

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – November 3

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- Nov 8 – [Fun Lunch](#) (Little Caesars)
- Wednesday, Nov 8 – National Indigenous Veterans Remembrance Day
- Thursday, Nov 9 – Remembrance Day Assemblies
 - Kindergarten to Grade 4: Period 2 (8:45 to 9:30)
 - Grades 5 to 8: Period 4 (10:45 to 11:30)
- Thursday, Nov 9 - Wear Black, White, and Red for Remembrance Day
- Friday, Nov 10 – No classes
- Saturday, Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Sunday, Nov 12 – Artrageous orders deadline (see below)
- Monday, Nov 20 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, Nov 22 & Thursday, Nov 23 – 3-Way Conferences (see below)
- Saturday, Nov 25 -- deadline for Purdy's Orders
- Dec 7, 8, & 9 -- Purdy's orders delivered
- Tuesday, Dec 19 - Winter Concert (Kindergarten, Grade 1, and Grade 2)

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

Halloween was definitely the highlight of our week at Fireside. It's always so much fun to see the parade of costumes every year, and this Halloween was no exception. Our Kinders also had the fun of trick-or-treating to classes on the main floor by their classroom, accompanied by older buddies. We also had our Halloween Dance on Friday of last week and it was an absolute blast. Thanks to Friends of Fireside for putting on a great event. Among the highlights was the display of Jack o' Lanterns that had been carved by the classes earlier in the week. The designs and craftsmanship were incredible.

Grade 1 and Grade 4 students went on a Hallowe'en Parade down to Hawthorne Manner, which was a lovely time to connect with the seniors who live there. And Grade 1 students also

We'd like to thank Mrs. Bev Copithorne for her service in covering Mr. Denver Petterson's parental leave. It will be great to have Mr. Patterson back teaching Music, Art, and Woodworking, but we'll definitely miss Mrs. Copithorne as she returns to subbing.





A big congratulations to our boys volleyball team who brought home a silver medal on Thursday at the divisional championship tournament. The ladies placed fourth, with a number of tight matches in a very competitive tournament. Congratulations to both teams on an excellent season.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

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New: 3-Way Conferences, November 22 & 23 from 4:00 PM – 7:00 PM

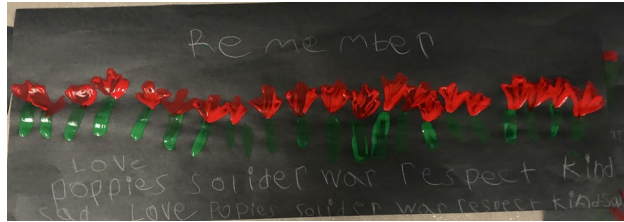
Our 3-Way Conferences are part of Rocky View Schools' Communication of Student Learning. These 10-minute conferences include parents, teachers, and students and offer a chance to review the student's progress to date and to set goals for the next steps of their learning journey. For the upcoming round of conferences, we are offering face-to-face meetings only.

Fireside School uses the online booking program 'Conference Manager', which can be accessed here: <https://fireside.schoolsoft.com/login.jsf>

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.

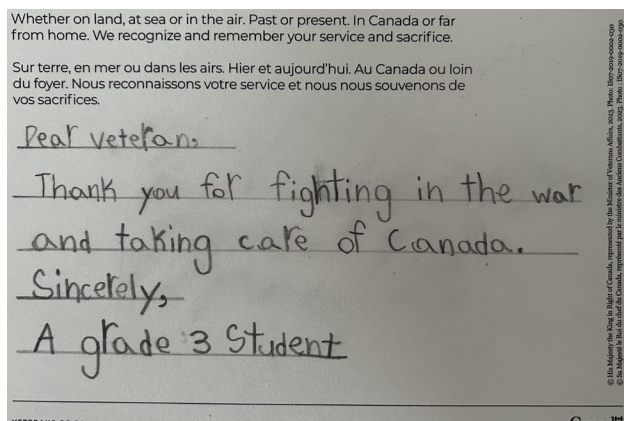
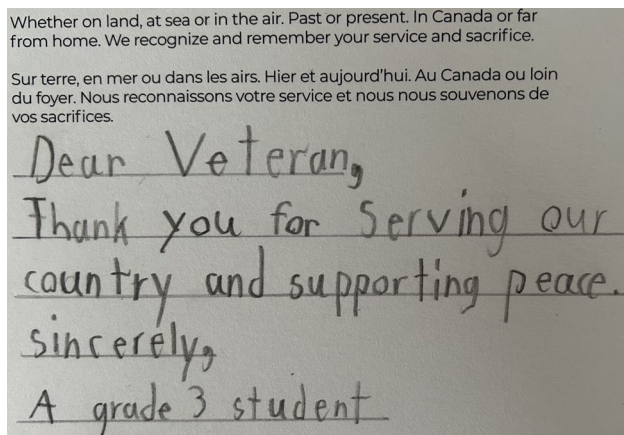
Conference Manager will open for bookings on November 13th at 8:00 AM and will close on November 21st at 4:00 PM. Please call the school office (403-932-4868) if you have questions or are having difficulties logging in. When the conference booking site opens, please book an appointment date and time 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.

