

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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- Friday, Jan 19 – Junior A Girls & Boys Basketball Tournament #3
- Monday, Jan 22 – Kindergarten 2024-25 Registration Opens Online (RVS)

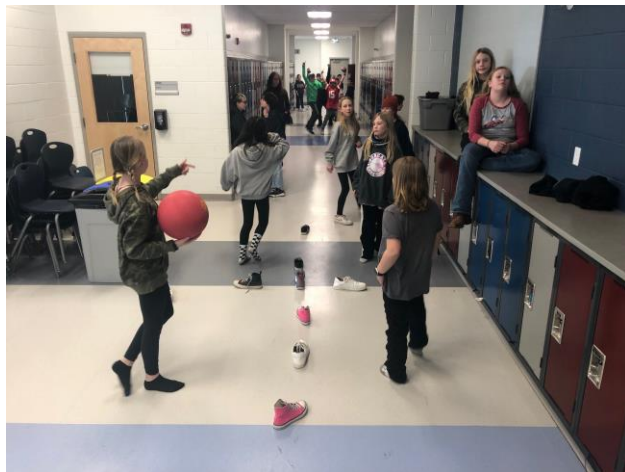
- Monday, Jan 22 – 2024-25 Registration Opens Online for any students who will be new to RVS next school year
- Thursday, Jan 25 – Junior A Girls & Boys Divisional Tournament
- Friday, Jan 26 – 3rd Annual Read-a-Thon Begins (see below)
- Saturday, Jan 27 – Family Literacy Day
- Friday, Feb 2 – [HealthyHunger site](#) closes for Fun Lunch orders
- Friday, Feb 2 to Sunday, Feb 4 – First Read-a-Thon Minutes submission online
- Wednesday, Feb 7 – [Fun Lunch](#) (Mucho Burrito)
- Wednesday, Feb 7 -- Kindergarten Information Session for Parents & Caregivers (5:00 to 6:00 pm; see below)
- Wednesday, Feb 7 -- School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
- Thursday, Feb 8 – Grade 2 Iqualuit Day
- Friday, Feb 9 to Sunday, Feb 11 – Second Read-a-Thon Minutes submission online
- Monday, Feb 12 – Last Day 3rd Annual Read-a-Thon
- Monday, Feb 12 to Wednesday, Feb 14 – Final Read-a-Thon Minutes submission online
- Tuesday, Feb 13 – Read-a-Thon Master Trackers and Pledge Forms due to Homeroom Teachers
- 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,

Another cold week for us this week but lots of things going on to keep us busy. Many indoor recesses saw students playing games or doing fun activities; the few outdoor recesses we had saw students building forts or snow slides to pass the time.

In PE this week, students continued learning a variety of gymnastic movements to help them build balance, strength, flexibility, agility, coordination, and endurance. Grade 1s were learning how to do pencil rolls and safely somersault, while Grade 7s and 8s were perfecting their somersault moves and showing off their headstands.





Grade 4 students welcomed Wildlife Biologist Grant Chapman into their classrooms to learn about animals in Alberta. They also engaged in a special lesson on how to "make" a photograph (versus take a photograph) so they can craft and compose their Flat Lay photos to represent themselves.

On Wednesday, we had SOAR Assemblies to celebrate students nominated by their teachers for excellence in demonstrating Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect in school. Afterwards, students also found out all the details for this year's Read-a-Thon (see below). There were many loud cheers both for the upcoming reading event and fundraiser and especially for everyone who received SOAR Awards this month. Way to go, Hawks!





Junior A Boys and Girls Basketball Teams are currently hitting the courts, playing in their final tournaments before their Divisional Tournament next week. Go Hawks!!

Wishing all of you a safe and cozy weekend.

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2024 Read-a-Thon Begins Next Friday!



1 - Super Reader Leaders Liam Blackwell and Laura Wright!

Read-a-Thon 2024 begins NEXT FRIDAY! We are very excited to start our event this year, and we'll be sure to share updates and information with you all in *Focus* each week.

This year, Read-a-Thon will run for 17 days, ending on Monday, February 12. A package of information will come home with your children next Thursday so that you have everything you need to support them as we "Read ON for Read-a-Thon" in 2024.

Our theme is *Book Love: Growing Readers*. It speaks to the seed of love of books and reading we plant and grow each year, how we are growing together as we share our love of books with others, and how our readers are growing as they engage with reading. Given that we are a school and a place of learning, "growing" readers is part of the deal, so to speak. Thus, this year, classroom trackers will be gardens or flowers, as learning in and about outdoor spaces is also a key aspects at Fireside School.

Students will receive Pledge Forms in the information package. Our FUNdraising this year will go toward adding new Literacy Kits and Book Sets to our school's literacy resources. This, too, will help us continue the Book Love!

Cochrane Eagle has just featured an article on our Read-a-Thon; you can check it out [here](#)!

Engagement is always high level for Read-a-Thon, and our students and staff have made it amazing in different ways each year so far. Thus, we are very excited to see where this year's Read-a-Thon event takes us as they make it come alive in our school. Although it is a shorter time frame this year, it will definitely be a fun time, no doubt.

One new aspect this year is that each reader (with help from parents and caregivers) will submit each "week's" minutes using an online GoogleForm. That link will be sent out to families and will also be in *Focus* starting February 2.

Here are the time-frames for each week of Read-a-Thon:

- Week 1: Jan 26 to Feb 2 (submit minutes for these dates between Friday, Feb. 2 and Sunday, Feb 4)
- Week 2: Feb 3 to Feb 9 (submit minutes for these dates between Friday, Feb. 9 and Sunday, Feb 11)
- Week 3: Feb 10 to Feb 12 (submit minutes for these dates between Monday, Feb. 12 and Wednesday Feb. 14)

The reading information to be submitted for each time frame will be clearly marked on the Master Tracker Form, and instructions will be included on the top of the GoogleForm to help you know what to do. Students can receive further ballots to enter for each week's draw prizes based on the information submitted.

