

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – September 26, 2025

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Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Thursday, October 9th - - Immunizations - Grade 6
- Monday, October 13th -- No School -- Thanksgiving Holiday
- Monday, October 20th -- No School for Students -- Professional Learning Day
- Tuesday, October 21st - - School Photo Retake Day
- Friday, October 24th - - Halloween Dance



From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families,

It's been a busy week here at Fireside, filled with events and learning opportunities that brought our school community together.

Throughout the week, our teachers thoughtfully embedded activities that highlighted the importance of Truth and Reconciliation. Many students enjoyed exploring our growing Indigenous book collection, and every class created a wooden art piece symbolizing "Every Child Matters." These pieces will be weatherproofed in the coming days and then added to the display along the fence by our outdoor play area on the north side of the school.

On Thursday, our students, staff, and families came out strong to participate in the Terry Fox Run. It was inspiring to see everyone honour Terry's legacy while contributing to such an important cause. The energy and participation truly reflected the strength of our school community.

We held our first SOAR Assemblies on Friday, where the SOAR awards were handed out. A special congratulations to our award recipients for September. We are so proud of how our students have demonstrated what it means to be Respectful, Responsible, and Safe, and we look forward to building on this strong foundation as the year continues.

Finally, our Junior 'A' Volleyball teams have been formed, are practicing hard, and are preparing for their seeding tournaments coming up next week. We wish you all the best as you represent Fireside with pride!

We wish everyone a wonderful long weekend and look forward to welcoming you back on Wednesday, October 1st!

Dave Banderk (Principal)

Breanna Baxter (Assistant Principal, Grades K-4)

Kirsty Reade (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8)

Terry Fox Run Donations

A big thank-you goes out to all the families who joined us for the run and to those who have generously made a donation. Together, we have already raised **\$1700** toward cancer research! Donations are still being accepted for this important cause and can be made through our school's fundraising page: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/FiresideSchool>

A reminder that no cash donations can be accepted.



School Emergency Program

The safety of our students and staff is always our top priority. To ensure that our school community is well-informed about emergency processes and procedures, attached is a parent guide outlining the emergency procedures followed in all Rocky View Schools. This guide explains the steps taken during various situations, such as fire drills, lockdowns, and evacuations, and provides important information for families to be aware of. We encourage you to take a few minutes to review the document so that you are familiar with the procedures we practice regularly at school.

[Parent Guide](#)

Reminder: 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.

Reminder: Volunteer Opportunities

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

Halloween Dance – October 24

Please mark your calendars for our upcoming Halloween Dance. Additional details will be provided soon, but families can anticipate an enjoyable evening filled with community spirit. Tickets will be for sale in the coming weeks. We encourage you to buy tickets early as we often sell out! Volunteers still needed for the Halloween Dance. Email - President@friendsoffireside.ca if you are willing and able to help!

Connection in Colour Fundraiser – November

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

Friends of Fireside Meeting

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!

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Photo Gallery



1 - It was a beautiful day for our Terry Fox Run. Mr. Chung had students out performing and music pumping as the community spent time connecting!



2 - Set up a band outside during recess and you draw in A LOT of kids!





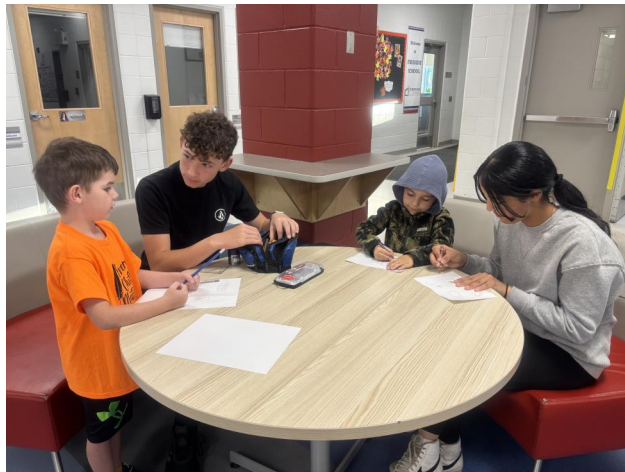












3 - Kindergarten & Grade 8 Buddies



4 - Grade 4 students collaborating in science.



