

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – March 8

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Upcoming Dates

- 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
- Thursday, March 21 – Last Day of Term 2 Options (Grades 7 & 8)
- 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

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

Earlier this week, we held our monthly Parent Council and Friends of Fireside meetings. Among other topics, we were pleased to hear from Trustee Fiona Gilbert who reiterated the Provincial Government's approval of construction funding for a K-8 school in Rivercrest. When operational, it will almost certainly come as a welcome relief from student population pressures at Fireside.

Read-a-Thon Assemblies were held on Thursday, celebrating more than 840,000 minutes of reading and over \$14,000 raised by our school to support the purchase of books and literacy resources in our school. See below for further details and some pictures of our celebrations. SOAR Awards were also presented at the assembly, seeing several students in each grade recognized for demonstrating Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect & Responsibility in amazing ways this month.



1 - Good luck to our Junior B basketball teams playing at home and in Bragg Creek Friday!



2 - SOAR Awards



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Lastly, just a reminder there is no school on Monday, as it is a professional learning day. Our teachers and support staff will be learning about student regulation as seen through the lens of an Occupational Therapist and then engaging in several workshops on instructional design, assessment, and supporting learner diversity.

Wishing you an excellent weekend!

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Jason Ness (Assistant Principal, Grades 5-8; jness@rockyview.ab.ca)



5 - Top Grade 2, 4, 6, and 8 Readers with Krystle Anderson, School Council Chair



6 - Top Individual Reader: 11,014 minutes (kindly sponsored by Bow Valley High School Performing Arts -- the recipient received a "GOLDEN TICKET" for his family to attend Willy Wonka)

Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies



7 - Gavin Hastings (2nd Top Reader K-4) with Sponsor Representative Laura Button from Calbridge Group and Skyler Hawk



8 - Top Fundraiser



9 - Draw Prize Winners for 1100 & 1200 Minutes (kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside)

Read-a-Thon Celebration Assemblies were a huge success on Thursday, seeing 127+ students receiving prizes and awards. Paired with our SOAR Assemblies, students in K-8 attended to see who had won the sponsored draw prizes for reaching reading benchmarks and who were the top readers and fundraisers this year.

All together, Fireside School read 840,047 minutes: AMAZING! We raised \$14,259, which will go toward purchasing book sets, literacy kits, and other reading resources to continue to build our book love together. The classes that will have bragging rights this year as being the Most Minutes Read as a Class in K-4 and 5-8, as well as the Highest Fundraising were also announced. Mrs. Cooledge's Grade 2 Class won Most Minutes Read in K-4 AND Highest Fundraisers; Mrs. Lawrence's Grade 5 Class won Most Minutes Read in 5-8. Congratulations to all recipients and to all students for doing their best reading for Read-a-Thon this year



10 - Mrs. Cooledge's Class -- Most Class Minutes K-4 AND Top Fundraisers



11 - Draw for FUNdraisers with Constables Nathan Moore (Guest Reader) and Andrew Epp.

The draw prizes this year were almost exclusively sponsored by community partners and sponsors (over 80 during Read-a-Thon and over 120 at the Celebration Assemblies); we are very grateful for their support. A HUGE thank you to: The Friends of Fireside Society, Found Books & Shop, Cochrane Movie House, Calbridge Group, Bow Valley High School Performing Arts, MacKay's Ice Cream, Calaway Park, Spray Lake Sawmills Family Recreation Centre, The Messy Moose Art Studio, Tim Hortons (Cochrane), Fireside McDonald's, Shredz Shop Cochrane, Rebel Comics, reet beet Designs (Cochrane), Holliday Collective (Cochrane), the Gillies Family, the Fossheim Family, Mr. Petterson, Mrs. Hamilton, J. Neven Pugh, and the Sly Family.

Another huge thank you to our Guest Readers, including Superintendent Greg Luterbach; Associate Superintendent Murray Besenski; RVS Director of Organizational Learning Sharon Cronin; Area Director Ryan Reed; Area Director Sandy McDuffe; our School Resource Officer, Constable Nathan Moore; student readers Laura Wright and Liam Blackwell.

And final thank yous to you, parents and families, for supporting your kids in this event, filling in the Google Form, and submitting final Pledge Forms and Minutes Trackers; as well as our Read-a-Thon Committee; Staff Helpers; and Student Helpers.



12 - Reading Every Day Draw Prize recipient with Erin Lirantzis from The Messy Moose Art Studio



13 - Draw Prizes for 500 & 600 minutes, kindly sponsored by Cochrane Movie House.



14 - Read Every Day Draw Prize Recipients (kindly sponsored by Calaway Park, The Messy Moose Art Studio, and SLS Centre)

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!



Reminder: 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.

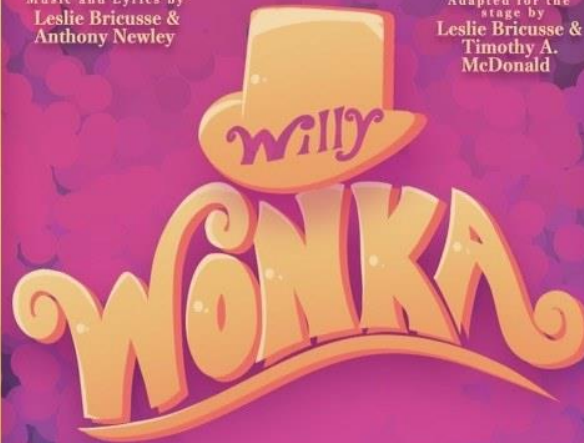
Reminder: Bow Valley High School Performing Arts Presents Willy Wonka

Bow Valley High School's Performing Arts program is gearing up for their performances of *Willy Wonka*, 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).

Bow Valley High School Presents

Music and Lyrics by
**Leslie Bricusse &
Anthony Newley**

Adapted for the
stage by
**Leslie Bricusse &
Timothy A.
McDonald**



Saturday, March 16
- Matinee Show - 2:00 pm
(understudy)
- Performance - 6:30 pm

Monday, March 18
- Performance - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, March 19
- Performance - 6:30 pm

Thursday, March 21
- Performance - 6:30 pm
(understudy)

Friday, March 22
- Performance - 4:00 pm

Saturday, March 23
- Closing Performance -
2:00 pm

Cochrane Ranchhouse Theatre

101 Ranchehouse Rd

Based on the book *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* by Roald Dahl

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