

FIRESIDE FOCUS



Fireside Focus – October 27

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Upcoming Dates

- Tuesday, Oct 31 – Spirit Day 4 Halloween Dress-up Day (see below)
- Wednesday, Nov 1 – School Council (6:30 to 7:30 pm) and Friends of Fireside Meetings (7:30 to 8:30 pm)
- Thursday, Nov 2 – Deadline to order [Fun Lunch](#)

- Wednesday, Nov 8 – [Fun Lunch](#) (Little Caesars)
- Wednesday, Nov 8 – National Indigenous Veterans Remembrance Day
- Thursday, Nov 9 – Remembrance Day Assemblies
- Friday, Nov 10 – No classes
- Saturday, Nov 11 – Remembrance Day
- Sunday, Nov 12 – Artrageous orders deadline (details in next Focus)
- Monday, Nov 20 – Professional Learning Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, Nov 22 & Thursday, Nov 23 – 3-Way Conferences

From the Admin Desk

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

Winter came knocking rather abruptly this week, as we were treated to some chilly temperatures, fluffy white stuff, and plenty of sliding down the hill along the fence. The colder temperatures didn't put a damper on outdoor fun and activity though. Running in winter boots over slicker ground didn't stop the "regulars" from picking up their twice daily soccer games.



Our annual pumpkin carving contest was also a hit, as classes vied for the titles of Spookiest, Funniest, and Most Creative Jack O' Lanterns. The competition was stiff this year. Feel free to judge for yourselves!



Thanks to everyone who donated clothes and activities for our Warmth, Wears & Wonders event this week. Fireside Families did an amazing job of collecting items to support Big Haven Shelter. It was a wonderful week of giving.



Halloween is right around the corner, and we're looking forward to seeing all the costumes and excitement on Tuesday! Have a great weekend and a Happy Halloween.

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Halloween Activities

We're looking forward to seeing some amazing costumes on Tuesday. Please bear in mind this is a K-8 school, where some Halloween imagery may not be appropriate for younger students. We ask that no fake (or real!) weapons enter the school, including swords, guns, lightsabers, etc. Additionally, full face masks and gory costumes should be saved for trick or treating later that evening.

The school-wide costume parade starts at 8:30am. Grade 1's and Mrs. Colling's class are going to Hawthorne Village for Parade in the morning starting at 10am. SOAR leadership is organizing trick or treat for Kindergarten Students (AM and PM)

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: Allergy Awareness and Scent-Free Policy

The safety and health of our students and staff are very important to us. Because we have a number of students and staff who are highly sensitive to certain allergens, we ask the following:

- Please refrain from wearing perfume, cologne, scented products, or essential oils when coming into Fireside School. (You might've noticed that there are now signs on the front entry doors noting this health and safety concern.)
 - *Please note: essential oils can cause reactions for several people in our school, including especially those with coconut oil (base) and coconut, tropical, floral, and citrus (orange, lemon, lime, lemongrass, etc) scents.*
- Please do not bring perfumes, colognes, scented products, or essential oils into Fireside School; most especially, please do not spray them or open/use them in the school at any time, including before or after school.
- Since we are a Nut-Aware School, please do not bring products with nuts into the school, including in snacks, lunches, or treats.

We thank you for your attention to and respect for these health concerns and for helping us to keep everyone safe from allergic reactions this school year.

If your child has allergies, please bring them to the attention of the Homeroom Teacher so that we can be aware of those allergy cautions as well. Thank you.



Contact Us!

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