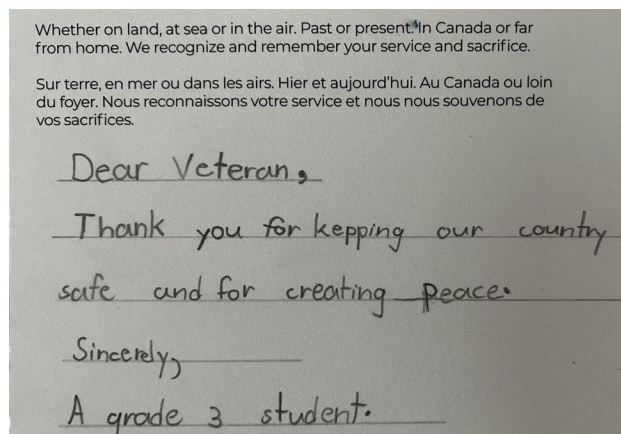
New: Remembrance Day



This year's Remembrance Day Ceremonies will take place on Thursday, November 9. Our theme this year is *The Importance of Remembrance*. We are excited to announce that Petty Officer Second Class Steven DeRoo (Royal Canadian Navy) will be coming in as a guest presenter on that day. Additionally, our choir will be singing some beautiful songs they have prepared for this occasion. National Indigenous Veterans Day (November 8) will also be acknowledged at our ceremonies.

Students have been learning about Remembrance Day this week; they will continue their learning next week. One example: Grade 3 students in Mrs. Billings's class wrote post-cards to Veterans, which will be sent to them at the Colonel Belcher in Calgary. Some students are also participating in the art contest sponsored by the Royal Canadian Legions. These art pieces and works will be displayed by the gym on November 9.





New: Friends of Fireside - Artrageous and Purdy's Fundraiser

This week, your child brought home a card printed with their Artrageous artwork. Inside the card are details of 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.

The dance is over! A wonderful time was had by all! Now we are going to roll out the Purdy's fundraising. Attached is the catalogue. The order form can be accessed [here](#):

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

New: Fireside Swag

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). Check out the online store [here](#).

New: Grade 8 Off Campus Lunch

Grade 8 students will start having the opportunity to leave school for lunch and lunch recess to either go home or visit nearby businesses. Permission forms were handed out to students today. These must be signed in order for them to leave campus. Initially, our 8s will only be able to leave on Wednesdays. We'll add days as they demonstrate their trustworthiness to represent Fireside in the community with respect and courtesy. When students return to school, they must remain outside until the conclusion of recess (12:50). Students who have difficulty being good ambassadors of the school while in the community, or

students who are having trouble returning to the school prior to the bell, may have these privileges suspended or revoked.

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!

Reminder: Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Test Dates (2024)

Every year, Grade 6 students write Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) in all four core subjects: English Language Arts & Literature, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science. These assessments reflect the essentials that all Alberta students are expected to achieve.

Here are the assessment dates that have been set by Alberta Education for this school year so you can make note of them:

- Wednesday, May 15 -- English Language Arts & Literature Part A (Writing)
- Wednesday, June 12 -- English Language Arts & Literature Part B (Reading)
- Thursday, June 13 -- Mathematics Part A
- Friday, June 14 -- Mathematics Part B
- Wednesday, June 19 -- Social Studies
- Thursday, June 20 -- Science

Parents/Guardians of Grade 6 students will receive other communications throughout the year with more information closer to those dates. The *Parent Guide for Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests* can be found [here](#).

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