

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – February 16

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, February 19 – Family Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, February 20 & Wednesday, February 21 – No classes
- Thursday, February 22 & Friday, February 23 – Teachers' Convention (no classes)

- Monday, February 26 – Classes resume
- Wednesday, February 28 – Pink Shirt Day
- Friday, March 1 – Middle School Student Leadership Conference (Grade 7 & 8)
- Wednesday, March 6 – School Council & Friends of Fireside Meetings (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
- Thursday, March 7 – Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies
- Saturday, March 16 – Babysitter Training Course 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (see below - Friends of Fireside)
- Saturday, March 16 – Home Alone Course 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (see below - Friends of Fireside)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

We've just wrapped a four day week that had a good deal of buzz and excitement at Fireside. Students were feeling good about a short week and pretty keen for a February break that's already under way. There was also plenty to get excited about throughout the week: Valentine's Day, our 100th Day of School, wrapping up Read-A-Thon, and exhibition basketball games against the Calgary Stampede. There were some exhibitions of learning up in the Science Lab, potluck lunches, and classroom theme days for many of our kids to enjoy as well.

Speaking of the Stampede games, we wanted to extend a thank you to Stephanie Pfefferle for reaching out to the Stamps and arranging the games. Our teams were pretty excited beforehand, but found themselves feeling more than a little nervous looking down the court at some fairly sizeable defensive linemen who would be competing against them. In the end, our teams did a wonderful job and even managed to beat the Stamps in their last of four games!! We're pretty sure our kids took advantage of some tired, out-of-season professional athletes to secure the win. (wink)





Looking ahead to the week we return, we wanted to point out Pink Shirt Day on that Wednesday (February 28th). We encourage all our students to wear pink that day as part of the national campaign to promote and fund anti-bullying initiatives. Our Child Development Advisors and Student Leadership (SOAR) Team have planned class and school-wide activities associated with the campaign throughout the

week. You can learn more about Pink Shirt Day, including how you can support the organization financially, [here](#).

We would also like to highlight that during a week where we promote anti-bullying, students may experience strong emotions. We'd like to encourage students or families to reach out to [administration](#) or our Child Development Advisors [Corey MacDouell](#) (K-4) or [Kelsea Soch](#) (5-8) if they feel they could use support.

Wishing everyone an excellent long weekend and our students a restful February break!

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Read-a-Thon Wrap Up

Read-a-Thon finished on Monday with a whole-school Reading Chain. For this finale event, everyone in the school came together to read for 20 minutes. It was quite a sight to see; please ask your children about it.

Right now, our Master Tracker is showing that we've read over 550,000 minutes! Although there are still some calculations to be done, we feel confident in declaring that we met and exceeded our reading goal this year: amazing job!!!

Many students brought in their **Master Minutes Trackers and Pledge Forms to Homeroom Teachers** this week: thank you. **As noted in emails and previous issues of *Focus***, the information on these forms will be used to confirm students' submitted minutes and totals. This information will also be used to help us know the top reader in each grade, the top fundraiser, and those who will be entered into draw prizes provided by our Community Sponsors (see below), including draws for 1 of 4 Calaway Park passes or a 3-month Family Pass for SLC. These prizes and awards will be presented at our Celebration Assemblies.

Celebration Assemblies will be held on Thursday, March 7. When we return from February Break, notifications will be sent home for recipients in advance of this event. The last week of February, our Read-a-Thon Super Draws will also take place where students whose Master Trackers show they've read every day will also receive Super Draw ballots. We have new Community Partners for these draws: The Holliday Collective, Shredz Shops, and Rebel Comics.

For those who have monies owing on the Pledge Form, please see below for information on submitting these funds.

We offer a big thank you to our generous Community Partners and Sponsors for their continued support of our students and programs at Fireside School: Friends of Fireside School Society, Found Books & Shops, Cochrane Movie House, Calbridge Group, Bow Valley High School's Performing Arts Program, Calaway Park, Spray Lake Sawmill Family Centre, The Messy Moose, MacKay's Ice Cream, Fireside McDonald's.

Tim Hortons, reetbeet Designs, Fossheim Family, Gillies Family, Mr. Petterson, Mrs. Hamilton, The Holliday Collective, Shredz Shops, and Rebel Comics.

And we would also like to thank all of you for supporting your children as they engaged in our 3rd Annual Read-a-Thon by taking time to submit minutes into our Google Form each week and returning Trackers and Pledge Forms. Reading is such an important cornerstone at Fireside School, and we recognize that we are partners with you in the learning and growth of your children, clearly shown in this event.

Submitting Read-a-Thon Pledges

Thank you to everyone who submitted Pledge Forms for Read-a-Thon. The funds raised during this event will go toward new literacy and reading resources for Fireside School students.

There are **two ways** for Pledges to be honoured:

1. Pay for the Pledge once charged to a student's account: Once the Pledge Form has been turned in and has been processed through the office, the total pledged amount will be charged to the student's School Cash Online account. Please note that funds that have already been received by the school via donation (see below) will be deducted from the amount owed prior to the amount being posted. **These amounts will be posted the last week of February for payment.**

Charitable donation receipts are available upon request for donations collected by the student of \$20 or more once payment has been received by the school. Please email receipt requests to fireside@rockyview.ab.ca.

