

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 22

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- Tuesday, March 26 – First Day of Term 3 Options (Grades 7 & 8)
- Tuesday, March 26 – Grades 3, 4, & 5 School Concert (6:00 - 7:00 pm) (see below for updated details)
- Thursday, March 28 – Family-themed Decades Day (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) Meeting

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Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

We are pleased to share with you that we are no longer on Outbreak Status at Fireside School. We hope that those who are still feeling under the weather are beginning to feel better and will be back with us soon. We're also happy to share that there was a great turn-out for the Home Alone and Babysitting courses engaged by Friends of Fireside, which ran here at the school this past weekend.

Although it was cold and snowy this week, students were still able to go out for recesses and outdoor classroom activities and learning. As part of their leadership goals for PE, Grade 6 students in Ms. Duong's class take the lead to make a lesson for their peers; this week, one lesson included team snowman building as part of the activity. Grade 7/8 Outdoor Education classes held a cookout on the compound for their final class this week, showing off the outdoor cooking skills they'd learned over the term, and Grade 7 students were cross-country skiing and snowshoeing on our fields for PE.



1 - Home Alone and Babysitting class this past weekend.





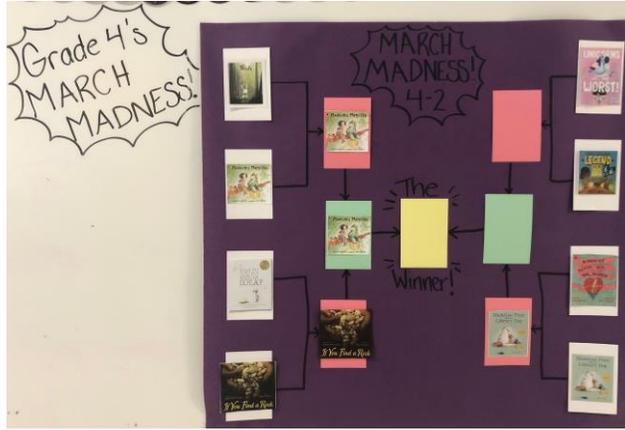


2 - Grade 6 Team-building Snowman



3 - Grade 1 Paper Mache Bunny Baskets

Grade 1 students in Mrs. Carriere's class had great fun making their own playdough and then using it to further their learning about how we can change surface area by exploring stretching, cutting and bending the playdough. They also enjoyed making paper mache Bunny Baskets today; their hands were messy, but the smiles and excitement were huge! Grade 4s are holding their own March Madness for Books; next week, each will select the best Grade 4 Book. Mrs. Waugh's Grade 4s made origami art projects, while also using their creativity, spatial, and measurement precision skills. And RVS Learning Specialists Alida South and Erin Spooner continued their numeracy work with students and teachers in the Science Lab; we bid them a fond farewell this week, and thank them for their time and expertise the past several weeks.





As we come into next week, we look forward to welcoming Grade 3, 4, and 5 Families for *Fireside School Rocks!* Our music teachers, Mr. Petterson and Mr. Chung, have been helping classes put the finishing touches on these performances, so get ready to be blown away. Please see below for updated concert information. It also looks like temperatures will begin to come up slightly throughout next week, which still means outdoor clothing for ice, snow, mud, and puddles is needed. Thank you for helping your children come prepared for whatever weather the day may hold (sometimes multiple weather types in one day!).

Our Grade 6 Basketball Teams are playing in their first tournaments today; Girls are at Bearspaw and Boys at Bow Valley. They were very excited and ready to show their growing skills on the court: Go Hawks!!

Wishing you a wonderful weekend!

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4 - Farewell projects for Year 2 Student Teachers -- we bid a fond farewell to Ms. Funk, Ms. Zacarias, and Ms. Kryway, as well as our Year 1 Student Teachers from MRU this week.



5 - Grade 6 Boys Basketball Team



6 - Grade 6 Girls playing at Bears paw School, with co-coach Mrs. Hamilton cheering them on (in the background)



7 - Members of the Girls Grade 6 Basketball Team



8 - Grade 6 Girls Basketball Team with Mrs. Cheverie (co-coach)

Get Ready to Rock: Grades 3, 4, & 5 Fireside School Rocks Concert



Fireside School will be rocking next Tuesday, March 26th at our *Fireside School Rocks!* Concert. Grade 3, 4, and 5 students have been preparing their performances and they are ready to showcase their songs. 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! **Also, please remember that Fireside School is a scent-free school; therefore, please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, scented body creams or products, and essential oils (including orange, coconut, and citrus scents).** Thank you for your respect of and consideration for this health concern.

Instructions for Performers: All performers will enter through the front doors; doors open at 5:45 pm. Students will go straight to the classrooms to get ready for their performance times. Seating for those attending will be in our main gym. Then, the show will begin at 6:10 pm (to allow for everyone to find parking and find a seat). We look forward to seeing you there!





Fireside Family-themed Decades Day on March 28!

Next Thursday, March 28, is a Student Leadership Spirit Day for Spring Break Send-off! Based on their Fireside Family, each student is welcome to dress up as the Decade below for their Fireside Family. Family Points will be awarded to student and staff participants! **Happy Throw Back Thursday Hawks!**

Forest Family -- 50's (Think: Dime, leather jackets, greased back hair)

Mountain Family -- 60's/70s (Think: flared jeans/pants, patterned shirts, and The Beatles!)

River Family -- 80s (Think: Neon colours, fanny packs, and sweater vests)

Valley Family -- 90s (Think: Plaid, overalls, and matching sets)

Meadow Family -- 2000s (Think: baggy/oversized , track suits, stripes)

We look forward to sharing with you some hip, groovy, gnarly, rad outfits that are totes "da bomb"!

Grade 6 Learning About Municipal Government

Grade 6 has been learning about local government in their latest Social Studies unit. Each class created a town, where there are local service committees, homemade houses, and a mayor and town council. This week, the mayoral and council candidates ran campaigns, and voting was today. Students were able to simulate the voting process here at school (see photos), which is an important civic responsibility they will have in later years, of course. In the 5/6 class, grade 5 students assisted by using their math lessons around area to help plot out the town's area: amazing! Stay tuned for pictures of their finalized towns next week.



