

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – May 30

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Upcoming Dates

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- Tuesday, June 3 & Wednesday, June 4 – Grade 4 Field Trip to Glenbow Ranch PP
- Tuesday, June 3 – Leadership Students - Field Trip to Banded Peak

- Wednesday, June 4 – Grade 6 Band - Field Trip to Studio Bell
- Wednesday, June 4 – Safety Patrol - Field Trip to Heritage Park
- Wednesday, June 4 – Kindergarten Open House - 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Wednesday, June 4 – School Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings
- Thursday, June 5 – Grade 7/8 Band - Field Trip to Studio Bell
- Wednesday, June 11 – Pancake Breakfast for Students, courtesy of Calgary Stampede (8:45 am)
- Thursday, June 12 – Grade 6 English Language Arts and Literature PAT Part B (9:00 am)
- Thursday, June 12 & Friday, June 13 – Outdoor Leadership overnight camping trip
- Friday, June 13 – Grade 2 - Field Trip to Heritage Park
- Friday, June 13 – Grade 6 Math PAT Part A (9:00 am)
- Tuesday, June 17 – Grade 6 Math PAT Part B (9:00 am)
- Tuesday, June 17 – Grade 3 & 3/4 - Field Trip to Zoo
- Friday, June 20 – Grades 5-8

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Friends and Families,

June is on the doorstep, and the countdown to summer is officially on. It's 18 more school days until summer! Teachers have already begun working on report card comments and cajoling students to finish assignments in time to grade them before deadlines arrive. The learning isn't over yet, but the energy levels are certainly trending upwards, especially with the outstanding weather.

Our biggest highlight of the week was having Chantal Chagnon join us to introduce us to Indigenous drumming. She is a remarkable story teller and has such a gift to adapt her lessons to match the age group; it didn't matter if you were in Kindergarten or Grade 8, she was able to hook you into her stories and had everyone participating in her lessons. This week about half of our classes had at least one period with Chantal, with most having two. Next week, the other half of our classes will have their time with her. We cannot thank Chantal enough for bringing her teachings to Fireside!

We also had a great time at our volunteer tea, welcoming plenty of guests who helped out in the school the year. Whether it was supervising a field trip, helping out in the classroom, delivering fun lunches, attending parent council, or half a dozen other supportive roles our volunteers played, we were happy to have many of them celebrated this week. In addition to being served a wonderful lunch, they got to see some lovely presentations and artful decorations.

Lastly, we'd like to share that our front office staff will look a little bit different next year. Mr. Ness, Assistant Principal for Grades 5-8, will be heading across the river to join Cochrane High School as their new Assistant Principal. We're sad to see him leave but excited to welcome Breanna Baxter from Glenbow Elementary, who will join Mr. Banderk and Mrs. Reade on the administration team. Kirsty will take over the 5-8 team, and Breanna will join the K-4 group. We'd like to wish Mr. Ness all the best in his new role at CHS next year.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, K-4)

Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, 5-8)

Yearbook Orders

Yearbook ordering is now available. Orders need to be in by June 30th, 2025. Use the QR code in the photo, or use the [link](#) to complete your order.

Fireside School YEARBOOK

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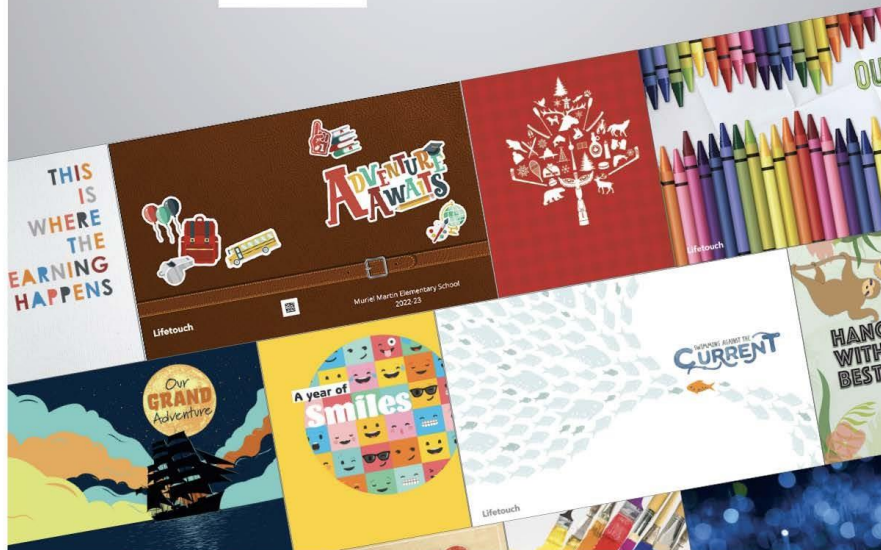
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Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities - - Carnival and Leadership

- **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

- **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/1kYNDF7ASWZwwXPs6> 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!

