

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ March 18 to March 25

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Sunday, March 20 and Monday, March 21		Casino Nights - Friends of Fireside (see below and poster at the end of this week's Focus)
Monday, March 21		Class Photos
Wednesday, March 23		T3 Options Start for Gr 7 & 8 Students
Friday, March 25		Junior B Basketball Tournament
Monday, April 4		Professional Learning Day (no school)
Monday April 11 through Thursday, April 14		Virtual Book Fair (see end of this week's Focus)

Hello, families and friends of Fireside!

It has been such an exciting week at Fireside, with 3-Way Conferences and school assemblies as the highlights. On Wednesday and Thursday, students had the opportunity to give their parents and guardians tours of the school and their classrooms. It has been more than two years since families have been able to join us here, and some of you had never seen the inside of our school at all. We loved having you back and look forward to more visits in the future.

We also loved having our first school assemblies in two years. Students filled the gym along with parents and special guests to celebrate our success in the School Read-A-Thon and a resounding victory over our competitors over at Herons Crossing School in Airdrie. See below for details and prize winners.





There was plenty more going on this week as well: Mrs. MacKay's Grade 3/4s showcased their hand-crafted 3D games. Grades 1-6 connected virtually with Earth Rangers. Mrs. Melton's and Mrs. Loewen's 6s hosted a science fair. 7s and 8s wrapped up half of their Term 2 options. All in all, it was a full and fun week at Fireside School.

Enjoy the warm weekend weather everyone!



NEW: Yearbook Cover Contest

Fireside students are invited to enter this year's Yearbook Art Cover Contest. The theme this year is "This is Where the Learning Happens." All entries must be completed on an 8½" by 11" sheet of paper and include the school's name and year (2021-2022). We ask that students neatly print their name and homeroom on the **back** of the paper in pencil. The contest will close Monday, March 28th. Students of all ages are welcome to enter. Please submit all entries to the school office or to Mrs. Loewen.

NEW: Fireside School Read-a-Thon Assemblies!

On Friday, we had 2 assemblies to celebrate all of the successes of Read-a-Thon! It was so great to be in the gym together celebrating such an amazing event. Overall, during Read-a-Thon, Fireside students read 877,530 minutes and staff read 64,043 minutes! As a school, we raised \$18,410.79! Without a doubt, Read-a-Thon was a huge success!!

Recipients for Read-a-Thon Draw Prizes:

7 draws for \$15 Scholastic Credit for April's Virtual Book Fair for students who read over 500 minutes (kindly sponsored by The Friends of Fireside Society): Jack Erickson 4-1, Corbin Wright 6-1, Lochlan Colling 1-3, Lily Brauss 8-2, Natalie Fossheim 4-4, Finnley MacFarlane 5-3, and Ivy Monk 3-1



3 draws for Cochrane Movie House Pass reading over 750 minutes: Rylee Dwyer 1-1, Oliver Versluis 2-2, and Connor Davis 6-1.

2 draws for a \$30 Scholastic Credit, for April Book Fair, for students reading over 1000 minutes (kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside): Amira Friesen 7-1, Sarah Moulds 8-1

3 draws for Cochrane Movie House pass for students reading over 1500 minutes: [Weston Spencer 1-3](#), [Evan Tatebe 2-1](#), [Lochlan Neilson K2](#)

3 draws for a Cochrane Movie House pass for students reading over 2000 minutes: [Riley Flowers-Bargen 6-1](#), [Hayden Alexander 3-3](#), [Colton Medhurst 4-2](#)

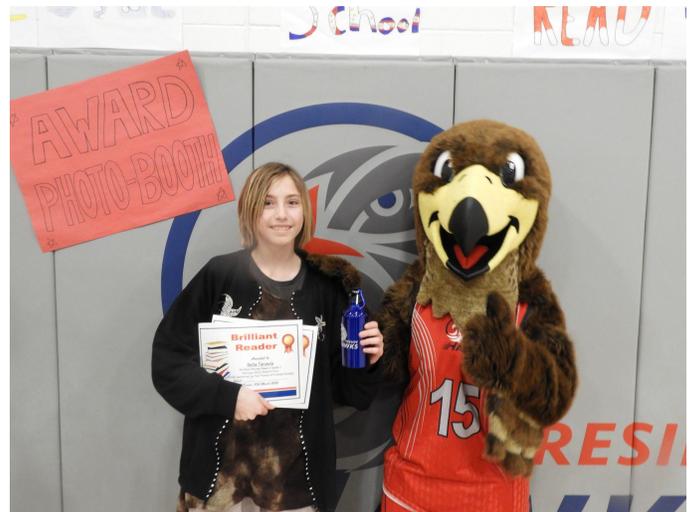
3 draws for a Cochrane Movie House pass for students reading over 2500 minutes: [Molly Walsh 3-2](#), [Maeve Clayton 7-2](#), [Ranya Jabri 7-1](#)