Master Tracker Forms and Pledge Forms are due back to Homeroom Teachers on Tuesday, February 13. This information will be used to confirm reading minutes and to see which students are eligible to enter the draws for the Read-a-Thon Celebration Assembly. The Celebration Assembly will occur the last week in February or first week in March; please stay tuned for updates.

We are very excited for Read-a-Thon 2024: get ready to read read read!

Where to Find Bus Updates

If your child takes the school bus, did you know that you can get updates on their bus route through the Bus Status 4 App? Well, you can! If you go to [Rocky View Schools' Bus Status page](#), you will see the download for the App (for Google or GooglePlay) in the upper right-hand corner.

For more information on Bus Safety and riding the school bus, please see below.

Friends of Fireside Update: Home Alone/Babysitter Training Courses

We are excited to once again offer two incredible learning opportunities: the Babysitters Training Course and the Home Alone Course. Perfect for young minds eager to learn essential life skills!

Babysitting Course (Ages 10+)

Become a super sitter with our comprehensive babysitting course! Tailored for ages 10 and up, this program covers everything from child care to basic first aid, ensuring you're prepared for any babysitting scenario.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Cost: \$68

Home Alone Course (Ages 9/10+)

Ready to be a home alone hero? This course is designed for ages 9/10 and above, teaching you how to stay safe and responsible when home alone. Learn key skills such as handling emergencies and basic first aid.

Date & Time: Saturday, March 16, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Cost: \$45

 Location: Fireside School

 Registration: register at www.babysittingcalgary.com

Don't miss this opportunity; spaces are limited!



BABYSITTER TRAINING COURSE

AGES 10+

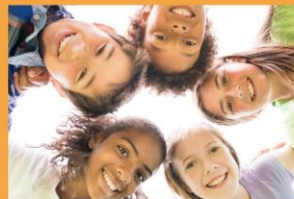
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9:00AM-2:00PM **\$68.00**

WE OFFER :

- Rights and responsibilities
- Child development and behavioral problems
- Caring for the child
- Nutrition
- Safety and basic first aid
- Handling emergencies
- The sick child
- Games and play activities
- Children and special needs
- Fire and safety

• All students will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and Certificate



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12 FIRESIDE PKY, COCHRANE, AB.



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HOME ALONE COURSE

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9:00AM-12:00PM **\$45.00**



WE OFFER :

- Basic First Aid
- Home Safety Rules
- Emergency 911
- What to do if you are choking
- Street proofing and safety
- Safety to and from school
- Stranger danger and awareness
- Your responsibilities and rights

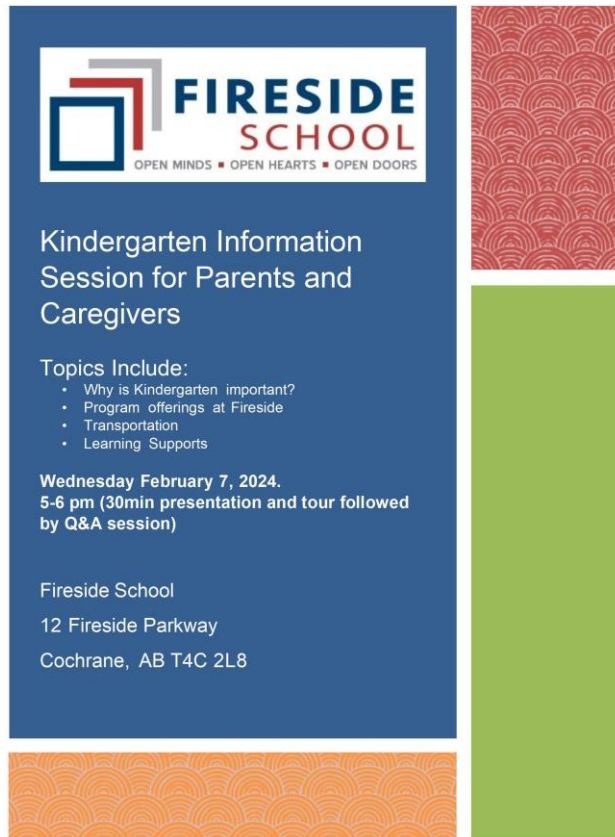
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Updated: Kindergarten 2024-25 Registration and Information Session



Next Monday, January 22, online registration for Kindergarten 2024-25 school year will open on the Rocky View Schools website.

Kindergarten registration for the 2024/25 school year will open in SchoolEngage next week on Jan. 22. This is an exciting milestone for both learners and their families, as it marks the starting point of an educational journey for many children that will see them through to their teenage years and set them up for success throughout their lives.

All new registrations need to be completed online via SchoolEngage. Please direct parents to the Kindergarten registration page on the [RVS website](#) for more information.

Information about Kindergarten registration, registration documents, and what to do after registration can be found on the [Rocky View Schools website](#). Children who are five years old on or before December 31, 2024 may register in Kindergarten for the 2024–25 school year.

On Wednesday, February 7, we are pleased to welcome parents and caregivers whose children will be starting Kindergarten in September 2024 to our Kindergarten Information Session. This evening will run from 5:00 to 6:00 pm here at the school. We'll be sharing information about what to expect in Kindergarten, along with other important information about attending Fireside School. A tour of our Kindergarten rooms and school, along with a Q&A session, will follow. If you have any questions about this event, please contact us: fireside@rockyview.ab.ca or 403-932-4868.

Contact Us!

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