Reminder: OurSCHOOL Parent Survey: We Need Your Feedback

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.

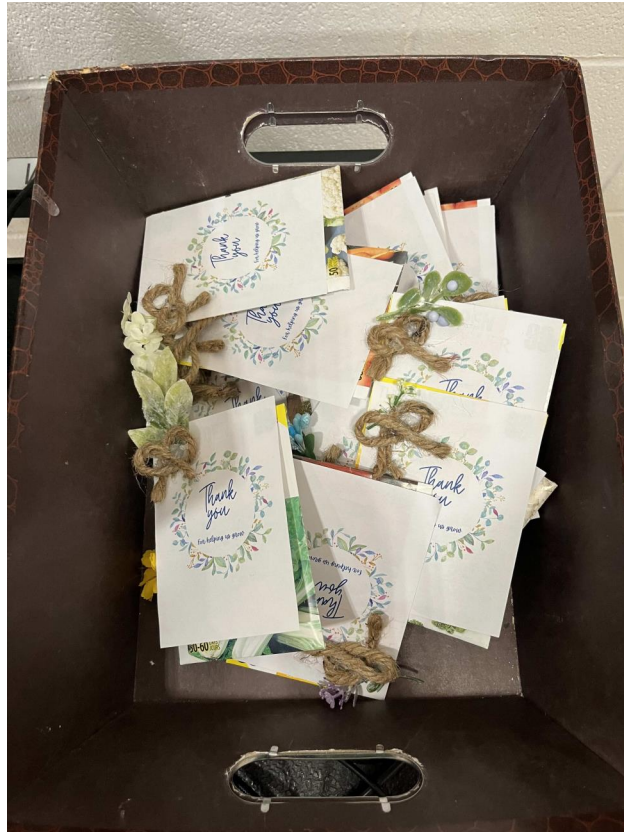
This Survey gives you the chance to provide your feedback about our school anonymously. It's of course voluntary, but we'd appreciate your participation so we get a better understanding of how you feel about important aspects of the school, such as student learning, a safe and inclusive environment,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

For more information, please contact the school with your questions.



