

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

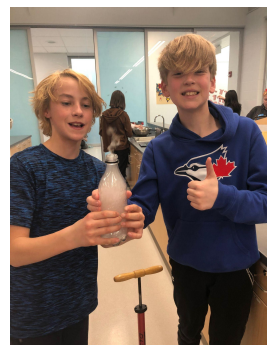
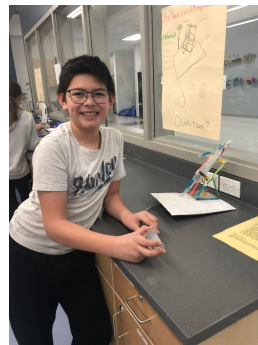
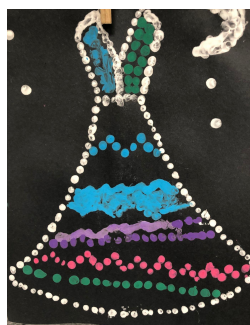
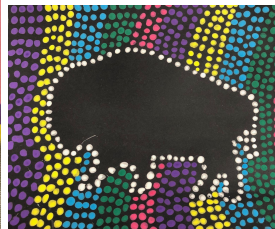
The Week Ahead ~ March 25 to April 1

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, March 28	7:00 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (at Fireside School)
Monday, April 4		Professional Learning Day (no school)
Wednesday, April 6	6:30 - 8:30 pm	School Council Session: Managing Anxiety in a COVID-19 World (at Fireside School)
Monday April 11 through Thursday, April 14		Virtual Book Fair (see end of this week's Focus)

Hello, families and friends of Fireside! Lots on the go at Fireside School this week:

In addition to the grades 7 and 8 students starting new options on Wednesday, this week saw Mrs. Grainger's class make camel pictures in art class; Mrs. Nusi's grade 2 class were studying Fairy Tales, and students designed their own castles, of which they are the kings or queens; Mrs. Pocklington's class made butterflies with Miss MacDonald, their student teacher; Mrs. Waugh's class made oil pastel sunrises and watercolor tulips to welcome in Spring; Mrs. Lawrence's class got their brains engaged first thing in the morning with Wordle; the grade sixes presented their air and aerodynamics projects; Mr. Shaw's class held wagon races to finish off their Homesteading unit; and Mrs. Doll's class made bison and dress dot art to engage cross-curricular connections with social studies.



In grade 4, Book March Madness and in grade 7 Poetry March Madness are nearing their ends. Stay tuned to see which book and poem wins this year's brackets....



NEW: Read-A-Thon Pledge Reminders

We'd like to offer a gentle reminder to those who have not yet submitted their pledges for the Read-A-Thon fundraiser to please honour them by logging in to [SchoolCashOnline](#). We would like to be able to reconcile these funds, which were due on March 15th. Thank you so much for your pledges and support. We're very excited for the outdoor learning space these donations will help to fund.

NEW: Fireside School Rocky View Schools Board Showcase Presentation

On Thursday, Mr. Banderk, Ms. Sly, and Top Reader Bella Tanzola presented alongside Herons Crossing to showcase our successes with our 2022 Read-a-Thon. Bella sat on the panel with students from Herons Crossing to explain the Fireside School experience of Read-a-Thon, sharing details about the event, her own reading, and the fierce competition between the grade 7 classes (of which she was a part). Bella also shared her student perspective on Fireside School being a "Community of Readers" and the fun of being able to come together last week for our celebration assemblies. Our Read-a-Thon was celebrated at this showcase event, with Trustee Fred Burley (Airdrie) sporting the Fireside Hawks gear to honour Fireside's being the winning school.



NEW: Friends of Fireside

Thank you to our volunteers! The Casino Fundraiser wrapped up this week! HUGE thank to you all our volunteers and organizers – we know everyone has busy lives, but it was wonderful to see the support from our parents and community. The event was successful because of YOU! We can't wait to see the Outdoor Learning Classroom come to life, and we are excited to see how much the children love it! More information about *Friends of Fireside* can be found [here](#).

Upcoming: Friends of Fireside meeting – March 28 | 7:00pm | In person at the school
Please watch our *Facebook* page for new updates and thank you as always for your continued support!

UPDATED: READ-A-THON RECIPIENTS AND PRIZE INFORMATION

The final awards for Read-a-Thon have now been picked up from the office. For any students who won a Scholastic Credit, parents will be looking for their WISH LIST prize information sheet. Students will go to the Scholastic Book Fair site (see poster at the end of *Focus* this week), fill in their WISH LIST with items totalling up to their prize amount, and return it to the office to claim their prize. WISH LISTS for prize and award recipients MUST be in by Tuesday, April 12, 2022, so that the order can be placed during the Book Fair. If there are any questions, please contact the office.

Here are the prize and award recipients for Fireside School's 2022 Read-a-Thon, in case you missed them last week:

Read-a-Thon Draw Prize Recipients:

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 minute



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!!~*****

UPDATED: READ-A-THON THANK YOUS!!!

