

The Week Ahead ~ October 21 to October 28, 2022

Date	Time	Event
Monday, Oct 31		Last Day of “Socktober” (see below)
Monday, Oct 31		Hallowe’en
Tuesday, Nov 1		Boys Volleyball Divisionals @ Rally Pointe
Thursday, Nov 3		Girls Volleyball Divisionals @ Rally Pointe
Friday, Nov 4		Grade 6 Volleyball Tournament (location TBA)
Monday, Nov 7	after school	Junior B Volleyball Begins (Gr 7/8)
Monday, Nov. 14		Professional Learning Day (No School)
Wednesday, Nov. 16		Grade 6 Immunizations
Wednesday, Nov, 16 & Thursday, Nov. 17	4:00 to 7:00 pm each day	3-Way Conferences & Tote-a-Coat (see below)

Greetings Fireside families & friends!

The pre-Halloween hum in the building was rather noticeable as the week wound down. This was likely due in part to the Halloween Dance on Friday. Friends of Fireside went all-out with decorations, music, a pumpkin raffle, candy jar guessing, and tuck shop. The atmosphere was awesome and the kids had a wonderful time.

The week was no less busy. Diwali celebrations, pumpkin carving, trash-to-treasure (grade 4s turning old T-shirts into shopping bags), “forest paint brush” art, dragon eye sculpture, displays of historical figures, ball hockey, volleyball tournaments, and snowmen were all part of the tapestry of activities that took place this week.

Next week is looking to bring more snow early on, so please don’t forget those warm clothes. And if you’re wondering what has happened to the warm clothes that seem to have gone missing... please come check the lost and found (or have your child do so).

Wishing everyone an enjoyable end-of-October weekend and a fun-filled Halloween.





In this week's edition:

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NEW: Grade 6, 7, 8 Board Game Club

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NEW: Costume Guideline Reminders

While costumes at Halloween are exciting, being a K-8 school means that we need to be mindful of our younger audiences, as well as sensitivities to horror and violent themes. As such, please ensure your children arrive at school with costumes that meet the following guidelines:

- no toy/pretend weaponry of any kind. Students bringing guns, swords, lightsabers, etc. will be instructed to put them away in their lockers or store them in the office for the day.
- no masks
- no excessive use of blood or gore

Additionally, inflatable suits are not advised. These tend to attract attention and often get popped, thus ruining the suit.

NEW: Parent Education Session: "Kids Have Stress Too"

Kids Have Stress Too! (KHST)
 Wednesdays November 9 and 23
 Fireside School
 7:00-8:30pm

Come join us for two informative evenings facilitated by our Child Development Advisor and Family Educator, Charlene Abrahams

This FREE program is for parents and caregivers of children Pre-K to Grade 5. The KHST program is a 2-session program, and it recommended that participants attend both sessions.

The Kids Have Stress Too! program is designed to help parents and caregivers become more aware of children's stress, and to help children cope with and develop effective ways of dealing with stress. Participants will be provided examples of activities and strategies that can be used to help children manage day-to-day struggles and stress and ease the transition from home to school.

Please contact Charlene Abrahams at cabrahams@rockyview.ab.ca or call 403-932-4863 ext. 7449 to register by November 7th.

NEW: Grade 6, 7, 8 Board Game Club...

... begins on Fridays next week at lunch/lunch recess. We have a club signup board at the front entrance and encourage board game aficionados to come try their luck.

REMINDER: Tote-a-Coat

Has your child outgrown their winter gear from last year? Are their boots too tight? Are their mitts too small? With the cooler weather fast approaching, we want to ensure that every Fireside Family is ready with warm winter woolies! Our Grade Twos will be hosting a **Tote-a-Coat Event** during 3-Way Conferences on November 16th & 17th.



Starting November 1st, our Grade Twos will be asking for donations of gently used winter coats, snow pants, hats, boots, mittens and scarves in all sizes. Collection boxes will be placed throughout the school. All items will be cleaned and put on display during our evening conferences. All families are welcome to browse the used items and find suitable outerwear for growing kiddos. Have size 5's but need size 6's? Feel free to swap. Just need size 6's? No problem! Help yourself.

There will be hot beverages to be enjoyed while browsing! Following our event, some of the remaining clothing will be used to create a small school 'winter woolies closet' for those days when something warm is needed but not on hand, and the rest will be donated to a local community charity.

If you have any items to donate before the launch on November 1, please leave them at the front office, and we will add them to the collection.

REMINDER: "It's Socktober!"

The Grade 2 classes have launched their "It's Socktober!" Event and they need the help of students and families!. This project will see Fireside School students collecting socks, hair elastics, disposable razors, combs, and mini-gloves to bring and put in the boxes located in the Learning Commons and Main Office. All items will be given to the Big Hill Haven Shelter. This event will run from Tuesday, October 11 through Monday, October 31. Let's all *Socktober* together!



REMINDER: Allergy Awareness

Some students and staff at Fireside School have nut or fragrance allergies. Therefore, Fireside is a nut-aware and scent-aware school. Please do not send items with nuts to school with students during the school day or to school events, such as tournaments. We also ask that students **not** wear perfume, cologne, essential oils, or other strongly scented products or sprays to school, including to school events such as tournaments, concerts, dances, et cetera. This request includes essential oils with strong scents.

Additionally, students should **not** bring perfume, cologne, or body spray products (e.g. Axe, Coconut, Orange) to school with them, including essential oils (e.g. coconut, orange, patchouli, etc.). We ask the same for parents, families, volunteers, or visitors who are entering the school at any time, whether it be to drop something off or to attend meetings, conferences, presentations, or tournaments, please.

Thank you for your attention to and respect for these health concerns: we want to keep everyone safe at Fireside!

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