

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

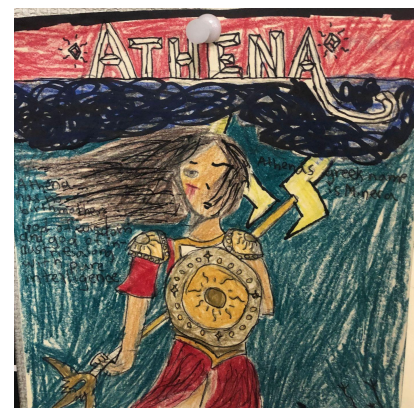
The Week Ahead ~ January 21 to January 28

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, January 31		Professional Learning Day (no school)
Wednesday, February 2	6:30 -8:00 pm	School Council (https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/2781208156)
Friday, February 11		Healthy Hunger
Monday, February 21		Family Day - No School
Tuesday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 23		No School
Thursday, February 24 and Friday, February 25		No School (Teachers' Convention)
Monday, February 28	7:00 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (meet.google.com/yzb-pgbm-zvh)
Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21	Please see poster at the end of this week's <i>Focus</i>	Casino Nights - Friends of Fireside (see below for information and for how to volunteer)

Hello, families and friends of Fireside!

This week, students were settling back into the swing of things. In PE, students were juggling, playing basketball, and playing lacrosse, among other things. Grade 6's have been finishing their work with myths and mythology studies. Kindergarten students are exploring who they are as individuals in their community and how they can contribute to the happiness of others.



And in our School-Wide Community block, all classes followed up on last week's discussions about the meaning of teamwork by looking at how teams come together to achieve common goals. This theme will be an ongoing conversation for students and staff at Fireside as we strive to build a sense of community and come together in meaningful ways within our school this year.



We wish you a safe and restful weekend.

NEW: Volunteering

Thank you to everyone who submitted their names for volunteering in the school. We are starting to contact potential volunteers as needs are identified. If you missed the chance to add your name to our roster, please email Mr. Ness (jness@rockyview.ab.ca) with your name, day/time availability, and any preferred volunteer activities that interest you. Please remember that all volunteers must have a current vulnerable sector check completed and show proof of vaccination or negative PCR Covid test.

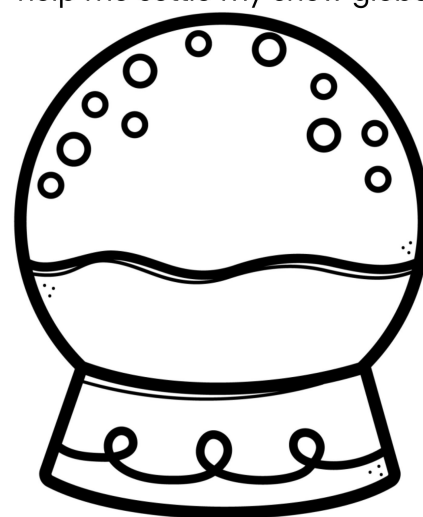
NEW: Recess/Lunch Activities

We are adding more activities for students to enjoy during unstructured times. Upper grades will have the opportunity to play board games and enter a ping pong league at lunch time. Lower grades will get to enjoy activities and games led by some of the older students. If there is a specific club or activity you would like to lead in our school, please contact Mr. Ness (jness@rockyview.ab.ca).

NEW: Grade 2 Snowglobes

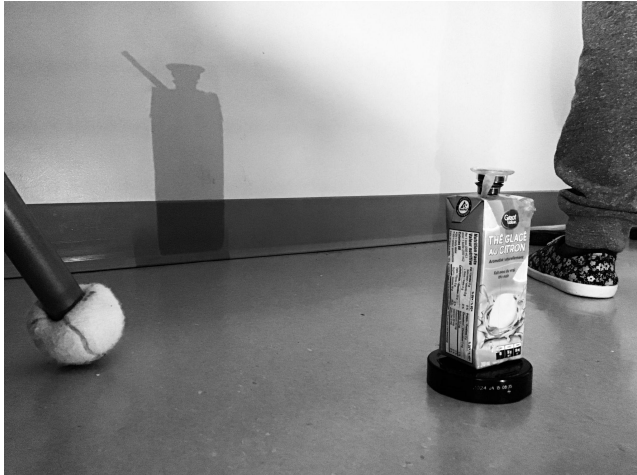
Grade 2 classes have been discussing worries this week. After brainstorming the worries and fears they had, they talked about how fears and worries are normal, and students noticed that many of their worries were shared by others in the class. Finally, students worked on a snowglobe activity: when a snowglobe is shaken, the snow flies out of control like a blizzard, but it calms in time. Students looked at the “tools they have in their toolboxes” to help calm themselves down when things feel out of control around them. Then, each student completed the snowglobe activity, including what they felt will help them find calm and cope with their worries. The conversations and discussions during this activity were powerful for these students and the staff who work with them each day.

These things bring me peace and help me settle my snow globe!



NEW: Grade 4's This Week

Continuing their learning around light and shadows, students in Mrs. Colling's class took photographs to demonstrate their understanding of how these concepts work. Here is a sampling of those photographs and the creativity students showed in creating and taking them.



