

The Week Ahead ~ September 9 to September 16, 2022

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, Sept 12	7:00 pm	Friends of Fireside AGM (in person – see below)
Friday, Sept 16	12:50-1:30pm (new time)	Terry Fox School Run (see below)
Friday, Sept 30		National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (no school)
Wednesday, Oct 5	6:30 pm to 8:30 pm	School Council AGM (in person and online – see below)

Greetings Fireside families & friends! What a wonderful first week, including our Open House and BBQ on Thursday. It was great to have the building abuzz with families as they made their way around with their own personal tour guides to meet staff, see our school (some of you for the first time), and check out the displays. We hope you were also able to grab some BBQ & try our “Guess Who’s Reading Too?” literacy board.

Our school would like to send out special thanks to the Friends of Fireside, who volunteered their time at the BBQ, as well as to Safeway and M&M Meats for assisting us with acquiring the food and goodies for this event.

On Friday we were excited to watch a crane set a brand new modular classroom in place next to the rest of our portables. Phys Ed classes saw students playing cooperative team-building games. All grades re-engaged with learning, and .

Coming up next Monday, our amazing Friends of Fireside School fundraising team will host their Annual General Meeting in-person at Fireside School (see below). Additionally, the whole school will be participating in the Terry Fox Run (also see below). Wishing everyone a great weekend!



NEW: Terry Fox Run

We are excited to announce that our school will proudly take part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run. From **12:50 to 1:30 pm** on September 16th, our whole school and Holy Spirit School will be running or walking around the fields behind the school (including the ball diamonds). Students will watch a video about Terry Fox before the event to learn more about Terry Fox and his legacy.



**THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION**

We are encouraging all students to wear their Fireside shirts on Friday, as well as comfortable shoes for walking and running, as we come together in support of one of our Canadian Heroes, Terry Fox!

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school which can be fund at this link: <https://schools.terryfox.ca/16804>. We encourage students to donate a *Toonie for Terry* to continue his legacy by supporting cancer research. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause.

Let's "Try Like Terry" and build incredible school spirit during our annual Terry Fox Run!
Go Hawks Go!

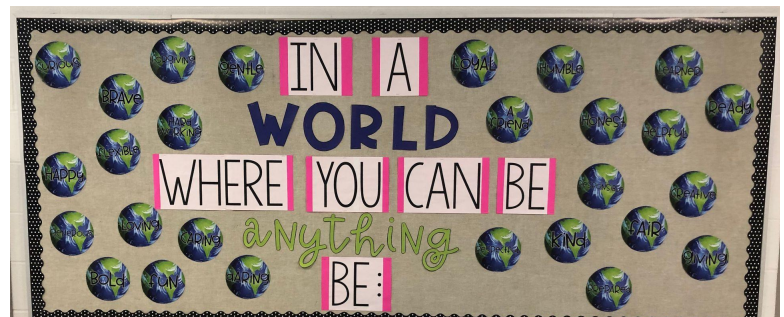
NEW: Friends of Fireside Annual General Meeting @ 7:00 pm September 12



Our amazing fundraising group Friends of Fireside (our fundraising society) will be hosting their Annual General Meeting at 7:00 pm next Friday, September 12. The meeting will be here at Fireside School. Everyone is welcome to attend. Voting will take place for the Board positions, including President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary, as well as for their Members-at-Large. There will also be a question and answer session. We hope to see you there!

NEW: School Council Needs YOU! Annual General Meeting @ 6:30 pm October 5

School Councils are a tremendously important piece of a school's operation. Their role is to serve as parent voices and advisors, and School Council meetings are forums where parents can have a direct role in shaping some of the direction and priorities for a school. So that's why we need you... parents interested in having a positive impact on school culture, direction, and future... to consider attending School Council meetings or even being a part of the Council's executive. Also... this year there will be donuts. So join us!



