

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 24th

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- **Wednesday, March 29th:** Healthy Hunger (Subway)
- **Wednesday, March 29th:** Class Photos
- **Friday, March 31st:** Grade 6 Basketball Tournaments
- **Tuesday, April 4th:** Spring Concert (see below)
- **Wednesday, April 5th:** School Council presents: Social Networking Safety presentation for parents (6:30 - 8:00 @ Holy Spirit School)
- **Friday, April 7th - Sunday, April 16th:** Spring Break (no classes)
- **Thursday, April 27th:** RVS Board Meeting - Powell Street School utilization decision (10:00 am - 12:00 pm, available on [Zoom](#))

From the Admin Desk



Greetings Families and Friends of Fireside,

It was a fantastic week at Fireside School, where the highlight was certainly our Read-a-Thon & SOAR Award assemblies. There was MUCH to celebrate. During Read-a-Thon, we read over 1.2 million minutes as a school and raised more than \$12,000. At the assembly, prizes and awards were presented to over 95 students! We also handed out dozens of SOAR awards to students who demonstrated incredible **S**pirit, **O**utstanding Character, **A**chievement, and **R**esponsibility. More than 150 students were celebrated for their incredible efforts in our school. Please see below a list of our generous sponsors.



Students are excited for next week, when we'll be rolling out a change to our positive behaviour ticket system in the school. Staff recognize positive student behaviours with a small ticket that students can use in a draw for a small prize at the end of the week. However, only a few students are drawn each

week, thus making the experience for many students somewhat unremarkable. Starting next week, however, students will now get to spin a small prize wheel when they earn a ticket. While most prizes will be a small token (e.g. a sticker or hand stamp), some will be more exciting, including fun experiences like recess in the gym with friends. We hope the fun of hearing the clacking of a prize wheel and the anticipation of might be won will make the positive behaviour ticket experience an even more memorable one. If anyone happens to have any small items or tokens they would like to donate to our prize pool, we would be happy to receive them.

Have a great weekend everyone!

Dave, Tara and Jason

Fireside Administration Team

Purdy's Fundraiser Done, Spring Dance Coming (Friends of Fireside)



From Friends of Fireside:

Our Purdy's Easter fundraiser is a wrap! Thank you for all the support to make this once again a success! We are happy to announce that we will be hosting our second school dance this year! Save the date on June 9th, 6 pm to 8 pm, for our lower grades Spring Dance!

Read-a-Thon Celebrations & Thanks to Sponsors

Super Draw prizes were presented on Tuesday to 25 students and staff members who had hit major benchmarks during Read-a-Thon, including reading every day. Community Partners include: Rebel Comics, Shredz Shop Cochrane, Fireside Subway, Fireside Dominos, author J. Never Pugh, the Holliday Collective, Military Museums (Calgary), and Found Books & Shop.

Draw prizes sponsored by business in our local community, awards for the top readers in each grade, and awards for classes who read the most minutes (K-4 Mr. Russell Grade 2 and 5-8 Mrs. Lawrence Grade 5) and the class with the most FUNdraising (Ms. Frost's Grade 1). Way to go, Hawks!

Some of our generous sponsors were on hand to present from The Friends of Fireside Society (Secretary-Treasurer Andrea Pinter), Cochrane Movie House (Fiona Gilbert), Tim Hortons (Asst. Mgr Zach MacDonald), and Found Books & Shop (Owner Julia Lutchman). Sponsors for the Celebration Assembly Prizes & Awards: The Friends of Fireside Society, Cochrane Movie House, Tim Hortons (Cochrane), Found Books & Shops, MacKay's Ice Cream, Fireside McDonald's, and the Sly Family. We are grateful for our community partners and community sponsors for their support of our students, school, and programs at Fireside School.



Lost & Found







Is your child missing a few winter clothes or a water bottle? Take a look at the slides to see if there is anything that needs claiming.

Reminder: Allergy Awareness and Reminders

We ask that anyone coming into Fireside School please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, body sprays, scented products, and essential oils, and please do not bring or send in items such as nuts.

- Please do not wear perfume, cologne, or scented products when coming to Fireside School
- Please do not bring perfumes, colognes, or scented products (as per the above list) into our school or spray them in the school: we are a scent-aware school.
- Please note that we are a Nut-Aware School; therefore, please do not bring products with nuts into the school

We thank you for your attention to and respect for these health concerns and for helping us to keep everyone safe from allergic reactions this school year.

Reminder: Submitting Pledged Funds for Read-a-Thon

At the end of Read-a-Thon, students turned in their pledge forms. The total pledged amounts have now been entered in each student's School Cash Online account and are ready for payment. If you already submitted pledges, these have already been updated. Pledged funds are submitted through [School Cash Online](#).

Reminder Paul Davis Presentation for Parents on Social Media and Internet Safety



In a joint collaboration arranged with Holy Spirit School, Paul Davis will be presenting to parents from both schools about Social Media and Online Safety. Paul is an internationally recognized expert on internet safety, cyberbullying, and children's use of social media. For Fireside School parents, this presentation will take place in lieu of our regular School Council meeting. The event will be held at Holy Spirit School on April 5, 2023 and starts at 6:30 pm.

Reminder: Fireside Spring Concert

It's only two-and-a-half weeks away! Fireside School is thrilled to invite parents and guardians to our second concert of the year: Pop & Magic – a colourful evening of memorable, popular tunes and Broadway-inspired performances. Join us on April 4th at 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm) for a dazzling display of performances by our grade 3s, 4s, and 5s. Please see the poster below for more information.

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