

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

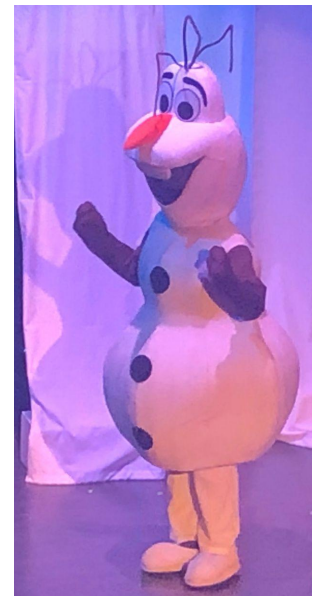
The Week Ahead ~ March 25 to April 1

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, 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 (see below) - in person at Fireside School
Monday April 11 through Thursday, April 14		Virtual Book Fair (see end of this week's Focus)
Friday, April 15 through Friday, April 22		Spring Break (no school)
Tuesday, April 12		Grade 7 Divisional Badminton Tournament
Thursday, April 26		Grade 8 Divisional Tournament

Hello, families and friends of Fireside! As April begins, spring is in the air and activities are in full swing here at school.

Term 3 options for Grade 7 and 8 students began in full this week; Term 2 Photography students prepared to put up their Photography Showcase; Grade 3's investigated 3D objects; Grade 8 students demonstrated their amazing dance moves for younger grades, to get those students ready for their own dance activities in PE; Grade 6's completed narrative writing assignments, writing stories about a parrot; Grade 1 and Grade 7 classes spent some Buddy-Time together; and the Grade 3 and Grade 3/4 classes went on a field trip to watch Bow Valley High School's performance of *Frozen Jr.* at the Cochrane Ranchehouse. Grade 4 Picture Book March Madness concluded, as did Grade 7 Poetry March Madness. For each Grade 7 class, a different poem took top spot: "Sick", "Homework on Homework!", and "Dream Variations". And, ironically, *The Book With No Pictures* won the Picture Book Competition in Grade 4.



Wishing everyone a lovely weekend, and we're sending many cheers to those who are currently at Provincial Competitions and going to tournaments for hockey, swimming, and baseball!

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: School Council Meeting

This week, members of the Rocky View Schools' *Stepping Stones* group will be presenting at our School Council Meeting. Here's what you need to know:

Session: Managing Anxiety in a Covid-19 World with Allison Salazar and Meghan Hole

Date/Time: April 6th at 6:30-8:30 pm

Location: Fireside School

Session Information: This presentation outlines the differences among worry, stress, and anxiety, and looks at how the COVID-19 Pandemic affects mental health and wellness in children and teens. It covers clinical presentations of anxiety and provides adults with insight into what is 'normal' and when to seek help from a mental health professional. It includes strategies for caregivers to assist their youth in navigating this complex world, including stress management and self-care, as well as strategies for improving executive functioning and resilience.

NEW: Home Alone and Babysitting Courses

Back by popular demand, *Friends of Fireside* presents...

Home Alone Course - 9/10 yrs + (must be turning 10 yrs old within the school calendar year)

Each student will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and Certificate

*please bring a nut-free snack, water bottle and pen/pencil and notebook

Babysitting Course - 10.5 yrs +

Each student will receive a Canada Safety Council Manual and 2 Certificate

* Please bring a nut-free lunch, water bottle and pencil and notebook

* Stuffed animal or doll - not mandatory (we will show the students how to properly hold a baby)

When: Saturday, April 30th, 2022

Time: Home Alone 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Babysitting 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Where: Fireside School, 12 Fireside Parkway, Cochrane

Registration at www.babysittingcalgary.com

NEW: Upcoming Friends of Fireside Meeting (School Dance Planning Committee Info!)

Friends of Fireside meeting – Monday April 25th | 7:00pm | In-person at Fireside School

* Join us at our meeting for information on our Halloween Dance planning committee.

More information about *Friends of Fireside* can be found [here](#).

