

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 10

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- Friday, Nov 10 – No classes

- Saturday, Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Sunday, Nov 12 – Artrageous orders deadline (see below)
- Monday, Nov 13 – Conference Manager Opens for Booking 3-Way Conferences (8:00 am -- see below)
- Monday, Nov 20 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Tuesday, Nov 21 – Conference Manager Closes for Booking 3-Way Conferences (4:00 pm -- see below)
- Wednesday, Nov 22 & Thursday, Nov 23 – 3-Way Conferences (4:00 pm to 7:00 pm -- see below)
- Wednesday, Nov 22 & Thursday, Nov 30 – Grade 7/8 Girls Basketball Tryouts
- Saturday, Nov 25 – deadline for Purdy's Orders and Artrageous Fundraiser (see below)
- Monday, Nov 27 & Wednesday, Nov 29 – Grade 7/8 Boys Basketball Tryouts
- Wednesday, Nov 29 – Grade 6 Immunizations (for students with signed consent forms)
- Wednesday, Dec – Immunizations (for students with signed consent forms)
- Dec 7, 8, & 9 – Purdy's orders delivered
- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Winter Concert (Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2)
- Friday, Dec 22 – Last day of classes before Winter Break
- Monday, Jan 8 – First day of classes after Winter Break

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

We enjoyed a short week that culminated with a pair of wonderful Remembrance Day Ceremonies. Thank you's go to Mr. Chung and Ms. Sly for organizing the ceremonies, as well as Petty Officer Steven DeRoo for his engaging presentations to our school. Please see below for more on the ceremonies.

Three-Way Conferences are approaching. The booking system will open on Monday. We encourage parents to reserve their meeting spots early. Last minute bookings will not be possible once the system closes.



You will notice Immunization Dates in our calendar above. The Nov 29 date is for Grade 6 students (with consent forms signed), who were not vaccinated when AHS was here in October. The Dec 6 date is for immunizations for students in grades other than Grade 6, who have consent but missed immunizations last year or need a second dose to complete an immunization cycle.

We'd like to wish you all a wonderful weekend.

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New: Remembrance Day Ceremonies

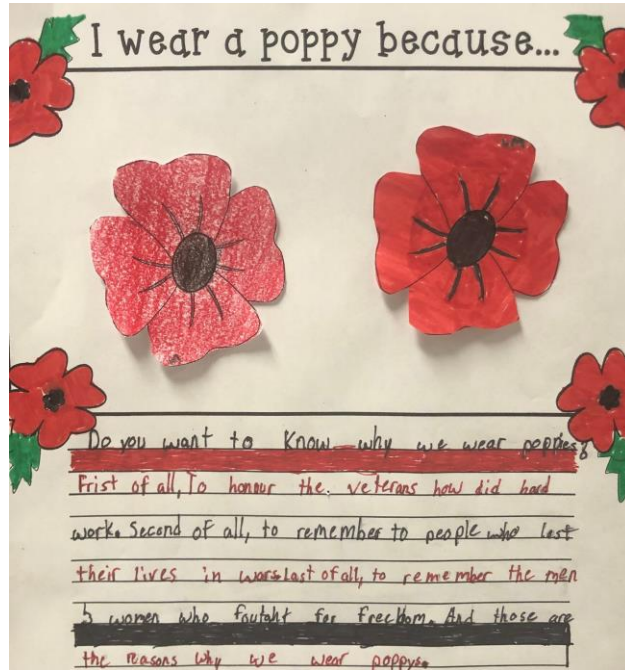


1 - Petty Officer 2nd Class DeRoo, trumpeter Luca Tanzola, and Music Teacher Alex Chung

A huge thank you to Mr. Chung for all of his work and coordination in putting together our amazing Remembrance Day Ceremonies. And to our art classes in all grades for spreading poppies and Remembrance Day messages throughout the school this week.

Our Fireside School Choir presented two songs: "Why do we have Remembrance Day?" and "In Flanders Fields" (John McCrae's famous poem set to music). Our guest speaker was Petty Officer 2nd Class DeRoo, who has served in the Canadian Forces since 2008. He began his career in the Infantry Reserve and then with the Royal Canadian Naval Reserve. He has deployed numerous times throughout his career on both Domestic (inside Canada) and International Operations. Petty Officer DeRoo is a Boatswain by trade, as well as a Naval Boarding Party Supervisor and a Ships Team Diver Supervisor. It was our privilege to have him speak at our ceremony and share his career and experiences with our students and members of our larger community, who also joined us yesterday.

Some of our younger classes also had the opportunity to engage in a Q&A with Petty Officer 2nd Class DeRoo, including our afternoon Kindergarten class so they had an opportunity to experience a small part of a Remembrance Day Ceremony as well.



New: School Club Opportunities

Fireside has a number of extracurricular clubs, most of which are already in full swing and some of which are at capacity. The graphic below outlines the programs we currently offer.

