

FIRESIDE FOCUS



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Upcoming Dates

- Wednesday, March 6 – School Council (6:30 - 7:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside Meetings (7:30 - 8:30 pm)
- Thursday, March 7 – Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies
- Thursday, March 7 – Bow Valley High School Information Session for Grade 8 Families (5:30 - 7:30 pm @ BVHS)
- Friday, March 8 – Beach/Hawaiian Wear Day
- Monday, March 11 – Professional Learning Day (no school)
- 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)
- Thursday, March 21 – Class Photos
- Tuesday, March 26 – Grades 3-5 School Concert (6:00 - 7:00 pm) (see below)
- Thursday, March 28 – Last Day of Classes Before Spring Break

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

Much like the week following Christmas Break, we were greeted by a blast of arctic air to start the week. After a few indoor recesses and gym classes, we were able to head back out to enjoy some sunny winter days. Looking ahead, we can see another cold snap on the horizon, including Monday. Please double check those backpacks for mitts and toques this weekend.

The week was highlighted by Wednesday's Pink Shirt Day, where we engaged, promoted, and celebrated anti-bullying efforts, both in our school and broadly. Students shared their hopes and intentions for making a kinder, more inclusive world through pink shirt posters made by each class. We also had Constables Moore and Epp visit our school to discuss cyberbullying and cyber safety with our grade 6s.



1 - MSLC Teamwork Activity



2 - Pink Shirt Day Posters



3 - Junior Boys B Basketball

Fireside was excited to host the year's first Junior B Boys basketball tournament on Friday, while the girls were away at Bearspaw. As we write this, the boys are in a close game against their crosstown rivals from Manachaban. We're also thrilled to announce that Grade 6 basketball is under way with Fireside fielding THREE teams of girls and THREE teams of boys this year. It's a rare feat for one school to have so many participants, and we're excited to have so many of our kids keen to play. Go Hawks!!

Several Grade 6, 7 and 8 student leaders represented Fireside in the annual Middle School Leadership Conference (MSLC) at the Education Center in Airdrie. They were excited to participate in personal development and team building activities. Special kudos to Laura Wright, Lyle Fernando, and Scarlett Van Der Gulik who presented to the 100+ attendees on our school's leadership programs and our Fireside Families.

Wishing everyone an enjoyable weekend!

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4 - Fireside Family Buddy Classes on Pink Shirt Day



5 - Mrs. Colling's and Mrs. O'Neal's buddy classes playing circle tag

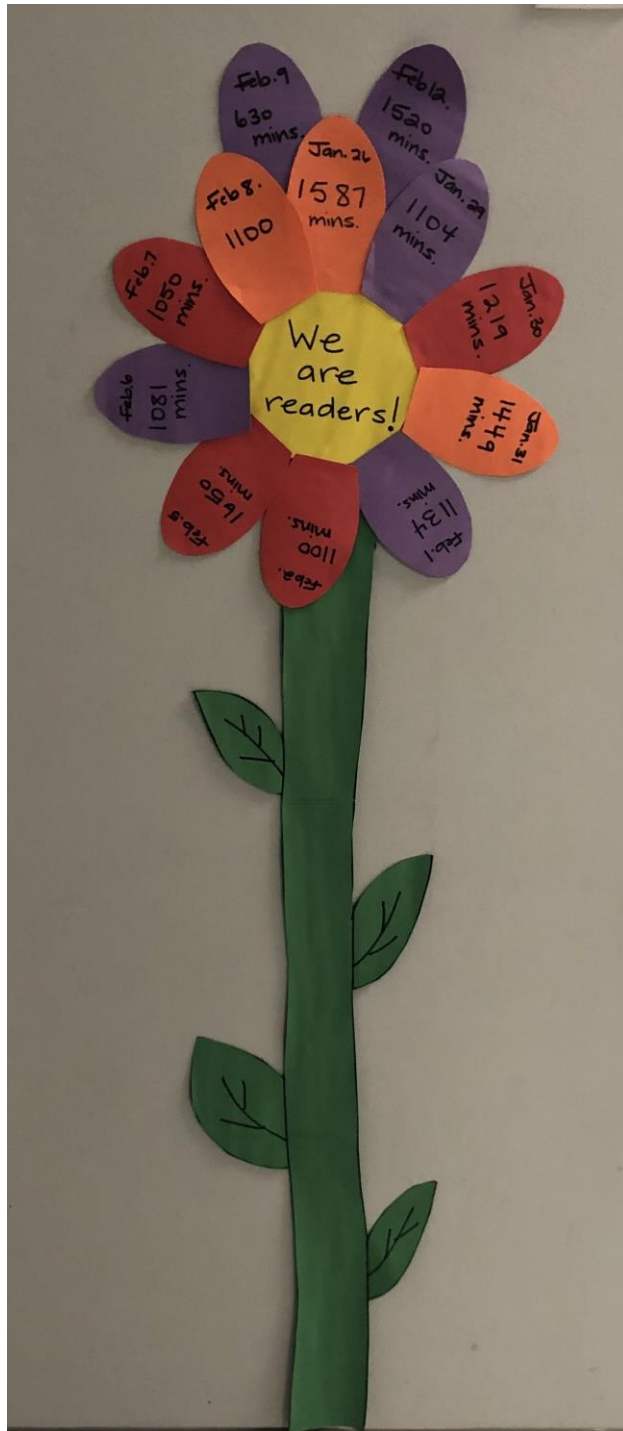
Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies

Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies will be held next Thursday, March 7. Parents and caregivers of recipients were notified by email today. At these assemblies, we will recognize over 80 draw prize winners (generously sponsored by our Community Sponsors), the draw prize winners for fundraising and for reading every day of Read-a-Thon (generously sponsored by Calaway Park, SLC, and The Messy Moose Art Studio), the top reader in each grade (generously sponsored by Friends of Fireside), the top fundraiser, the top reader in the school (who will also receive a Golden Ticket to *Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* courtesy of Bow Valley High School Performing Arts), and the top 3 readers in K-4 and 5-8 (generously sponsored by Calbridge Group).

Super Draw prizes will be drawn early next week. Many students have received green ballots to enter the draws based on reaching amazing reading benchmarks and achieving personal reading goals. There is much excitement about how we're celebrating the end of what was truly an excellent Read-a-Thon this year. If you happen to be in the school, you can see the Read-a-Thon tracker in the Learning Commons. Our "growing readers" read over 80,000 minutes this year: so amazing and well above our goal. Way to go Hawks!



6 - Grade 5 Reading Minutes Display



Submitting Read-a-Thon Pledges

For those who have monies owing on the Pledge Form, please see below for information on submitting these funds. The Pledges are now available for payment. If you have any questions, please contact the

school office. 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, Rebel Comics, and the Sly Family.

Grades 3-5 Concert – Fireside School Rocks



Are you ready to rock? Take your seats at 6:00 on March 26th for the biggest, loudest, and most fun rock concert of the year! Students in Grades 3-5 have auditioned for roles, formed bands, and are rehearsing some of the most iconic rock tunes of the past century. The front doors of the school will open at 5:45 on Tuesday, March 26th. Students will go directly to their homerooms, while audience members find seating in the gymnasium. The show will run from 6:00-6:50. See you then!



Allergy Awareness and Scent-Free Policy

Fireside School has a number of students and staff who are highly sensitive to certain allergens. We ask that all people entering the school please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, body sprays, scented products, and essential oils. We also ask that nuts and nut products also remain out of the school.

- Please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, or scented products when coming into Fireside School, including meetings, conferences, volunteering, and tournaments.
- Please refrain from bringing perfumes, colognes, or scented products into our school and (most especially) from spraying them in the school.
- 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. If your child has allergies, please bring them to the attention of the Homeroom Teacher so that we are aware of those allergy cautions as well.

Friends of Fireside: March Madness Ends This Friday (March 1st)

Embrace the winter wonderland and the spirit of community with Friends of Fireside! As snow blankets our town, adding a touch of magic to our days, we're ramping up the excitement with our March Madness event – a celebration packed with remarkable prizes.

March Madness is your chance to be part of something special, transforming the chill of snow into the thrill of winning! With 20 days of daily prize draws and a grand finale where one lucky winner will take home a prize worth nearly \$900, the joy knows no bounds. And remember, Fridays offer not two, but three chances to win, making every moment this March a potential path to victory.

But the clock is ticking! Today marks the final opportunity to join the fun, with ticket sales closing sharply at 9 pm. Don't let the snow slow you down. With over \$7000 in prizes up for grabs, this is your moment to shine amidst the snowflakes.

Secure your tickets now at www.friendsoffireside.ca



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.