1 - Volunteer Tea







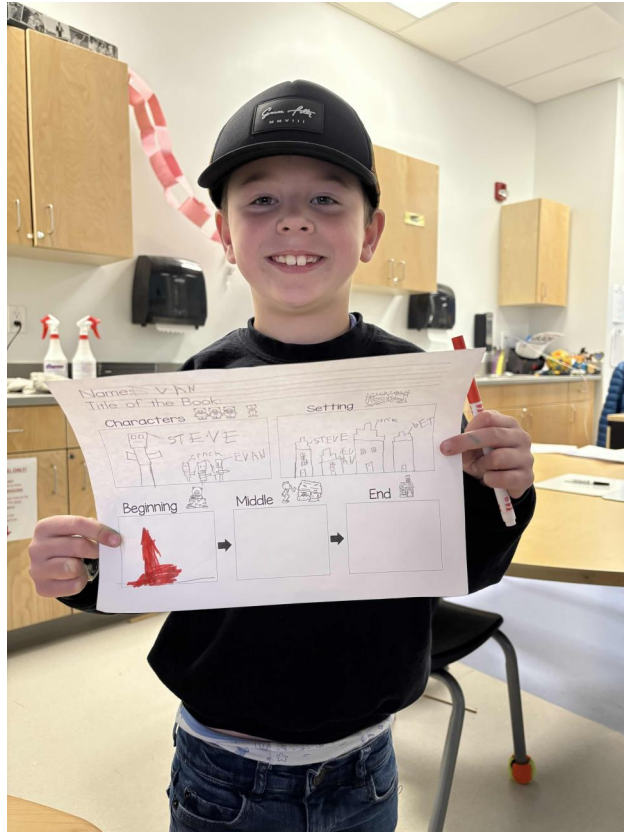
2 - Our performers at the Volunteer Tea



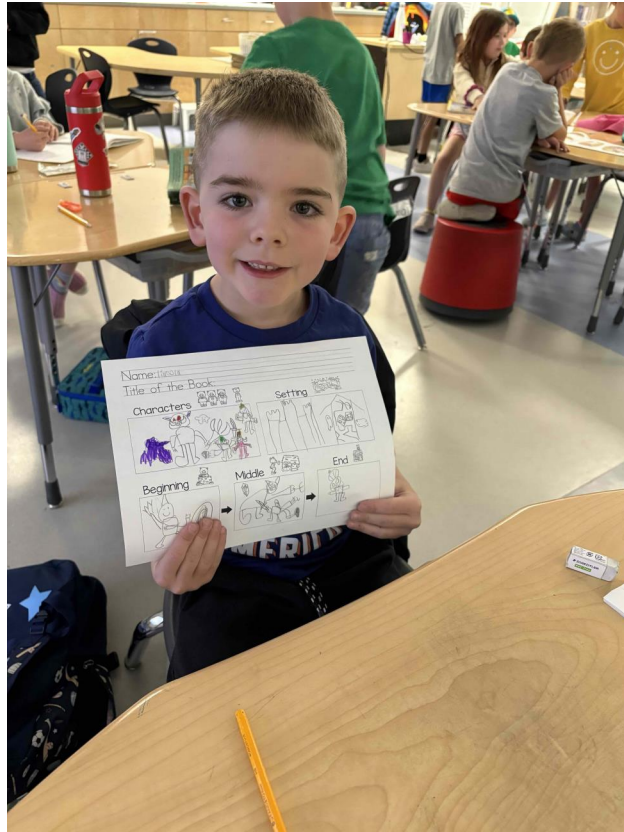




3 - Leadership students helping with the volunteer tea

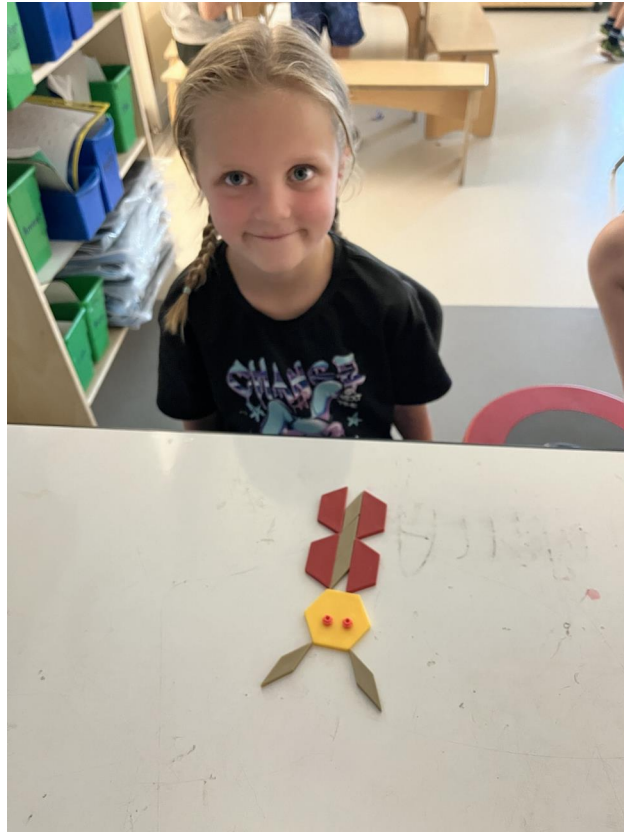


4 - Grade 1 Working on their story writing



A photograph showing three children engaged in a craft project at a wooden table. The child on the left, a girl with brown hair in a blue t-shirt, is focused on her work. The child in the middle, a girl with blonde hair in a grey t-shirt, is looking at a pink flower. The child on the right, a girl with long brown hair in a floral dress, is also working. They are surrounded by various natural materials: wood slices, dried yellow flowers, greenery, and a sign that says "bge". There are also some small containers and tools on the table. In the background, there are shelves with books and a colorful storage unit.





6 - Chantal Chagnon has joined us to share her stories and introduce us to Indigenous drumming!





7 - Our outdoor education class hiked at West Bragg Creek.







8 - Grade 4 speeches





9 - Active Living Day for the 6s at the SLS Center











10 - Kinders and Grade 8 buddies do gym together.



11 - "Mayoral" Elections in Grade 6



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