

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



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### *Upcoming Dates*

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- Friday, September 19th - - Photo Day - - Individual photos only
- Friday, September 19th - - Outdoor Leadership to Bowness Park
- Wednesday, September 24th -- Healthy Hunger Lunch -- Mucho Burrito
- Thursday, September 25th - - Terry Fox Run
- Friday, September 26th - - Orange Shirt Day
- Friday, September 26th - - SOAR Assemblies
- Monday, September 29th - - No School for Students - - Professional Learning Day
- Tuesday, September 30th - - No School - - National Day for Truth and Reconciliation
- Wednesday, October 1st - - Junior 'A' Boys Volleyball Seeding Tournament
- Wednesday, October 1st - - School Council Meeting 6:30, Friends of Fireside Meeting 7:30
- Thursday, October 2nd - - Junior 'A' Girls Volleyball Seeding Tournament



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*From the Admin Desk*

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Hello Fireside Families,

We did it, one full week down and students are settling in nicely to all their new routines. All students demonstrated great audience behaviour at our welcome back assemblies on Monday, tolerating Mr. Banderk's singing of Baby Shark with grace! It has been great to watch so many positive behaviour tickets being passed out already. We had our first draw today from well over 200 hundred tickets being handed out during the week!

Middle school students had plenty of excitement this week as Term 1 option classes kicked off on Tuesday and Thursday, sparking buzz about the opportunities still to come in Terms 2 and 3. On top of that, volleyball tryouts are underway for our Grade 7 and 8 students, with teams to be finalized soon. The turnout has been excellent, and the enthusiasm for athletics is alive and well.

We also had a wonderful turnout for our School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings this past week! There was lots of excitement and interest in continuing Council's role to organize fun evening events for families.

We hope everyone enjoys a lovely weekend, and we look forward to seeing the kids back on Monday!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Breanna Baxter (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)

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### *Student and Parent Handbook*

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On our school website you will find many pieces of helpful information that guides us throughout our year, including our school calendar, RVS calendar, contact information, important links, etc. One important document that we encourage everyone to read is our [Student and Parent Handbook](#).

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### *Individual School Pictures*

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Shine up those pearly whites, wear the outfit that brings you joy, and practice your smile. Photo day is on Friday, September 19th! All students will have an individual photo taken (class photos are in the Spring). Information packages, including ordering information, will appear a couple weeks afterwards.



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### *Healthy Hunger - School Council*

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School council members have been hard at working setting up our Healthy Hunger lunches, and they are now available for purchase. Our first Healthy Hunger is Mucho Burrito on September 24th.

Meals can be ordered through the Healthy Hunger website: <https://healthyhunger.ca/index.php>.

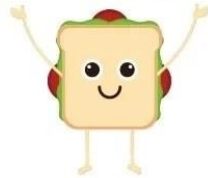
If you are able to volunteer on the 24th to help sort and distribute the meals, please sign up [HERE](#).



# FUN LUNCH!

in partnership with

## Healthy Hunger



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### *Literacy Corner*

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Mrs. Hall and Mr. Lofthouse are excited to bring you the "Literacy Corner" this year. Once per month they will be providing tips and strategies for families to try at home when working with their students in the area of reading. Every month will have a theme, so stay tuned for the first post on October 3rd!

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### *Reminder: 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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### *Reminder: 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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**Healthy Hunger Volunteers:** Please sign up [HERE](#) if you are able to come in for a few hours to help with sorting and distributing Healthy Hunger.

**Literacy Support:** Please email Leslie Hall if you are interested in coming into the school to read with our students. She will connect with you and find out your interest areas and what you are most comfortable doing. Email: [lahall@rockyview.ab.ca](mailto:lahall@rockyview.ab.ca)



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### *Friends of Fireside*

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We are thrilled to share that our June casino fundraiser was a tremendous success! Thanks to the incredible dedication of our volunteers, we raised \$61,806.16! These funds will directly support initiatives and opportunities that benefit the Fireside School community.