2. Make a Donation: Log in to your *School Cash Online* account. From the *Items* tab, choose the "Make A Donation" bar. Enter the donation amount and choose **Fireside School** from the *Fund Destination* drop-down. In the message box, enter '**Read-a-Thon: [Student's Name]**' (e.g. "Read-a-Thon: Jill Smith) – **it is very important to specify the student's name(s)** so that he/she/they get the credit for the donation. Donations can be paid with the donor's credit card. A donation receipt will be emailed upon completion of the cart checkout.

Friends of Fireside Updates

Get ready for an exhilarating March with Friends of Fireside! We are thrilled to announce two fantastic events that are sure to bring excitement and valuable experiences to our community.

 **March Madness: A Whirlwind of Prizes!** 

March at Fireside is not just about the arrival of spring; it's about celebrating our community with an extraordinary event – *March Madness!* Imagine 20 days filled with surprises, joy, and the chance to win incredible prizes. Here's what you need to know:

- Daily Draws: For 20 days, we will be drawing two prizes daily, and Fridays are extra special with three prizes!
- The Grand Finale: The event culminates in a breathtaking grand prize draw worth nearly \$900!
- Total Prize Value: We're giving away prizes worth over \$7000!
- Get Your Tickets: Dive into the fun by purchasing tickets at www.friendsoffireside.ca.

 **Babysitting and Home Alone Courses: Last Chance to Register!** 

In addition to March Madness, we're also hosting the ever-popular *Babysitting and Home Alone* course. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young learners to gain valuable life skills. Here's why you should consider enrolling your child:

- Registration is still open but spots are limited. Ensure your child doesn't miss out on this beneficial experience.

Join us in making March a month to remember with Friends of Fireside. Whether it's winning a prize in March Madness or empowering our kids through learning, there's something for everyone. Let's come together to celebrate, learn, and grow as a community!

Looking forward to seeing you all participate in these wonderful events!



Friends of Fireside 4th Annual March Madness Over \$7000 in prizes!



To participate, visit our website:
www.friendsoffireside.ca

Tickets are 20\$ each. The first draw is held on March 1st.

Winners will be announced the same or next day by email, Facebook

One ticket wins one prize, but the final grande prize (29th) will be drawn from all tickets sold.

<p>4</p> <p>Sacred Bloom Box \$130</p> <p>Cochrane 1 hour Bowling Rental \$63</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Great things in store \$75</p> <p>Yamnuska Wolf Dog Intro Tour \$86</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Chatters Gift Basket \$268</p> <p>Cabeza Grande GC \$25</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Melody Makes It Macaroons \$24</p> <p>Sunny Side Up \$30</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Sunny Side Up \$30</p> <p>2x Messy Moose Play \$44</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p>
<p>11</p> <p>Toyota Premium Detail Package \$449.95</p> <p>Mama Mia GC \$50</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Pampered Chef by Jill \$75</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p>	<p>13</p> <p>SLS 3 mth membership \$390</p> <p>Elbow Springs Golf \$99</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Shredz Pack \$110</p> <p>Cake Teaze 1 dozen floral cupcakes \$50</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Canmore Caves Explorer Tour \$312.90</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p> <p>Garden Consultation - Frankie Lou \$100</p>
<p>18</p> <p>Z Squared Designs \$55</p> <p>Cochrane Floral Boutique \$185</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Three Seeds Prize \$75</p> <p>Elbow Springs Golf 18 Holes Pass \$99</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Flirt cosmetics \$50</p> <p>Sacred Pangea 60-minute Massage \$110</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Heart to Home Basket \$88</p> <p>My Greek Plate \$25</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p> <p>Sunnyside Up GC \$30</p> <p>Horse Creek Heritage Candy \$50</p>
<p>25</p> <p>Sabores Gift Basket \$200</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Rebel Comics gift basket \$50</p> <p>Cochrane Lanes 1 hour bowling \$63</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Good Year Tires \$1200</p> <p>Calaway 4 single day passes \$208</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Mama Mia GC \$50</p> <p>Lannie Rae Pancake Mixes \$60</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Ippon Karate Dojo \$120</p> <p>Toyota Premium Detail Package \$449.95</p> <p>Wintergreen Golf & Country Club \$266</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Grande Prize</p>		<p>1 Night stay at Fairmont Banff Springs \$500</p> <p>Dinner at Jaipur Indian Cuisine \$100</p> <p>Play at The Messy Moose Studio for 2 \$45</p>		
		<p>Enjoy Breakfast with Lannie Rae Pancake Mix \$15</p> <p>Three Seeds laser engraved cutting board \$75</p> <p>Cochrane Floral Boutique Peony 3-month subscription \$160</p>		
				<p>Almost \$900!</p>

Reminder: PowerSchool

This is just a friendly reminder that most communication of your student's learning happens through the online PowerSchool platform. Families can access information both [on the web](#) and in the PowerSchool app. We'd like to note that more information can be found in the web version, while the app is a good tool for receiving notifications about updates. Information about navigating PowerSchool can be found [here](#). If you are having difficulties with your login, please contact our front office at 403.932.4868 or fireside@rockyview.ab.ca.