

The Week Ahead ~ September 2 to September 9, 2022

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, Sept 5 th	-----	Labour Day - No School
Tuesday, Sept 6 th	-----	All Students in School (all grades)
Tuesday, Sept 6 th		Grade 7 and 8 Options Begin (updated)
Thursday, Sept 8 th	4:00 - 6:00 pm	Fireside School Open House (see below)
Friday, Sept 16	1:00 - 1:30 pm	Terry Fox School Run (see below)

It was a Great Day 1!! (both of them)



Greetings Fireside families & friends! We had two perfect mornings for welcoming everyone back to school on the fields. On Friday, there was hardly a cloud in the sky and plenty of sunshine to see everyone's bright and smiling faces, everyone ready to start the new year. The kids were eager to meet their new teachers and reconnect with friends (or perhaps make brand new ones). The halls were abuzz with excitement.

We'd like to extend a big welcome to all the new families joining us this year, whether entering Kindergarten for the first time or brand new to Fireside from another school. We are excited to have you join us and hope we'll get the chance to also get acquainted with you as we get to know your children.

We were tremendously excited to get underway and grateful to meet your kids in a smaller group, allowing us to give everyone a bit more personal "get-to-know-you" attention. We hope everyone has a great Labour Day Weekend, after which we're full steam ahead with all students on Tuesday.

Each week in *Focus*, we'll put new items at the top, updates next, and reminders that have appeared previously at the end. We also include updates or information from School Council and Friends of Fireside (our fundraising society). We hope you find the newsletter helpful.

NEW: Terry Fox Run

We are excited to announce that Fireside School will proudly take part in the 2022 Terry Fox School Run. It is scheduled to take place on Friday, September 16. On this day, we encourage all students to wear their Fireside Hawks shirts and comfortable shoes. We'll be walking and running in support of cancer research, honoring one of our Canadian Heroes, Terry Fox!

The Terry Fox Foundation has created an online fundraising page for our school: the link for this page will be shared in next week's *Fireside Focus*. We encourage students to donate a toonie for Terry to continue his legacy of supporting cancer research. Thank you in advance for supporting this great cause.



THE TERRY FOX
FOUNDATION

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

NEW: Grade 7 & 8 Option Changes

Students who wish to change their options for the term (or year) may notify the office of their desired changes 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.

NEW: School Servery

Our school's Servery will be open daily starting on Tuesday next week. Students may come down and request snacks and lunches if they are hungry. However, full lunches will not be available immediately, while we get supplies, staff, and training in place. Lunches include a sandwich, a snack-of-the-day (granola bar, cheese stick, etc.), and a fruit. At other times of day, students can visit our Learning Support spaces if they are in need of a snack.

NEW: Welcome Mr. MacDouell

In last week's edition, we mentioned we would be hiring a new Child Development Advisor. We would like to welcome Mr. Corey MacDouell to the school. Corey was last at Cochrane Christian Academy and will be supporting social/emotional development for students in grades K to 4.

NEW: Farewell Mrs. Sherwood

We'd like to wish a fond farewell to Deb Sherwood, our PowerSchool Secretary, as she embarks on a new life chapter. Mrs. Sherwood will be pursuing her BEd at Ambrose University, and we wish her all the very best.

NEW: Corrections

Last week's *Focus* had a few mistakes. Our apologies for any confusion: Bell times for lunch periods were incorrect. The schedule below now shows the correct times. Grade 7 & 8 Options begin next week on Tuesday, September 6th, not September 13th. The Kiss & Go drop-off zone is on the east side of the building, not the west.

NEW: Parent Volunteers

During the school year, there will be opportunities for volunteers to help in our school. To be able to volunteer, some paperwork must be completed and submitted prior to the volunteer activity. First, a police check must be completed. Please see the end of this document for a copy of the Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Application (AF490-A). Once filled out, it is taken to the RCMP (359 - 1st St E). The RCMP will process the application and mail you the record check, which you then bring to the school. We will take a copy and keep it on file, where the document will stay valid for 5 years. The check can take up to 3 weeks to complete, so if you anticipate volunteering at any point this year, it may be worth starting the process early. On your first day of volunteering, there will be additional forms to be completed at the school (Confidentiality/ Non-Disclosure, Annual Declaration, & Image Release Forms).

Families looking to volunteer in their teachers' classes are encouraged to reach out directly to teachers to learn more about opportunities. If you'd like to volunteer more widely in the school, please email fireside@rockyview.ab.ca to let us know about your interests and availability. We look forward to welcoming you into our school!

NEW: Volleyball Tryouts

Junior A Volleyball tryouts begin on Tuesday after school. For more information about the volleyball season, please contact our Athletic Director, Melanie Hamilton (mhamilton@rockyview.ab.ca).

UPDATED: Learning Teams

Learning Teams support students and families alongside classroom teachers toward the growth and development of children. While the classroom teacher is your primary point of contact for discussing your child's learning, each grade grouping is also supported by an Assistant Principal (student conduct & administrative concerns), a Learning Support Teacher (academic and behavioral supports), and a Child Development Advisor (social/emotional development). Please feel free to reach out to these individuals if you have specific concerns or questions.