This year's Annual General Meeting is on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, starting at 6:30 pm. The meeting will be held at Fireside School; there will also be a Zoom meeting link provided for those who wish to attend but are not able to do so in person. All executive positions on the School Council are open and available to be filled (School Council Chair or Co-Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, and Treasurer). Whether these positions are of interest or not, having a robust parent presence at Council would be very valuable. Did we mention there will be donuts?

We will have further information in next week's *Focus* regarding positions and items to be included on the agenda. We hope to see you there!

NEW: Cochrane Family Resource Network Program

The Cochrane Family Resource Network with the Town of Cochrane is offering a free 6-week program called Triple P Fear-Less, which starts Monday, September 19 from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. This program supports parents to help children (ages 6-14) manage their anxiety.

For those who are not familiar with Triple P, it is an evidence-based positive parenting program out of Australia and one the Government of Alberta funds for all Resource Networks. The course is completely free and will run on Mondays for the 6-week period. Please see the poster at the end of this week's *Focus* for more information.

NEW: International Literacy Day

Thursday, September 8th was International Literacy Day. If you were at our Open House, you hopefully picked up some reading discussion tips and took a look at our "Guess Who's Reading?" wall down by our Literacy Centre. Love of Reading is a foundational cornerstone of Fireside School and we look forward to sharing reading tips with you in future *Fireside Focus* newsletters.

Here are a few initial ways to discuss the books your kids are reading with them by asking them to tell you: who their favourite character is and who that reminds them of; how the pictures match the story and what they see about the story in the picture; the top 3 things they learned from the book or what it is about in their own words; what they liked best or would have changed in the story; what subject they'd like to read about or what they'd like to read next; or who their favourite author is and why.

NEW: Welcome Ms. McKeown

Joining our teaching staff this week was Rachel McKeown. Ms. McKeown will be teaching some of the Grade 8 Math, a bit of Phys Ed and doing some additional numeracy intervention work with a few of our middle grades. Rachel taught high school math last year in Edmonton and has returned home as a native Cochraneite. Welcome Ms. McKeown!

NEW: SLSFSC Fall Programs

Spray Lakes Sawmills Family Sports Center asked us to let families know that their fall programs still have space available. Information can be found at... <https://www.slsfamilysportscentre.com/>

REMINDER: Grade 7 & 8 Option Changes

Students who wish to change their options for the term (or year) can make that request in the office no later than Friday, September 16th. Due to class sizes, we cannot guarantee that a requested change will be made. Additionally, students must continue to attend the original class they were assigned until they are given a new schedule by the office.

REMINDER: Allergy Awareness

Some members of our school community have identified having severe allergic reactions to the following scents and/or compounds:

- Fragrance (perfume, cologne, scented creams, body sprays, essential oils, etc.)
- Citrus (e.g. orange, lemon, lime, citrus scented sanitizer, etc.)
- Vanilla (e.g. body lotion, cream, perfume, sprays, sanitizer, etc.)
- Coconut (e.g. body lotion, cream, perfume, sanitizer, etc.)
- Floral Scents (e.g. body lotion, cream, perfume, sanitizer, etc.)
- Nuts (please note that we are a nut-aware school)

- When you come to Fireside School, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, body sprays, scented products, and essential oils or eating items such as nuts.
- **Please do not bring perfumes, colognes, or scented products (as per the above list) into our school.**
- **Please note that we are a Nut-Aware School**
- Thank you for your attention to and respect for this health concern and for helping us to keep everyone safe from allergic reactions this school year.



TRIPLE P FEAR-LESS GROUP

Mon, Sep 19 & 26; Oct 3, 17, 24 & 31 | 1:30-3pm

Cochrane & Area Family Resource Network | 127 First Ave W

This 6-week program supports parents to help children manage their anxiety more effectively. It is designed for parents with children aged 6 to 14 years who have moderate to high levels of anxiety that cause significant distress or impact on their everyday functioning.

REGISTER: www.cochrane.ca/programguide

