

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – April 21st

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Upcoming Dates

- **Thursday, April 27th:** RVS Board Meeting - Powell Street School utilization decision (10:00 am - 12:00 pm, available on [Zoom](#))
- **Thursday, April 27th:** Grade 7 Badminton Tournament

- **Saturday, April 29th:** Babysitting & Home Alone Courses
- **May 1st - 7th:** Mental Health Awareness Week (see below)
- **Wednesday, May 3rd:** Hats On for Mental Health Day (details to come)
- **Wednesday, May 3rd:** School Council Meeting – 6:30 - 7:30 pm ([Zoom Link](#))
- **Wednesday, May 3rd:** Friends of Fireside Meeting – 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm ([Zoom Link](#))

From the Admin Desk

Greetings Families and Friends of Fireside,

It was back to business this week after our week-long hiatus. Naturally, there was a bit of "post-break fog" on Monday. One of our Grade 2s commented, "I think I left some of my brain at my vacation. I can't think yet." But that certainly didn't last long, as we were running on all cylinders by Tuesday.

Congratulations to our Grade 8 badminton teams who represented themselves well at the RVS divisional tournament on Thursday. Mariel Manalaysay and Rylan Gelinias both made it into playoff rounds by finishing top 2 in each of their pools. Congratulations you two! Grade 7s will play next week.



The fluctuating weather has definitely impacted our outdoor spaces recently. As many of you know, there is a good deal of mud around the school. In spite of our Grounds and Maintenance Department's best efforts, we've not been able to keep some parts of our outdoor spaces dry. We'd like to ask parents (particularly in upper grades) to confirm with your children that they still have a pair of indoor shoes at the school. We'll be asking students to remove muddy footwear at entrance doors. If they don't have indoor shoes, they will (unfortunately) need to remain in sock feet. This may impact their ability to

participate fully in physical education. We appreciate your help and support of our caretaking staff who keep our school clean by ensuring there is indoor footwear at the school.



Last, we'd like to note that Assistant Principal Tara Sly will be on a short term leave through the remainder of April and May. In her absence, Sara Martin will move from her Grade 6 class to the office as Acting Assistant Principal. Mrs. Martin will be working with our K-4 students and families, while Mr. Ness will move over to support students and families in grades 5-8. We'd also like to welcome back Bev Copithorne to the school, who is covering Sara's class during this time.

Wishing everyone an excellent weekend!

The Fireside Administration Team

Dave, Tara, Jason & Sara

Fine Arts Night

Fireside School is pleased to announce our Fine Arts Night on Tuesday, June 6 at 6:30 pm.

The Grades 6 and 7/8 bands will be performing orchestral pieces they have been working on this year. Additionally, our Grades 7/8 drama students will be performing a series of reimagined fairy tales. Meanwhile, an art gallery showcasing the work from the Grades 7/8 Options students will be open for viewing.

Mark your calendars for our final concert event of the year on June 6th.

Cell Phones in School

We'd like to remind families of the school's cell phone use policies for students: Students are not allowed to access their cell phones during instructional hours. While the expectation is that students keep cell phones in their lockers, as long as they are not accessing them in class, this is not something that is strictly enforced. However, when a staff member finds a student using their phones (whether inside the classroom or not), the student is given a warning reminder and sent to their lockers to secure their phones. Further instances of accessing phones will result in the phones being brought to the office where they will be returned directly their owners (typically parents who own the cellular contracts on the phones). Students may use their phones during unstructured times (recesses, lunch).

For tips and guidance on teen cell phone safety, check out [these suggestions](#) on Smart Social.



Mental Health Awareness Week (Town of Cochrane)

This year for Mental Health Awareness Week, the Town of Cochrane has collaborated with agencies, businesses, and facilitators in the community to offer a variety of opportunities for Cochranites to explore mental wellness, most of them FREE. Please click [this link](#) for information on events and resources during the week.

Updated: Home Alone & Babysitting Courses Coming Soon (Friends of Fireside)

Don't miss out on our annual certified Home Alone and Babysitting Programs. There are only a few spots left. Register now!

Home Alone Program – Ages 9.5 yrs old and up – \$45, includes a manual and certificate –Saturday, April 29th, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Babysitting Program – Ages 10.5 yrs and up – \$68, includes a manual and certificate – Saturday, April 29th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Maximum of 40 students, 12 spots left.

Register now at: www.babysittingcalgary.com



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HOME ALONE COURSE \$45
AGES: 9/ 10 YRS + UP

EACH STUDENT WILL RECEIVE A CANADA SAFETY COUNCIL MANUAL AND WALL CERTIFICATE

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HOME SAFETY RULES
EMERGENCY 911
FIRE SAFETY
STRANGER AWARENESS
STREET PROOFING & SAFETY
SAFETY TO AND FROM SCHOOL
YOUR RESPONSIBILITIES

BABYSITTING COURSE- \$65
AGES: 10 YRS + UP

Each student will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and wall/wallet certificate

RIGHTS & RESPONSIBILITIES
CHILD DEVELOPMENT & BEHAVIORAL PROBLEMS
CARING FOR THE CHILD
NUTRITION
SAFETY AND BASIC FIRST AID
HANDLING EMERGENCIES
AND MORE....



Register: safety4kidscalgary@gmail.com OR 587-617-6226

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.

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