

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 15

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- Saturday, March 16 – Babysitter Training Course 9:00 am - 2:00 pm (for registered participants only)
- Saturday, March 16 – Home Alone Course 9:00 am - 12:00 pm (for registered participants only)
- Thursday, March 21 – Class Photos
- Thursday, March 21 – Last Day of Term 2 Options (Grades 7 & 8)
- Thursday, March 21 – World Down Syndrome Day – Wear Your Craziest Socks
- Tuesday, March 26 – First Day of Term 3 Options (Grades 7 & 8)

- 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
- Monday, April 8 – Classes Resume
- Wednesday, April 10 – Fireside Parent Council (6:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 pm) Meetings

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Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

We sincerely hope all of you and your families are healthy and feeling well. Unfortunately, we know many of you and your kids are not, as one of the week's highlights involved the school being put on Outbreak Status by Alberta Health Services after illness-related absences spiked on Wednesday. The most common culprit appeared to be a gastrointestinal bug that many of our students caught throughout the week.

As of Friday, we still had 10.2% of our school population reporting an absence due to illness. While this represented a decline from the previous day's rate, Fireside will need to see two consecutive school days with illness-related absences below 10% of the school's population in order to be removed from Outbreak Status. Hopefully with a weekend in front of us, the infection will have a chance to run its course and our kids can get back to school.

Some important suggested reminders from AHS:

- Wash your hands and children's hands often and well.
- Practice physical distancing when possible.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces that are frequently touched.
- Ensure that children who have symptoms stay home until symptoms subside.

This week, Grade 3, Grade 4, and Grade 5 Music classes were getting their "Rock" on to prepare for their *Fireside School Rocks!* concert on Tuesday, March 26. Please see below for further details.



This week and next, articles about our amazing successes during Read-a-Thon will be in the local papers. Lauren and Eric from *Cochrane Now* interviewed Reader Leaders, Laura and Liam on Wednesday; the article that followed can be viewed [here](#). There will also be something in the *Cochrane Eagle* this coming week.

Today, Grade 1s were extremely excited when they came in to check on their leprechaun traps: indeed the leprechauns did visit, and they left some fun treats behind for students. Grade 3 and 2/3 students, teachers, and parent volunteers went to a preview performance of Bow Valley High School's *Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, alongside students from Westbrook School. From all accounts, it was amazing! The students were so excited to see it before it's Opening Weekend shows tomorrow. They were also able to ask many questions in the Q&A session that followed with actors, tech crew, and the directors. And right now our Junior B Boys and Girls Teams are playing in their final round tournaments.

Coming into next week, it looks like we'll have some nicer weather...for part of it anyway. So, appropriate footwear for mud and puddles as well as snow and ice is a good idea. Next Thursday is the last day of Term 2 options; new ones will begin on Tuesday, March 26.

Wishing you an excellent weekend!

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1 - Grade 1 leprechaun traps



2 - Grade 3s and 2/3s at Willy Wonka's Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Q&A session



Reminder: Fireside School Rocks – Grades 3-5 Concert

Students in Grades 3-5 are getting ready to rock on Tuesday, March 26th. Please note: our concert start time has been pushed back 10 minutes (to 6:10 pm) to allow time to find parking on this exciting night. Doors will open at 5:45 pm. Please be aware that this show will include flashing lights, loud noises, and some slightly spooky scenes. Looking forward to seeing you on the 26th!