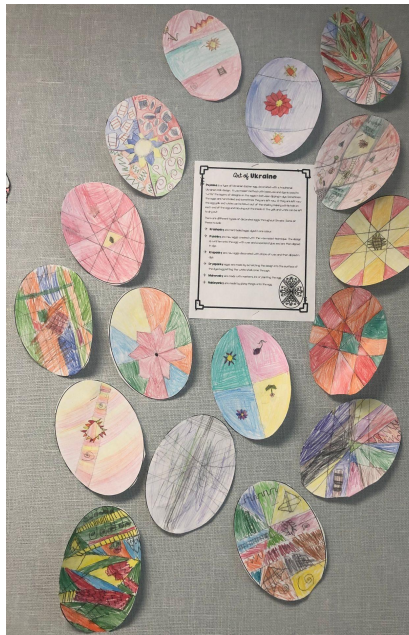
NEW: Virtual Book Fair!!

We are just over a month out from the virtual book fair. The link is: [Fireside Virtual Book Fair](#)

The store will go live on April 11th and stay active until 11:59pm on the 14th. In the meantime, students and parents can check out some informational videos on the site about our Virtual Book Fair and what books are featured in it.

All orders will be shipped to the school at no cost (a.k.a. free shipping), where they will then be handed out to students. Scholastic will individually package and label all orders with customer name and order number. To facilitate the easy distribution of orders once they have arrived at the school, families are asked to print off the proof of purchase complete with the order number and send that to school with their child on pick-up day. Students then present that to Mr. Lofthouse, and he will give them their books.

If there are any questions, please contact Mr. Lofthouse and he will do his best to answer them or reach out to our school's Scholastic representative for assistance.

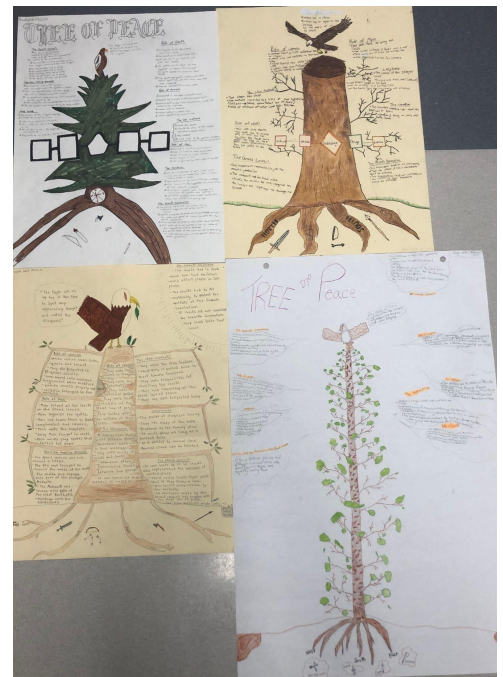


NEW: Grade 2 Art of Ukraine

Grade 2 students designed Psyanky, which is a type of Ukranian Easter egg, decorated with traditional Ukranian folk design. A wax-resist method with beeswax and dye is used to “write” the layers of designs on the eggs in between dipping in dye. Students learned about the preparation and design processes, as well as the different types of decorated eggs throughout the Ukraine. These types included Krashanky, Pysanky, Krapanky, Drypanky, Malyovaky, and Nakleyanky.

NEW: Grade 6 Social Studies - Trees of Peace

In Grade 6 social studies, students researched information about the roles of different parts of Iroquois society, including the role of Wampum, Clan Mothers, societal aspects, and more. Afterward, they collaborated with their group members to design and create a Tree of Peace to demonstrate and showcase their learning.





NEW: Grade 4 Origami Snowballs

Grade 4 students created Origami Snowballs today! They really had their creative brains rolling. This activity was connected to *The Legend of Itazura and Yuki No Tama*, which teachers read to their classes after they'd crafted their fun snowballs. Students used cardboard and other materials and had a ball with this activity!



UPDATED: READ-A-THON Scholastic Voucher Recipient 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.

UPDATED: Yearbook Cover Contest

Thank you to all of the students who submitted their creative cover ideas for our Yearbook Cover. We will keep you posted in future issues of *Focus* with the winner!

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](#)

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