- **Kindergarten:** Assistant Principal Jason Ness, Learning Support Teacher Leslie Hall, Child Development Advisor Corey MacDouell
- **Grade 1 to Grade 4:** Assistant Principal Jason Ness, Learning Support Teacher Kirsty Reade, Child Development Advisor Corey MacDouell
- **Grade 5 to Grade 8:** Assistant Principal Tara Sly, Learning Support Teacher Sinead Holzer, Child Development Advisor Kelsea Wright
- CDA Charlene Abrahams will be connecting with new families and focusing on Community, Engagement, and Student Leadership this year.

UPDATED: Fireside School Open House – Thursday, September 8

We are pleased to invite our Fireside School families to a Welcome Back Open House and Barbeque on Thursday, September 8. Between 4:00 pm and 5:00 pm, we welcome you to drop in to meet your student's teacher and our staff and tour our school. Around 5:00 pm, we invite everyone to come to the back area outside of the school for BBQ.

We'd also like to extend a special thank you to Cochrane Toyota for loaning their large BBQ and grilling tools to us. They have been fantastic with supporting a number of Cochrane area schools with the generous loan, and we greatly appreciate them. We look forward to seeing you there!



UPDATED: Student Drop Off and Pick Up

Parents who come to either pick up or drop off their children are asked to follow all traffic regulations. The best places to drop off students is on the east side of the school in the "Kiss and Go" or along Fireside Parkway (but not in the bus lanes). For safety reasons, please do not park, drop off, or pick up students in the Fireside School Staff parking lot, with the exception of parents who have arranged to drop off students with mobility issues using the wheelchair-accessible spaces.

Please note that we now have three additional buses transporting students to and from our school. Our bus lanes will not be able to accommodate all the buses. As such, the roadway adjacent to the staff parking lot will house an extra bus, which will typically result in the entrance to the parking lot being blocked for loading and unloading of students. There will also be two buses at the front of the school. Please drive safely.

REMINDER: Appointments

There may be times when you need to pick your child up from school during instructional times. A parent, guardian, or authorized person (which must be noted in PowerSchool) must come into the building to sign child(ren) out; please note that this process may take a few minutes. It is appreciated that you inform the homeroom teacher and the office (fireside@rockyview.ab.ca) of the appointment in advance. Please note that children may sign themselves *in* at the front office without an adult present.

REMINDER: 2021/2022 Fireside School Bell Times

<u>Grades 1 to 8</u>		<u>Kindergarten</u>	
7:50 to 8:05	Student Arrival and Entry	<u>AM Classes</u>	
8:05 to 10:15	Instructional Time	7:50 to 8:05	Student Arrival and Entry
10:15 to 10:45	Recess/Literacy Time	8:05 to 10:47	Instructional Time
10:45 to 12:10	Instructional Time	10:47	Student Dismissal
12:10 to 12:50	Lunch/Recess	<u>PM Classes</u>	
12:50 to 2:20	Instructional Time	11:35	Student Arrival and Entry
2:20	Student Dismissal	11:35 to 2:17	Instructional Time
2:30	Bus Departure	2:17	Student Dismissal
		2:30	Bus Departure

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.



Criminal Record/Vulnerable Sector Check Application
For Volunteers of Rocky View Schools

AF490-A
10/2019

RCMP Personnel:

This individual wishes to volunteer with Rocky View Schools and will not receive remuneration:

Volunteer's Name (please print):	Current Date:
Address:	
Volunteer's Position (indicate grade level(s) working with):	
<p>The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP), Chapter F-25, charges Rocky View Schools with protecting the privacy of individuals, most who are under the age of majority. In order to show due diligence in this regard, please conduct a Criminal Record Check and Vulnerable Sector Check on person named above.</p>	

Request Authorized by School Administration

Name (please print): Dave Banderk	Position: Principal
School Name: Fireside School	
School Address: 12 Fireside Parkway	
Signature of School Administrator: 	

Volunteer Information:

Please take this form to your local police agency. The following list includes some of the locations in our jurisdiction. Office hours vary by community, so call ahead for more information.

Airdrie RCMP Detachment	2 Highland Park Way NE	403.945.7200
Beiseker RCMP Detachment	75 North Road	403.947.3420
Chestermere RCMP Detachment	156 East Chestermere Drive	403.204.8777
Cochrane RCMP Detachment	359 - 1 Street E.	403.851.8000
Strathmore RCMP Detachment	500 Westlake Road	403.934.3968

- You will be required to produce a valid Driver's license or a Passport with photo I.D. and another piece of government-issued I.D. such as Alberta Health Care card or birth certificate.
- State that this is a Volunteer Position. Please note some detachments may charge an administration fee for the request.
- Ensure both Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks are completed.
- The results of the Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks may take approximately four weeks to be processed by the police agency.
- Return the results of the Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sectors Checks to the school office.
- Rocky View Schools must be notified immediately, if the status of your Criminal Record and Vulnerable Sector Checks change at any time.

Reference:

- AP490 Volunteers, Visitors and Presenters Mandatory Record Checks