

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 17

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From the Admin Desk

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Upcoming Dates

- Monday, Nov 20 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)

- Tuesday, Nov 21 – Conference Manager Closes for Booking 3-Way Conferences (4:00 pm -- see below)
- Tuesday, Nov 21 – Games Night (6:30 to 7:30 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 (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 6 – Immunizations (for students with signed consent forms)
- Wednesday, Dec 6 – School Council and Friends of Fireside meetings (6:30 to 8:30 pm)
- Dec 7, 8, & 9 – Purdy's orders delivered to school
- Tuesday, Dec 19 – Winter Concert: *Flakes* (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

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Fireside School
Presents

FLAKES!

December 19

From the Admin Desk



Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

The school celebrated some outstanding students this week, along with their positive contributions to our school culture. Positive Behaviour Tickets made their return. Students who are "caught" exhibiting certain behaviours are recognized and applauded by staff. Students receive a ticket they can drop off at the office and have the chance to win small prizes in recognition of their positivity.

We also held our monthly SOAR awards, recognizing students from each class who exhibit Spirit, Outstanding Character, Achievement, and Respect in our school. Congratulations to all the award winners!



AT FIRESIDE WE SOAR

This ticket is awarded to...

Name

Class

Family (circle)

Forest

Meadow

Mountain

River

Valley

At yesterday's Rocky View Schools (RVS) annual board meeting, highlights of the Annual Education Results Report (AERR) for the 2019–2023 Four-Year Education Plan were presented to the Board of Trustees. Grade 5 students from Fireside were included in those highlights for the 18 stories in the Polar Expressions Publishing writing contest they entered when they were in Grade 3!

As a final note, we had a few allergic reactions in the school this week. We'd like to remind families and students that we are a scent-free school and would appreciate everyone helping us to keep scents – especially perfumes, colognes and body sprays – out of the building.

Please don't forget that students will be getting a long weekend, with Monday a professional learning day. Have a wonderful (and hopefully warm) weekend.

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

Updated: Upcoming Games Night: Next Tuesday



We will be hosting our first Games Night at Fireside School for students in Grades 5-8 to on November 21, 2023, from 6:30pm-7:30pm.

Games Night is free of charge and students can attend without a parent present. That said, we are always looking for parent volunteers who would like to help. Please 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 is still open for bookings for 3-Way Conferences in 'Conference Manager' (which can be accessed [here](#)); however, it will close on Tuesday, November 21st, at 4:00 PM. These 10-minute conferences include parents, teachers, and students and offer a chance to review a 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.

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.

If you have never used Conference Manager before, please register [here](#) first. Returning users can log in to the system with the previous password (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 and information.**

Updated: Friends of Fireside - Purdy's Fundraiser



You still have time to place an order for 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. Orders will be sent home by December 7/8/9.

Reminder: 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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