5 - Honouring The National Day for Truth and Reconciliation! You could see orange everywhere!





6 - SOAR award recipients!





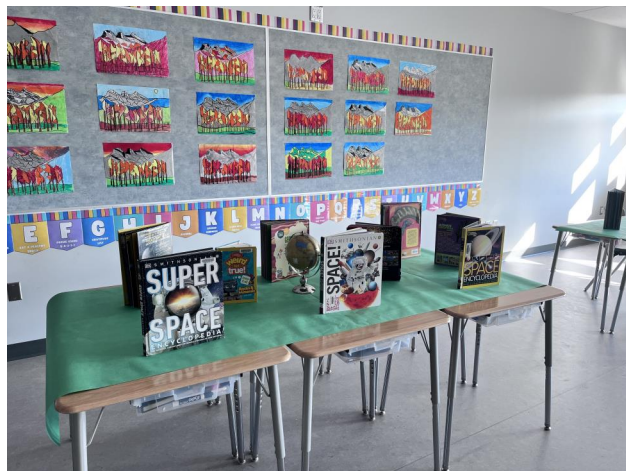
7 - A little family fun at the SOAR awards

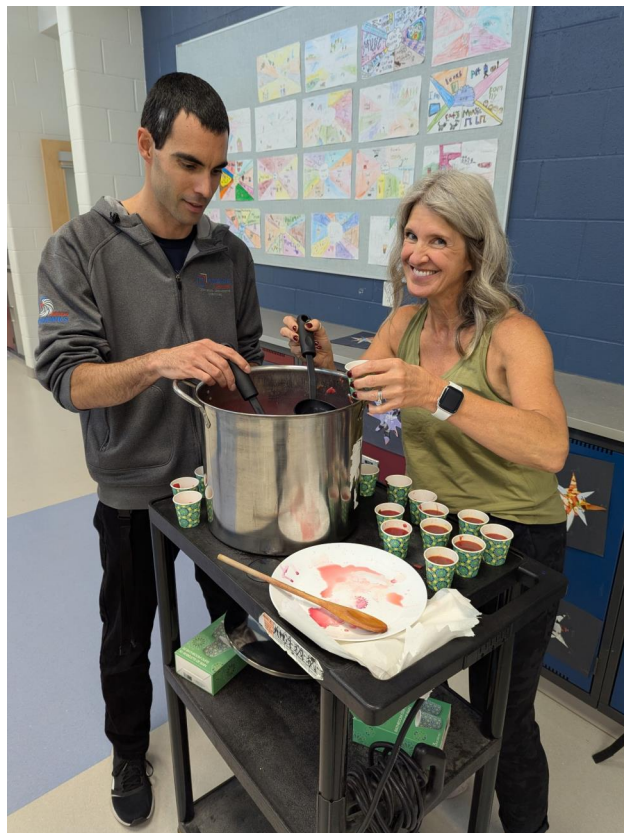
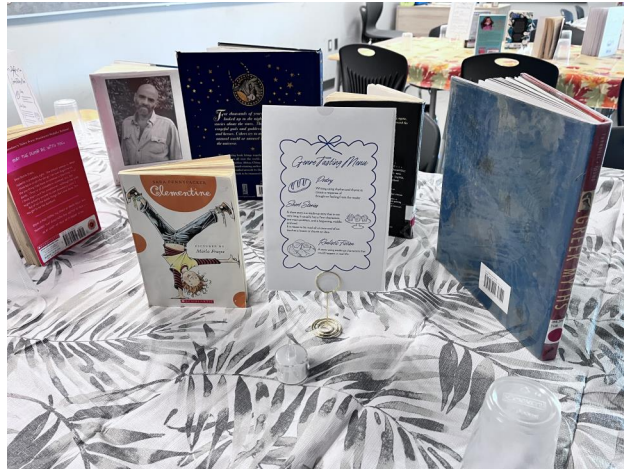


8 - Grade 2s captivated during their visit to Mr.Lofthouse in the Learning Commons



9 - Grade 5s attended a "Book Tasting" today where they explore all different genres of literature.





10 - The Grade 4 Community Harvest was made into soup this week for all to try!



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