3 draws for a Cochrane Movie House pass for students reading over 3000 minutes: [Casey Burns 5-3](#), [Lyla Hayward 6-2](#), [Kaitlyn Blackmore 7-2](#)

Recipients of Awards for Read-a-Thon:

9 prizes of a \$15 Scholastic Credit, for April Book Fair, for the student in each grade who reads the most minutes (kindly sponsored by Friends of Fireside):

- Kindergarten - [Mason Guy](#) with 2835 minutes
- Grade 1 - [Nixon Horvath 1-2](#) with 2480 minutes
- Grade 2 - [Juliette Wood 2-3](#) with 2740 minutes
- Grade 3 - [Isaiah Issa 3-1](#) with 4875 minutes
- Grade 4 - [Nevena Todeva 4-1](#) with 5592 minutes
- Grade 5 - [Anna Mroszczak 5-1](#) with 5415 minutes
- Grade 6 - [Liam Blackwell 6-2](#) with 5125 minutes
- Grade 7 - [Bella Tanzola 7-1](#) with 10869 minutes
- Grade 8 - [Liam Campbell](#) with 5080 minutes





Top individual reader (student with the most minutes read total), who received a \$50 Amazon Gift Card: Bella Tanzola

Top individual fundraiser, who received a \$50 Amazon gift card: Payton Balmer in 2-4; he raised \$531.35

Top classes with the most minutes read collectively, who will have a PJ & MOVIE PARTY in the Gym: Mrs. Billings Grade 3 Class and Ms. Meija's Grade 7 class!

Top fundraising class, who will have a PJ & MOVIE PARTY in the Gym: Ms. Frost-Hunt's grade 1 class, who raised \$1,340.75

Top Staff Readers: Mrs. Pocklington with 4,195 minutes, Mrs. Scott with 3,765 minutes, and Ms. Weintz with 3,845 minutes.

*****~Congratulations to all recipients!!~*****

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU!!!! to the following people and groups for their contributions and support during Read-a-Thon:

- ★ Mrs. Chantal Chapin, who first brought us the idea for Read-a-Thon FUNdraiser and the competition with Herons Crossing
- ★ Our generous sponsors: The Friends of Fireside Society and Cochrane Movie House
- ★ Mrs. Craigie, Principal of Herons Crossing School for all her help with getting us set up
- ★ Mr. Lofthouse and Mrs. Clancy for updating our tracker over the four weeks
- ★ Mrs. Anderson for setting up and coordinating the fundraising components
- ★ Mrs. Sherwood for making all of the award certificates
- ★ Mrs. Hall, Mrs. Clancy, and Mrs. Billings and her Grade 3 class for doing the *Reading Interviews* during Read-a-Thon
- ★ Fireside School staff for supporting and encouraging their classes
- ★ Students, parents, and families for their participation and support of this event!

We would also like to thank the following individuals for their volunteering and help:

- ★ Apollo, Natalie, Lilli-Mai, Monika, Bella, Mariel, Ravyn, Sapphire, Melanie, Mason, Bruno, Zemya, Emma, Mia, Tilden, Damien, Avari, Kaitlyn, Teagan, Zachary

And a final thank you to anyone we might have inadvertently missed from our list.

We know the Book Love will continue at Fireside. Next up: our Virtual Book Fair from April 11 through April 14: bring on more Book Love! See the end of this week's *Focus* for information on this event.