UPDATED: School Council Meeting Wednesday, February 2

The next School Council meeting is set for Wednesday, February 2. Constable Nathan Moore, RCMP Officer and School Resource and Community Liaison, will be presenting. The presentation will be a basic Online Safety Presentation, tailored for parents. (Students in grades 6-8 receive a similar presentation in class.)

Constable Moore was born and raised in Alberta. He has been a police officer for 15 years, the last 9 of which in Cochrane. His wife, who is also a recently retired police officer, and he have three kids, aged 12-18. His role with the Cochrane detachment is primarily as School Resource and Community Liaison; he is also one of the three Forensic Sketch Artists in the Province for the RCMP.

The meeting is from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. Please join us: <https://rockyview.zoom.us/j/2781208156>

Friends of Fireside

Did someone say Outdoor Learning classroom? Did you know there are endless benefits that come from learning outdoors, such as reduced stress, increased focus, collaboration, problem solving – the list goes on. We are excited that this wonderful opportunity is coming to Fireside School but **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** We have a few more evening shifts to fill and need some on-call people for our

fundraising initiative – Casino Nights. The funds raised directly benefit the children of Fireside School. Here is the [link](#) to sign up – your support is greatly appreciated. More information about Friends of Fireside and our casino can be found [here](#) and on the poster at the end of this week's *Focus*.

Friends of Fireside would love to hear from you! Please take a quick moment to fill out our community survey. Here is the [link](#) for the community survey. Answer for your chance to win a gift card to The Stump/Mezzo/PZA! You must include contact info to be included in the draw. February 11th is the deadline.

Mark your calendars – upcoming events:

- Friends of Fireside meeting – Feb 28th | 7:00pm | [Link to join](#)
- Read-a-thon! Details to follow soon!
- Home Alone/Babysitting course – POSTPONED; CPR course – POSTPONED
- Casino Nights – March 20-21

Please watch our Facebook page for new updates and thank you as always for your continued support!

[NEW: Family Literacy Day](#)

Did you know that Thursday, January 27th is Family Literacy Day? Here are 12 questions you could discuss and explore when reading together:

1. Could this story be true? Why or why not?
2. Where is the setting of this story?
3. Who is this story about? Tell me what you know from the book about him or her or them.
4. What words would you use to describe the main character? Why?
5. Do you like the main character? Why or why not?
6. Does the main character have a problem? What is it?
7. How is the problem solved? (What is the solution?)
8. What is the scariest, funniest, saddest, most interesting, or most funny part of the story? Read it aloud.
9. Do you like this story? Why or why not?
10. Do you know any real people who are like the characters in this story? Who are the people and how are they similar or different?
11. Would you like to be a character from the story? Why or why not?
12. Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?

[Therapy Dogs at Fireside](#)

Fireside will be welcoming Therapy Dogs to our school in the coming weeks. The dogs will always be on a leash. Students who will be connecting with the Therapy Dogs will be provided a consent form to be signed by a parent/guardian in order to participate.

Reminder: Advanced Registration 2022/23

On Monday, January 24th at 8:00 a.m., registration for the 2022/23 school year will begin. This is only for children who will be new to Fireside School next year and not for individuals moving from one grade to the next. Families registering their children in Kindergarten will use this process; it is important to note that morning and afternoon times are not on a first come, first serve basis and will be determined at a later date. A child must be five years of age by December 31 of the year they begin Kindergarten. Please note: students who do not attend Kindergarten in 2021/22 and are six years of age or older on Sept. 1, 2022, must start Grade 1 next fall, as required by Alberta Education.

You will find a link to the registration page on the front page of the Fireside webpage.

REMINDER: Daily Health Checklist Usage

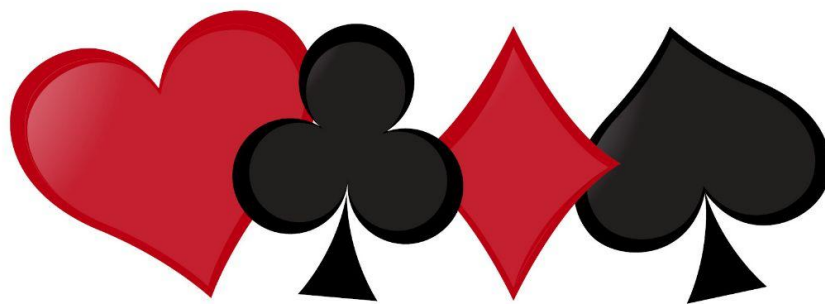
The Alberta Government recently updated its [Alberta Daily Health Checklist](#) (click on the link to view). Please ensure that students are completing this checklist each day before leaving for school. Parents/Guardians play an essential role, as they support actions in the home (such as keeping children/students home when sick and accessing testing if symptoms develop) that ultimately keep other children, students, and staff safe.



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CASINO NIGHT



SUNDAY MARCH 20
MONDAY MARCH 21

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Help us fundraise for the new outdoor
learning area for Fireside School!

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We are still looking for volunteers for both days.
Visit friendsoffireside.ca/casino-march-2022 for
more info or write us at president@friendsoffireside.ca

