

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – September 19, 2025

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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, September 24th -- Healthy Hunger Lunch -- Mucho Burrito
- Thursday, September 25th - - Terry Fox Run
- Friday, September 26th -- Orange Shirt Day
- Monday, September 29th - - No School for Students - - Professional Learning Day (PL 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
- Monday, October 13th -- No School -- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, October 20th -- No School for Students -- Professional Learning Day
- Friday, October 24th - - Halloween Dance



From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families,

Today was one of those days that truly reminds us how special it is to work in a building full of children. The atmosphere was filled with energy and joy as students arrived dressed to impress, ready to share their smiles for the camera. The hallways were filled with enthusiasm, and it was impossible not to be uplifted by the contagious spirit of our students.

This week, we conducted our second fire drill of the school year. Students practiced a full evacuation with the alarm sounding, and we were impressed by how calmly and responsibly they followed the procedures. These drills are an important part of ensuring the safety of everyone in our building, and we will continue to revisit them throughout the year to help students feel confident in emergency situations.

We hope you enjoy a restful weekend with your families 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)

Yearbooks

Thank you to everyone that purchased yearbooks for the 2024-2025 school year. If your student still attends Fireside, classroom teachers have handed out the yearbooks to your children. If your student now attends Bow Valley, their yearbooks were sent over to the high school to be handed out. Finally, if your student now attends another Rocky View School, we used our internal mail system to get their yearbooks to them. If you purchased a book, and did not receive it, please email the office (fireside@rockyview.ab.ca) with your information we will connect with you as soon as possible.

Orange Shirt Day

On Friday, September 26th we invite all of our students and staff to wear orange shirts as we honour the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. Classrooms will engage in learning about the significance of this day, whether it be through teachings on kindness, belonging and culture with our younger students or through exploring the history and legacy of residential schools with our older students. As staff, we will engage and reflect in our own learning on Monday, September 29th during our PL Day.



Reminder: Student and Parent Handbook

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](#).

Reminder: Healthy Hunger - School Council

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!
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Reminder: Terry Fox Run

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.



Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities

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



Reminder: Halloween Dance - Friends of Fireside

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming **Halloween Dance on October 24th**. Additional details will be provided soon, but families can anticipate an enjoyable evening filled with community spirit.

*Volunteers needed for: decorating, set up and take down, coat check, small gym activities, front entry & more! Email - President@friendsoffireside.ca if you are willing and able to help!

This November, we invite you to participate in the Connection in Colour Fundraiser. This a wonderful opportunity to support our school. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks.

Our next Friends of Fireside meeting will be held on Wednesday October 1, at 7:30 p.m. We welcome all parents and guardians to attend. Your involvement and contributions play an important role in the success of our school community.

Stay Connected: For updates and event reminders, follow our social media accounts!

[Follow us on Instagram](#)

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Photo Gallery



1 - Grade 4s - Harvesting the community garden!









2 - Grade 2s - Working together to learn!



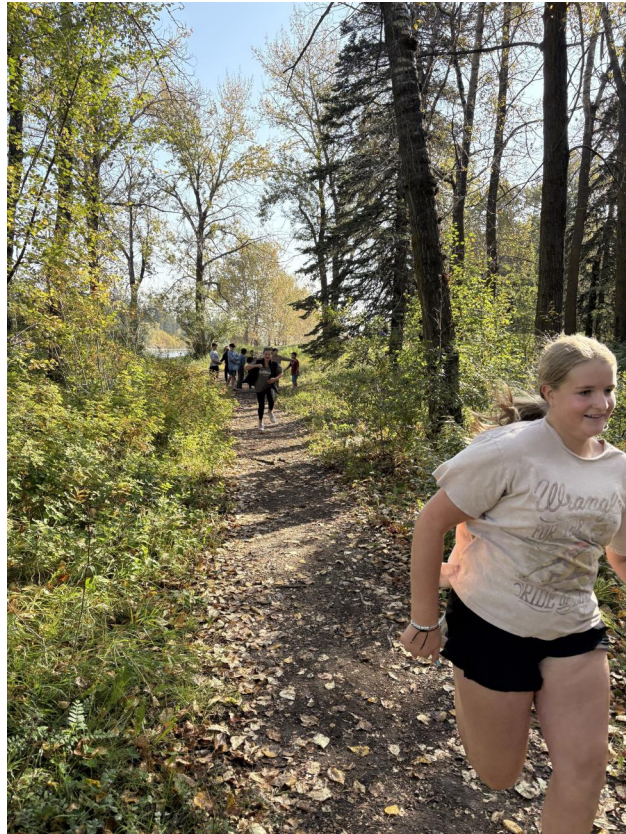
3 - Grade 7&8 Outdoor Education Option Class - Bowness Park!















4 - Grade 7s - Just being kids!







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