

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



## Fireside Focus – September 5, 2025

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*Upcoming Dates*

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- Wednesday, September 10th - - School Council Meeting 6:30, Friends of Fireside Meeting 7:30
- Friday, September 19th - - Photo Day - - Individual photos only
- Thursday, September 25th - - Terry Fox Run
- Monday, September 29th - - No School for Students - - Professional Learning Day
- Tuesday, September 30th - - No School - - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Wednesday, October 1st - - Orange Shirt Day

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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Families,

Our week got off to a great start with our staggered entry days! Students had the chance to meet their new teachers and classmates and get comfortable in their new classroom spaces before Thursday, when all 900+ students were back in the building. There were plenty of happy smiles (and a few tired ones too) along with lots of excitement. We were so glad to welcome everyone back!

Even with a couple of days of indoor recess and the adjustment to new entry doors, the week went smoothly. Funny how things can feel brand new at first but then quickly settle into an easy rhythm, especially for those who have been at Fireside for a few years already. It was wonderful to see familiar faces helping new staff and students find their way and showing what it means to be a Hawk!

We hope enjoy a great weekend and we will see you all back on Monday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Breanna Baxter (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)

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*PowerSchool Updates Needed*

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We want to take the time to remind families to go into your PowerSchool Portal and ensure all forms and information are updated. Please use the link to [RVS PowerSchool](#) if you need support with accessing your account.

Annual Authorizations and Re-enrolment Verification forms are **due by September 8th**.

- Annual Authorization and Re-enrolment verification forms have been assigned in SchoolEngage. To access School Engage, log in to your PowerSchool Parent Portal, expand the menu on the left hand side, and at the bottom of the Navigation menu along the left side, select School Engage. It will say you have incomplete forms. When switching to subsequent children, you may have to select Exit to Main PS Site to get back to that home screen.

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### *Staggered Bus Departure*

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As was done in previous years, we will continue to load bus students in two waves at the end of the day.

- The first wave of buses include numbers 14, 15, 26, 172, 174, & 195 which will load immediately after school. These buses will depart at 2:30 pm.
- The second wave of buses are numbers 221, 227, 258, & 283. These buses pull in after the first wave has departed. We ask that students waiting for second round busses remain on the grassy areas near the bus lane, until their bus arrives.

This year any students riding the BGC bus will meet in the learning commons and check in with Mrs. Erika. She will walk students to the BGC bus.



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### *Terry Fox Run*

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On Thursday, September 25th, from 1:00–2:00 p.m (weather permitting), the Fireside School community will come together for our annual Terry Fox Run.

This year, we are especially excited to welcome Fireside families to participate. We warmly invite you to come join, whether by walking, running alongside the students, or cheering them on from the sidelines. Your presence makes the event even more meaningful and creates a wonderful sense of community as we carry on Terry's legacy together.

Donations to support this important cause can be made through our school's fundraising page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/FiresideSchool> A reminder that no cash donations will be accepted.



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### *Grade 7&8 Band Opportunity*

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Unfortunately this year we were not able to run a full band option due to a lack of registrations, but we are excited to offer a Band option in block one on Wednesdays. Students that are interested would miss their regular scheduled class in order to attend, with the expectation that they would be responsible for catching up on any missed work.

Depending on the number of students interested, Mr.Chung will flex the experience to match the interest (for example, running it as a Jazz Band versus a Full Band). If your student is interested, please have them pick up a permission form from their classroom teacher, Mr.Chung or at the office. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr.Chung ([achung@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:achung@rockyview.ab.ca)) or Mr.Banderk ([dbanderk@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:dbanderk@rockyview.ab.ca)).



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### *Volunteer Opportunities*

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Last year we had so many family members come into the school, join on field trips, helped to plan activities etc. so our students could have the best experiences throughout the year. Without volunteers, so many ideas become impossible. This year we will continue to post opportunities here, but please, also feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you interested in helping in the classroom once in a year, a few times, or on a weekly basis!

Teachers will always reach out separately for specific volunteer opportunities such as field trips, but if they are short volunteers, we will post those here too, and anyone with a police clearance can help out, so please feel comfortable to jump on any opportunities that will bring you joy!



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### *Photo Gallery*

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*1 - Mrs.Hall's Kinders, exploring and playing!*









2 - One of Mrs.Stark's pups was more happy to be back then the other...good thing they rotate days!





3 - The energy in the gym this week was unreal during cooperative games!



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