UPDATED: Friends of Fireside

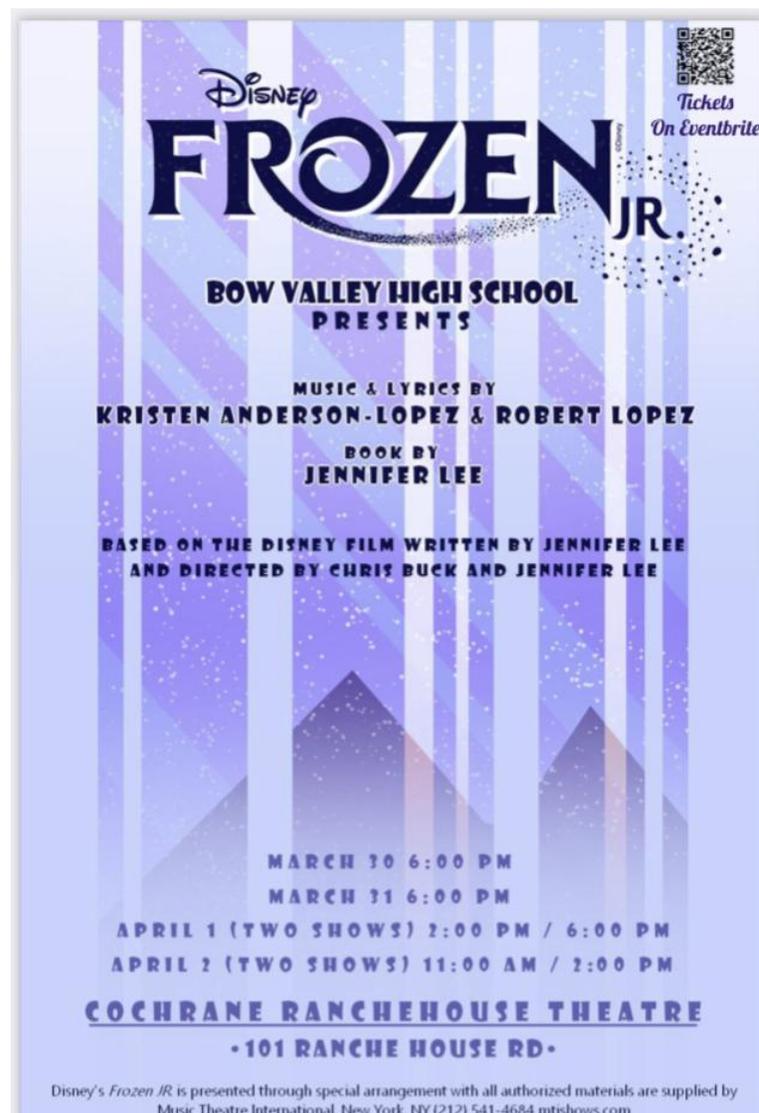
It is the weekend of our school's Casino Nights on Sunday, March 20th and Monday, March 21st from 11:15 PM to 3:30 AM. We are so excited about the Outdoor Learning Space that will provide amazing hands-on learning opportunities, but we need the support of the community - we can't do it alone! **Please email president@friendsoffireside.ca if you are still able to help!**

A BIG thank you to everyone who has already signed up to volunteer for our Casino event – we appreciate all your help! An email has gone out with important information regarding this event. Please check your Inbox.

Mark your calendars – upcoming events:

* Friends of Fireside meeting – March 28th | 7:00pm | Location: In-person meeting at Fireside School

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



Reminder: At Home Music Opportunity

From the Music Department: Students of Fireside School now have access to *MusicplayOnline*, a digital world of music games, digital instruments, songs, and more. Visit www.musicplayonline.com, click STUDENT, and enter the code: d127045. Enjoy!

UPDATED: Parent Education Sessions in partnership with Community Education Services

11 Apr 2022 - 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: ADHD & Executive Functioning: For Children & Youth

*****please register using poster link only***** The session will be an overview of ADHD and how issues with impulsivity and/or inattention impact children's ability to manage their environments. The session will also explore the impact ADHD has on Executive Functioning and how it relates to managing everyday tasks, and meeting daily expectations at home and at school, including social, emotional, behavioural and academic demands. [Poster](#)

25 MAR 2022 - 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM: Earth Play: The Benefits of Outdoor Exploration

*****please register using the poster link only***** They don't call them the great outdoors for nothing! Getting outside is great for both mental health and physical health! This session will provide individuals with information about the benefits of play, exploration, and adventure for supporting positive mental health. You will leave this session with practical, age-appropriate ideas to get outside, get moving, and get messy as a family. [Poster](#)

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More Information:

<https://community.hmhc.ca/>



The poster is for 'ACE CASINO & FIRESIDE SCHOOL'S CASINO NIGHT'. It features a black and white checkered border. At the top, there are two heart logos with flames. The text 'ACE CASINO & FIRESIDE SCHOOL'S' is in red, and 'CASINO NIGHT' is in large black letters. Below this are four playing cards: a red heart, a black club, a red diamond, and a black spade. A banner below the cards says 'SUNDAY MARCH 20' and 'MONDAY MARCH 21'. Below the banner, it says 'Help us fundraise for the new outdoor learning area for Fireside School!'. At the bottom, it says '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'. There are also two dice at the bottom left.