Upcoming Events:

Halloween Dance – October 24

Mark your calendars! Details will be shared soon, but you can look forward to an evening of fun and community spirit.

Connection in Colour Fundraiser – November

A great way to support our school while adding some colour to your world. More information to come.

Our next Friends of Fireside meeting will be held on October 1 at 7:30pm. We welcome all parents and guardians—new faces are always appreciated. Your involvement makes a difference!

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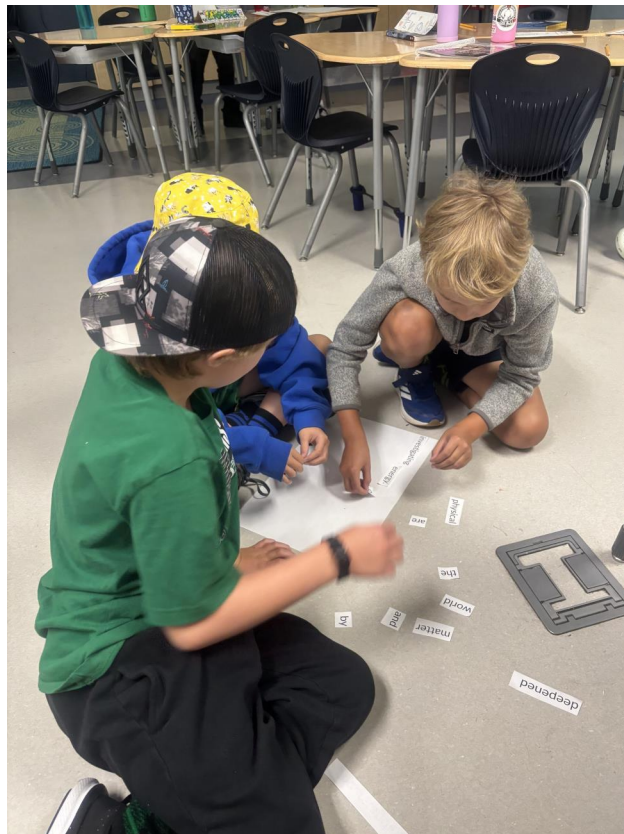
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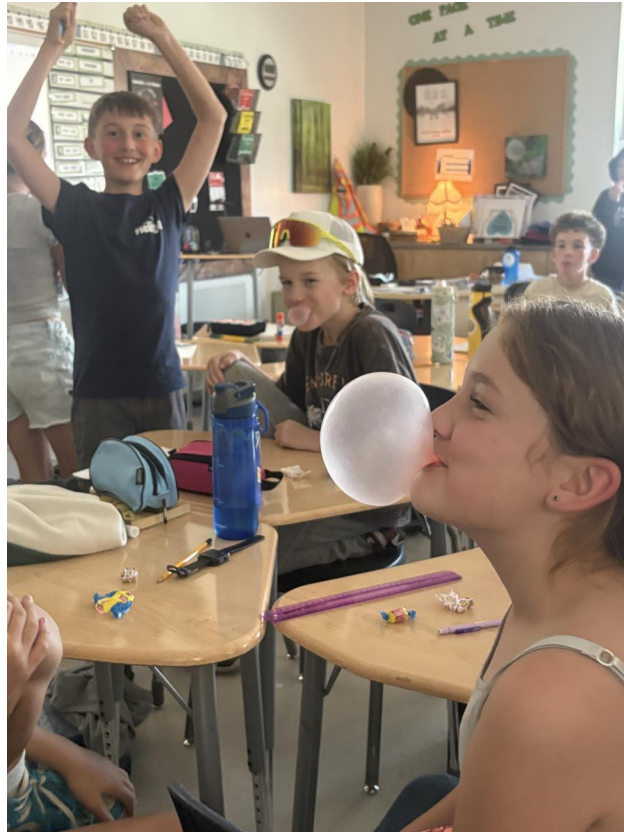
### *Photo Gallery*

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*1 - Grade 4 students collaborating in Science!*





*2 - Grade 6 students having a blast in their bubble gum lab!*







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