

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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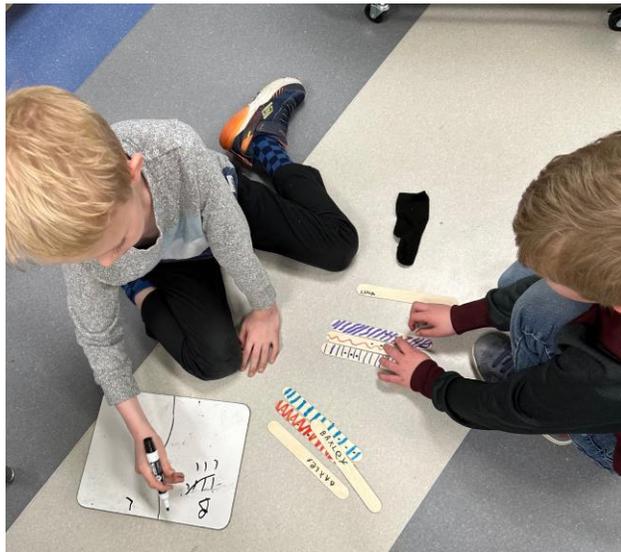
- Wednesday, April 24 – [Healthy Hunger](#) (Panago)
- Monday, April 29 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, May 1 & Thursday, May 2 – Celebration of Learning Conferences (4:00 pm to 7:00 pm; see below)

- Tuesday, May 7 – Mental Health Awareness Day
- Friday, May 15 – Professional Learning day (no classes)

From the Admin Desk



1 - Grade 1s in Ms. Copithorne's class learned about a game called "Toss the Bones" (an Indigenous game) before making up their own game last Friday when they were learning about the history of toys.





2 - Kinders at Fireside Forest



Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

This week was full of many presentations and units wrapping up across grades. On Monday, Grade 6s had a presentation about Our Emotions from RVS Stepping Stones for Mental Health presenter Ashley Meagher, as part of their 10-week program on Building Strong Relationships. On Wednesday, Grade 8s visited Telus Spark and on Thursday, our Grade 7 Badminton Team went to its Divisional tournament with coaches Ms. Nakesch and Mr. Cox.

Friday was a very busy day with many great things happening! Many students dressed up in their favourite jerseys for our Jersey Day! And we also had two Elementary Reading teams in Battle of the Books today. With leadership from Mrs. Hall, Mr. Lofthouse, and Mrs. Larsen, 26 students in Grades 3-5 read 8-10 different books to "battle" it out with other Rocky View teams and see who could answer the most trivia questions. We are so proud of these students, who did really well and were excited for how well they could answer the questions in today's competition.



3 - Grade 7 Badminton Divisionals





4 - Jersey Day!



5 - Battle of the Books competitors





6 - Mrs. Pare's Grade 6 class tests out their designs for keeping raw eggs safe when dropped from our school's outdoor observation deck.



7 - Grade 8 students explored science concepts at Telus Spark





Our monthly SOAR assemblies took place this morning, where we celebrated our Grade 6, and 7/8 Junior A and B basketball teams and presented SOAR Awards to students in each class for their amazingness in Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect & Responsibility. Congratulations to all recipients! Following awards, Fireside Families had a cup stacking competition, where two representatives from two different grades worked together. Mountain Family and Forest Family both earned family points.

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8 - Skeler Hawk with grades 5-8 student leaders



9 - Even-numbered grades SOAR recipients



10 - Odd-numbered grades SOAR recipients



11 - Fireside Families cup stacking challenge



12 - Sharing the Book Love in book discussions in Mr. Shaw's class!



13 - Grade 2 and Grade 4 buddies welcoming spring with poetry and paper flowers



Thank You Basketball Coaches!

With basketball seasons wrapped up, we wanted to take a moment to thank our dedicated coaches who took their personal time to support our athletes this year. Their efforts are truly appreciated.

Junior A Girls: Marcia Loewen & Kait Duong

Junior A Boys: Tim Shaw

Junior B Girls: Melanie Hamilton & Breanne Pyle

Junior B Boys: Sarah Warwick & Lindsay Whyte

Grade 6 Boys: Heather Nusl & Jaimie Waugh

Grade 6 Girls: Melanie Hamilton & Janet Cheverie

UPDATED May 1 & May 2 Celebration of Learning Conferences

On Wednesday, May 1 and Thursday, May 2, we will be happy to welcome students and their families into Fireside School for our Celebration of Learning Conferences. For Grades 1-8, this round of conferences will look different than 3-way Conferences looked in the fall. Each time slot will be 20 minutes in length, where two students' families will be in the classroom at the same time. During this time frame, each child/student will share with their parent(s) or caregiver the project or learning activity their class has chosen to showcase for this Celebration of Learning. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to show their parents/caregivers learning folders and other classwork or activities. Homeroom Teachers will be there to talk to and connect with for each time slot, of course.

Please note: for Kindergarten students, individual 10-minute slot appointments are available for booking.

Fireside School uses the online booking program 'Conference Manager':

<https://fireside.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>

This morning, Conference Manager opened at 8:00 am to book your appointment with your child's Homeroom Teacher. If you have never used Conference Manager before, **please register now**. You do not have to wait until the site is open for bookings. Returning users should ensure they can log in to the system – a password reset is available if necessary. Please review your parent/guardian profile to ensure the information is correct. **Important:** the email address you provide in this profile will be used to send you the booking confirmation.

Our Grade 6 Band and Grade 7/8 Band will also be showcased on these evenings. At 5:00 on Wednesday, May 1st, students in Grade 6 Band will perform several orchestral pieces they have been working hard on (set up is at 4:45 pm; perform at 5:00 pm). Then, on Thursday, May 2nd, the Grade 7/8 Band will perform (set up is at 4:45 pm; perform at 5:00 pm). Musicians should dress in jeans and a black shirt, please. These performances will take place in our Auxiliary Gym for all to enjoy. *If your child is in our Band Program, please consider booking your appointments outside of their performance time so that you are able to enjoy the entertainment.*

There will be literacy centres and activities set up for families to go through together. Additionally, Fireside School's Scholastic Book Fair will be taking place during these two evenings in our Learning Commons. We invite you to stop in and check out the books and other cool items while you're here.

We look forward to seeing you for our Celebration of Learning Evenings. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at 403-932-4868.

Reminder: Upcoming RVS OurSCHOOL Survey

Students in Grades 4-8 will be spending some class time at the end of April completing a divisional survey about their experiences at school. The survey will ask students to reflect on questions pertaining to behaviours and attitudes relating to student success, emotional and social well-being, and physical health. Information from the survey will be used to inform planning and improving student experiences for the 2024-25 school year and beyond.

The survey will take 20-45 minutes depending on which grade is taking the survey and how fast their class moves through the questions together. Responses are collected at the divisional level and will be anonymous (students will be given randomly generated codes to log in to the digital survey).

Parents & guardians may opt out of having their children participate in the survey. Students may also choose to not participate. Should you or your child wish to not take part, please notify their classroom teacher. Results of the survey will be shared at a future School Council meeting.

Band Grade 6, 7, and 8 Information Meeting: 2024-25 School Year



At 5:45 pm on Wednesday, May 1 (following the Grade 6 Band Performance), Fireside School will host our Band Information Session for next year. Families whose children who will be in Grade 6, Grade 7, and Grade 8 next year are invited to attend to get information on instrument rentals and our general plan for Band next year. This event is primarily directed to new band members, though all students and families are invited to attend. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mr. Petterson:

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