

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Weeks Ahead ~ April 15 to April 29

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Friday, April 15 through Friday, April 22		Spring Break (no school)
Thursday, April 14		Last Day to Opt Out of Healthy Hunger (see below)
Monday, Apr 25	7:00 pm	Friends of Fireside Meeting (see below)
Thursday, April 28		Grade 8 Divisional Tournament
Thursday, April 28		Healthy Hunger (Subway; see below)
Monday, April 25 through Friday, April 29		Helping Hands Cleanup (see below)
Wednesday, May 18		Provincial Achievement Test - Grade 6 Part A English Language Arts

Hello, families and friends of Fireside! Perhaps we jinxed it when we said spring had arrived last week. We had a lovely “Second False Spring” and are almost done with “Third Winter.” That said, apparently our week for Spring Break will see much better weather. Over this past week at Fireside, it was filled with lots of learning and fun.

Many bunnies, eggs, and special baskets of treats filled our hallways and the Grade 2 Kindness project filled hearts with care and connection.

We’ll keep things short and sweet in this edition of *Focus*. We wish you all a cozy, lovely weekend and a wonderful, safe Spring Break! We look forward to seeing everyone back on Monday, April 25!

[NEW: Breaking News! ~ Yearbook Cover Art Contest Winners](#)

This year’s winners for the Yearbook Cover Art Contest are Liam Blackwell and Nathan Fogaca from Grade 6. Their submission will become the front cover of this year’s Fireside Yearbook. Runner Ups include Payton Roszko (Grade 2), Scarlett Williams and Lindsay Robertson (Grade 5) as well as Tayan Lisk (Grade 6). Runner Ups will have their work featured on the back cover of our yearbook. Special mention also goes out to Anna Viola (Grade 8) whose drawing of a hawk will be featured inside the yearbook. A big thank you goes out to all students who submitted an entry.

NEW: Image Release Forms for Yearbook: Is Your Student's Form In?

For students' photos to be published in the Yearbook, the Consent for Public Use of Student Images/Work Form (AF144-A) needs to be completed by a parent. If you have not completed this form for your student, and would like their picture to be included in the yearbook, please do so. Without that consent form signed, a student's photo cannot be included in the Yearbook.

REMINDER: Friends of Fireside Meeting and School Dance Planning Committee!

The *Friends of Fireside Society* 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](#). And please see the end of this week's *FOCUS* for the new *Friends of Fireside* newsletter.

UPDATED: Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests (PATs) at Fireside

Grade 6 students at Fireside School will be writing Provincial Achievement Tests in May and June 2022 for this school year. In the coming months, Grade 6 teachers will continue their work with students around how best to engage and prepare for these assessments, including engagement of practice PAT assessments and reviews of assessment-taking strategies and skills.

For your reference, here are the dates for schools for Fireside students:

- Wednesday, May 18, 2022: Grade 6 English Language Arts Part A (Written)
- Wednesday, June 15, 2022: Grade 6 English Language Arts Part B (Reading Comprehension)
- Friday, June 17, 2022: Grade 6 Mathematics Part A (Numerical Response)
- Monday, June 20, 2022: Grade 6 Mathematics Part B (Multiple-Choice)
- Wednesday, June 22, 2022: Grade 6 Science
- Thursday, June 23, 2022: Grade 6 Social Studies

Parents and families can find further information on Alberta's Provincial Testing in the [Grade 6 Parent Guide, 2021-2022](#), including Testing Descriptions and Sample Questions. Further details about PAT's for our school specifically will be coming out to parents and families over the next few months in class communications and through future editions of the *Fireside Focus*.

Should you have any questions about these assessments, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Reminder: Healthy Hunger Returns

Early in the school year, with the support of volunteers, Fireside School Council put in place a lunch program called "Healthy Hunger," which allowed families to purchase a lunch for their students at a local vendor once a month. The local vendor would then deliver the lunches to the school, and a group of volunteers would distribute these meals.

In February, "Fun Lunch" was put on-hold by Fireside School Administration, as we evaluated the equity of the program. After consultation with stakeholders, we have come up with a potential solution to ensure that all children at the school can take part in this program, if families choose to do so, while not relying on school funds. Healthy Hunger has now put an option at the bottom of the

menu so that, in addition to ordering a meal, families can choose to donate a meal. The funds from the donated meals will then be used to support the purchase of extra meals.

The next "Fun Lunch" will be on Thursday, April 28th and will be Subway. Please contact the school at fireside@rockyview.ab.ca by Thursday, April 14, to confirm if you do **not** wish to participate in "Fun Lunch". If you have not contacted the school to let us know that you are choosing not to participate in "Fun Lunch" this month, there will be extra sandwiches available for those students whose families might have forgotten to order or did not place an order for any reason.

If the need for donated lunches is greater than the amount of money received, The Friends of Fireside Society is willing to support the difference on this one occasion. If there is an excess of donated money, a discussion will occur at School Council to determine a use for it.

We are going to try out this new method for April's "Fun Lunch" to see how it works and re-evaluate afterwards.

[Click here to place your order](#)

Reminder: Helping Hands School Yard Cleanup Campaign

Fireside school will be participating in the second annual RVS Helping Hands campaign running from April 25th to 29th, following Earth Day on April 22nd. This is an opportunity to build community, show school spirit, and help keep our school beautiful while observing Earth Day and embodying its message of environmental stewardship. Each class will spend a period on the grounds around the school collecting garbage. The RVS Maintenance and Grounds Department will be handing out ice cream sandwiches (or Rice Krispy treats) to the class that...

- finds the most "valuable" item
- finds the weirdest item
- finds the largest item
- shows the best spirit through photos

REMINDER: 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



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Monthly Newsletter



OUR FIRST CASINO

Huge shout out to all our volunteers for our first-ever casino. We feel it was a huge success. We should know our totals soon, and all will go toward the new outdoor classroom

Thank you!



Home Alone & Babysitting Course

We have arranged to host a home alone and a babysitting course Saturday, April 30th at the school. The fee is \$45 for home alone and \$65 for the babysitting course. The minimum age requirements are 12 for the babysitting course and 10 years old (by the end of June 2022) for the home alone course. You can register:

www.babysittingcalgary.com



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FOR THE
SCHOOL!**

**meet the
team**



Hello, my name is Erin. I'm the current president of Friends of Fireside. I have 2 kids at school in grades 2 and 4.

This is my second year as president of FOF. I was vice president and member at large prior. I love being a member of FOF because I love meeting new people, engaging with the school community and being able to enhance my own children's learning and school experience. During the day I help my husband with his dent repair business or you'll find me at the gym or in hot yoga. My oldest daughter is in competitive dance and my youngest is in a variety of sports. We're a super busy household!