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

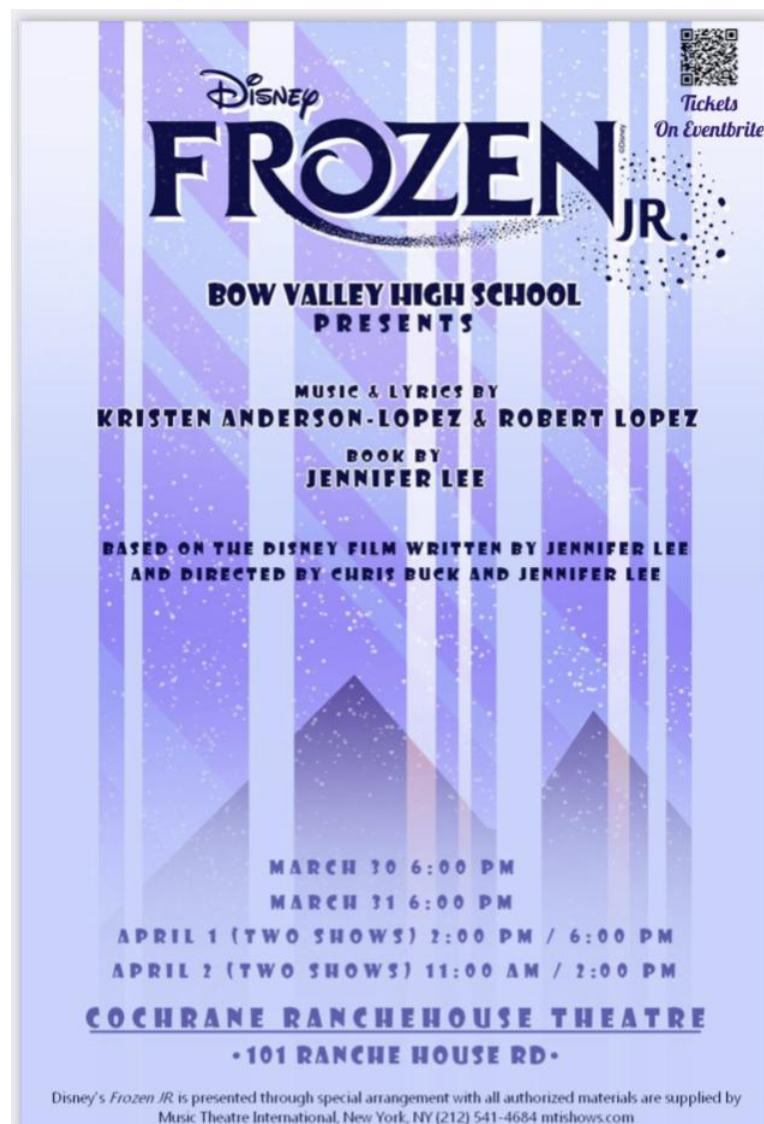
- ★ RVS Board Chair and Trustee Ward 6, Ms. Fiona Gilbert, for being our guest reader
- ★ Mrs. Chantal Chapin, who first brought us the idea for Read-a-Thon FUNdraiser and the competition with Herons Crossing
- ★ Our generous sponsors: The Friends of Fireside Society and Cochrane Movie House
- ★ Mrs. 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 and
- ★ Mrs. Clancy for designing our fundraising forest tracker, which is up in the entry hallway!

We would also like to thank the following students for their volunteering and helping with this event:

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

UPDATED: 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 in **Room 2013**.



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](#)

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

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!

Virtual Book Fairs

Save The Date!

Dear families,

Mark your calendars! The fun and excitement of a Scholastic Book Fair is coming to our school! To adapt to our changing needs, Scholastic has developed a **Virtual Book Fair** to provide an opportunity for our students and families to experience the joy of reading together.

So save the date! Our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair** will take place on **April 11th-14th**

When it's time to shop, visit our school's **Virtual Book Fair** site using this link:

<https://virtualbookfairs.scholastic.ca/pages/5175622>

Before our Fair begins, click the link to:

- **SAVE** it to your browser
- **WATCH** videos of popular new titles
- **PREVIEW** our Featured Books

Watch for news leading up to our **Scholastic Virtual Book Fair!**

Happy reading!



Welcome to

Pre-Kindergarten



Our Program

Rocky View School's Pre-Kindergarten program offers developmentally appropriate programming within a welcoming, inclusive environment for children between 3 and 5 years of age.

Through a play-based approach, programming is designed to meet the unique needs of children with the goal of creating environments that are accessible, engaging and supportive for all.



Early Intervention

RVS recognizes the importance of early intervention for children who require additional supports and services to reach their full potential.

Children with developmental, medical, or social-emotional needs may receive therapeutic services from relevant members of the learning support team. This may include one or more of the following professionals: Speech-Language Pathologist, Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Psychologist, or Family-School Liaison.

A cross-disciplinary approach is used in the development of individualized goals and in program design to best meet the specific needs of each child. Specialized supports are woven throughout play in a natural and functional way.



Eligibility

Children must be at least 3 years of age on September 1 of the application year to be eligible for the Pre-Kindergarten program.

Times and Locations

Rocky View Schools Pre-K program runs Monday to Friday (am and pm sessions available) in the following four locations:

- Chestermere
- Airdrie East
- Airdrie West
- Cochrane

Applications are
now open!

For registration information visit our website
<https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/>

To apply online visit SchoolEngage at:
<https://rockyview.schoolengage.ca>

For more information call 403.945.4022 or email learning@rockyview.ab.ca