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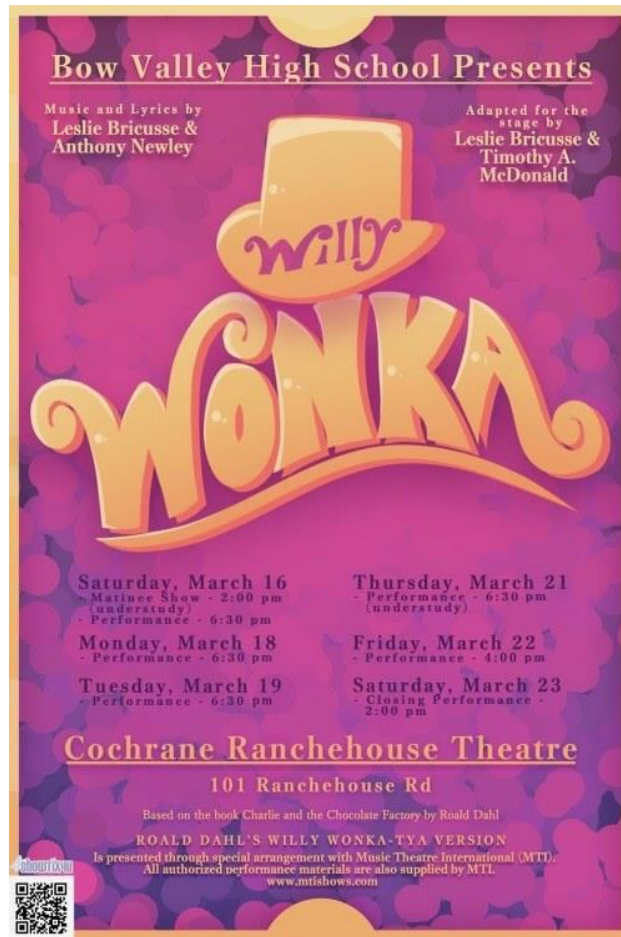
School Fees for Grade 6, 7, and 8

Grade 7 & 8 Option Fees for Terms 1 and 2 are now past due. Band Fees for students in Grades 6, 7, 8 are also past due. If you have outstanding fees, we would appreciate your prompt attention to this matter, and thank you to those who have paid prior to the deadline. If you require financial assistance, please contact the office to discuss.

Permission Forms / Fees for Field Trips, Sports Teams, and Other Activities Fireside School posts information letters, consent forms and corresponding fees for most student opportunities to the School Cash Online account of the pertinent students. Please ensure that you have created a School Cash Online account and that you are receiving an email when new items are available for purchase or that require your online consent. Thank you.

Bow Valley High School Performing Arts Presents Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory

Bow Valley High School's Performing Arts program is gearing up for their performances of *Willing Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, opening Saturday, March 16, with an Understudy Show at 2:00 pm and Opening Night Show at 6:30 pm. The shows the following week are: Monday, March 18 (6:30 pm); Tuesday, March 19 (6:30 pm); Thursday, March 21 (6:30 pm, Understudy Show); Friday, March 22 (6:30 pm); and the Closing Show on Saturday, March 23 (2:00 pm Matinee). You can purchase tickets at <https://www.showtix4u.com/events/wonka>: \$15 General Admission, \$12 Students, and \$11 Youth (12 and Under).



Mental Health Out Loud Art Contest

It's that time of year again. The Annual Mental Health Out Loud Art Contest is on!

Stepping Stones to Mental Health invites Rocky View Schools students currently in Grades 5-12 to create a piece of artwork (11x17 inches maximum) that includes messages encouraging the reduction of stigma around mental illness, taking steps towards maintaining positive mental health, and supporting others.

This piece can be in any medium (but must be able to be scanned), and the winning artwork may be printed as posters to be shared in Rocky View Schools and in our communities.

Students can get more details about entry requirements and the entry form from Mrs. Soch.

There will be a grade 5-8 category and a 9-12 category. Prizes in each category include:

- 1st Place: \$100 Art & Self Care Basket
- 2nd Place: \$75 Art & Self Care Basket
- 3rd Place: \$50 Art & Self Care Basket

All entries must be submitted to Stepping Stones for Mental Health by the end of the day on April 19, so they must be in to Mrs. Soch with the accompanying entry form by Tuesday, April 16.



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.