Fireside Clubs				
Mondays	Tuesdays	Wednesdays	Thursdays	Fridays
BOOST Self-Esteem Club (Currently Full) Grade 5 12:10-12:50 Room 1025 Ongoing. New session to start in January Sign-up required Staff Contact: Charlene Abrahams BGC Cochrane supported. Students will work through activities, crafts, and games which focus on positive self-talk and self-care. SOAR Grades 7&8 12:10-12:50 Large Conference Room Ongoing Staff contact: Breanne Pyle Be a part of Fireside Families, school events and initiatives, and be a voice of change in our building. No sign-up required.	Leadership Club (Full) Grades 5/6 12:10-12:40 Room 1025 Ongoing Sign-up required Staff Contact: Charlene Abrahams Provides opportunities for event planning, school wide activities and peer connections. School-Wide Intramurals Grade 8 10:30-10:45 Ongoing Staff Contact: Melanie Hamilton Provides opportunities for organized sports activities. The sports played will rotate, based on the Rocky View Schools athletic teams schedule.	Art Club (Currently Full) Grades 6-8 12:10-12:40 Room 1025 Starts Nov 8. New session to start in January Sign-up required Staff contact: Charlene Abrahams BGC Cochrane supported. A variety of mediums will be explored. This club has multiple sessions. Dungeons & Dragons Club (Full) Grades 5-8 12:10-12:50 Aux gym Ongoing Sign-up required Staff contacts: Dennis Bettenson and Erik Lofthouse Students can learn and play Dungeons and Dragons. The club needs Dungeon Masters! Students interested in learning how to run a table can speak to Mr. Bettenson or Mr. Lofthouse.	Acceptance Club Grades 5-8 12:10-12:50 Room 1025 Ongoing Staff contacts: Kelsea Soch and Alanna Simpson A club that provides opportunities for students of all sexual orientations and gender identities, including allies, to come together in a safe environment. It exists as a safe and welcoming place where people can express their genuine selves and be who they are. No sign-up required. School-Wide Intramurals Grade 7 12:10-12:50 Ongoing Staff contact: Melanie Hamilton Provides opportunities for organized sports activities. The sports played will rotate, based on the Rocky View Schools athletic teams schedule.	Chess Club (Full) Grades 5-8 12:10-12:50 Room 1025 Ongoing Sign-up required Staff contact: Charlene Abrahams Learn to play chess and compete against your friends! School-Wide Intramurals Grade 7 10:30-10:45 Grade 8 12:10-12:50 Ongoing Staff contact: Melanie Hamilton Provides opportunities for organized sports activities. The sports played will rotate based on the Rocky View Schools athletic teams schedule.

New: Upcoming Games Night!



Are you in Grade 5-8 and love playing board games with your friends?

We will be hosting our first Games Night at Fireside School for students to attend on November 21, 2023. from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Fireside students in Grades 5-8 are welcome to attend. Games night is free of charge and students can attend without a parent present. We are always looking for parent volunteers who would like to help. Reach out to Ms. Abrahams if you would like to volunteer.

We will have a large selection of board games and activities for students to explore with their friends in a fun and safe environment at Fireside School.

Registration is required and can be completed by contacting Charlene Abrahams at cabrahams@rockyview.ab.ca or 403-932-4868 ext. 7449.

Updated: Booking 3-Way Conferences for November 22 & 23 (4:00 PM – 7:00 PM each day)

Conference Manager will open for bookings this coming Monday, November 13th, at 8:00 AM; it will close on Tuesday, November 21st, at 4:00 PM. Fireside School uses the online booking program 'Conference Manager', which can be accessed [here](#).

When the conference booking site opens, please book an appointment date and time that works for you. When you are booking your appointment time, you will be prompted to provide a phone number where the teacher can reach you, should there be any reason to need to contact you directly. Please call the school office (403-932-4868) if you have questions or are having difficulties logging in.

Our 3-Way Conferences are part of Rocky View Schools' Communication of Student Learning. These 10-minute conferences include parents, teachers, and students and offer a chance to review the student's

progress to date and to set goals for the next steps of their learning journey. For the upcoming round of conferences, we are offering face-to-face meetings only.

If you have never used Conference Manager before, please register now. You do not have to wait until the site is open for bookings. Returning users should ensure they can log in to the system – a password reset is available if necessary. Please review your parent/guardian profile to ensure the information is correct. Important: the email address you provide in this profile will be used to send you the booking confirmation.

Updated: Friends of Fireside - Purdy's Fundraiser & Artrageous Fundraiser



It is that time of year when we roll out the Purdy's Chocolates fundraiser. The order form (with images of each product to order) can be accessed [here](#).

Purdy's orders close on Saturday, November 25th, and will be sent home by December 7/8/9.

Last week, your child brought home a card printed with their Artrageous artwork. Inside the card are the details you need regarding how to order items printed with that artwork. All information about ordering and deadlines are included in that card. Thank you in advance for your support in this fundraising event.

Updated: Fireside Swag (store link corrected)

Looking for a Christmas gift idea? How about a Fireside School hoodie, ball cap, or touque? Maybe a T-shirt? Orders can be placed through Kodiak Sports. To receive orders before Winter Break, please place your order before Monday, November 20. All clothing ordered before that date will be shipped out or delivered to the school approximately 3.5 weeks later (approximately December 18th). Our apologies that the link sent out last week did not connect to the site. You can check out the online store [here](#).

Reminder: Calling Talented Parents, Guardians, and Family Members

Do you have a cool profession you'd love to share with kids? Or maybe you have a passion or hobby for wildlife, travel, culture, science, sports, building, the list goes on We have the most welcoming, open-minded, and engaging of audiences for you!

To enrich the learning experiences of our students and create a larger sense of community, we would love to tap into the diverse passions, talents, knowledge, and skills we know exists within our wonderful Fireside families. We are looking for parents/guardians who would love to share their passions and experiences with our students. Your commitment could be as small as a one-time 20-minute session, or more frequently, as your schedule allows. We enthusiastically welcome more parents into our school to inspire and educate our learners. Please express your interest to Charlene Abrahams (cabrahams@rockyview.ab.ca), and we look forward to working with you and sharing our amazing students!

Contact Us!

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