wednesday, June 11 – Pancake Breakfast for Students, courtesy of Calgary Stampede (8:45 am)

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

It's a rare occurrence to see a new student join Fireside and have nearly the whole school talking about them, excited to meet the newest addition, and buzzing with excitement. But this young student made quite a stir in our classrooms throughout the school this week. Meet Peaches, the newest addition to Mr. Shaun's Kindergarten classes. Peaches is learning how to become a Therapy & Support Dog like her big brother, Solo. She's getting very comfortable with having kids around, and as you can see, is one of the more "chill" classmates in a room full of energetic 5-year-olds. We're thrilled to have her join the student body and look forward to seeing her growth (very literally... she's going to be huge!) over the coming years.

The short week was also punctuated by a grade 7 trip to the Calgary Zoo, the Grade 8 Track Meet, and lots of preparation in Grade 6 for the first of their Provincial Achievement Tests next week. Work on the new portables is well under way. This was one of the most complex modular additions ever in RVS. A section of sewer line had to be rerouted, which explains why it took so long and had as big a hole as it did. For the construction-curious kids, it was a neat experience to see all that work up close.



The Transportation Department is encouraging families to register early for next year's school bus, offering a discount for those who do. See below for more information. We also have our annual Volunteer Tea coming next week to celebrate many of you who have donated your valuable time to support kids here in the school. And speaking of volunteers, we've added a request from our student leadership team. Please check it out below.

Finally, today we celebrated our SOAR award winners. It is so hard to pick just one or two students per class to receive this each month as all our students work so hard to demonstrate Respectful, Responsible and Safe behaviours. Please see the pictures from the assembly; the teachers had some fun, the students had some fun and those in attendance received their certificates!

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

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### *Volunteer Opportunities - - Carnival and Leadership*

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- **LEADERSHIP** - - Our student leadership class is heading to Hawthorne here in Cochrane to host their second afternoon tea & games for residents as part of our community involvement part of our leadership program. We are looking for 1-2 parents that are available from 12:30-2:00pm on Tuesday June 10th to walk with us to and from Hawthorne. If available, please email Mrs. Pyle at [bpyle@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:bpyle@rockyview.ab.ca)
- **CARNIVAL** - - Calling all volunteers to join our staff and students for a day of fun on June 25th. We are looking for 40 volunteers to lead stations and celebrate the last day of the school year with us. All volunteers must have a current police check on file with the school office. If you are interested in volunteering, please complete the volunteer Google form <https://forms.gle/1kYNDF7ASWZwwXP6> and Erin Carriere will be in contact with you about the specific details of the day. Thank you in advance for taking the time to volunteer!

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### *Reminder: 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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### *Reminder: Transportation Registration*

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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: 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!



*1 - Outdoor Ed students prepare for their camping trip with some tent practice.*



*2 - Grade 2s donate cat toys to the Cochrane Humane Society*





*3 - Student Leadership does some tree planting at Mitford Pond*











*4 - Grade 7s were a little damp at the Zoo*





5 - Coordination challenges in the Rec Fitness option



6 - SOAR Assembly Fun





















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