

## The Weeks Ahead ~ January 20, 2022 to January 27, 2023

Friday, Jan 20		Junior A Basketball Tournaments Girls @ Fireside at 3:00 and 4:00 pm Boys @ Beiseker at 4:00 & 7:00 pm
Monday, Jan 23		Kindergarten Registration Opens (see below)
Tuesday, Jan 24		School Immunizations (see below)
Friday, Jan 27 to Monday, Feb 27		Fireside School Read-a-Thon
Monday, Jan 30		School Day for students (please note this change in the Rocky View Schools calendar)
Wednesday, Feb 1	5:00 to 6:00 pm	Kindergarten Information Session for Parents (see below; poster at the end)
Wednesday, Feb 1	6: 30 to 7:30 pm	School Council Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383    Passcode: 891360)
Wednesday, Feb 1	7:30 to 8:30 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (Meeting ID: 956 1746 1383    Passcode: 891360)
Friday, Feb 10		Professional Learning Day (no school for students)

Greetings Fireside Families & Friends!

We've continued to enjoy some mild winter weather, which has made our recesses, lacrosse games, forest visits and outdoor ed field trip on Thursday pretty wonderful. We're beginning some mid-year numeracy assessments in grade 1 to get a feel for their early counting and number skills. Early years literacy groupings are producing some very positive results. Parents can expect updates on reading proficiencies in PowerSchool by February 3rd. Our annual Read-A-Thon begins next week. Kids are excited to dig into some good books and get some pledge sheets filled out. Funds raised for Read-A-Thon will be used to further enhance our outdoor learning area.

Since December, our school as a whole has been working through positive behavior lessons aimed at promoting a positive school culture and safe, respectful, and responsible behaviors. This month, our lessons, discussions, and activities are centered on the language we use in school. Students will have the opportunity to share their thoughts on how words impact them, both positively and negatively. They'll work on positive affirmations and talk about strategies for addressing negative language with one another.

Wishing everyone a restful weekend!

Dave, Tara, & Jason  
Fireside Administration Team

**In this week's edition:**

**NEW: Immunizations**

**NEW: New Learning Assistant**

**UPDATE: Open Campus for Grade 8s**

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**NEW: Immunizations**

For those children with signed consent forms who have not yet received their immunizations, the health nurse has notified us that she will be in on Tuesday morning to continue with them. For additional information, please contact Cochrane Public Health at 403.851.6130.

**NEW: New Learning Assistant**

We would like to welcome Niki McLaren to our Learning Assistant team. Niki comes to us most recently from Rancheview School, and we're excited to have her supporting the learning needs of some of our older students. Welcome Ms. Niki!

**UPDATE: Open Campus Lunch Period for Grade 8 Students**

Each Wednesday starting on the 26th, Grade 8s will be able to leave campus over the 40 minute lunch period. Parents or guardians must provide a signed consent form in order for their children to be afforded this opportunity. Students will be expected to behave in a manner that is consistent with expectations in school and return prior to the end of lunch recess (12:50 pm).

**REMINDER: Kindergarten Registration**

Kindergarten registration for the 2023/24 school year will open for all schools in Rocky View Schools on Jan. 23<sup>rd</sup>. Alberta's standardized age of Kindergarten entry requires students to turn five years old by Dec. 31 of the school year they begin Kindergarten. This means children born between Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> and Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 can register for Kindergarten for the 2023/24 school year.

All new registrations for Kindergarten must be completed through [SchoolEngage](#), RVS' online registration system. During operational hours, schools will allow access to a computer and assist families who otherwise do not have access to a computer. Families can visit the RVS [Kindergarten registration webpage](#) for more information about Kindergarten registration.

### **REMINDER: Kindergarten Information Session**

Fireside School will be offering a Kindergarten information session for families on Wednesday, February 1st, from 5:00 - 6:00 pm. The session will cover a variety of topics that will give attendees a picture of what Kindergarten at Fireside is like. The session will include a short tour and a Q&A session. No registration is required.

### **REMINDER: Junior B & Grade 6 Basketball Starting – Coach Needed**

Fireside is looking for a coach for our Junior B Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball team. Practices will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays from Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> to March 23<sup>rd</sup>. Practices are from 2:30-3:30. The team will play in three Friday tournaments at schools around the division on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, March 10<sup>th</sup>, and March 24<sup>th</sup>. If there are any volunteers interested in helping with this program, please contact Mrs. Hamilton at mhamilton@rockyview.ab.ca.

Grade 6 Basketball will start the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>, and the tournament is on Friday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Interested students will get information letters by mid-February.

### **Contact Us!**

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## Kindergarten Information Session for Parents and Caregivers

### Topics Include:

- Why is Kindergarten important?
- Program offerings at Fireside
- Transportation
- Learning Supports

**Wednesday February 1, 2023.**

**5-6 pm (30min presentation and tour followed  
by Q&A session)**

Fireside School

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