

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Weeks Ahead ~ April 15 to April 29

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Saturday, April 30	8:30 am	Babysitting Course
Monday, May 2	7:00 pm	<i>Friends of Fireside</i> Halloween Dance Planning Meeting at The Stump (see below)
Wednesday, May 4	6:30 pm	School Council Meeting (in-person)
Wednesday, May 18		Provincial Achievement Test - Grade 6 Part A English Language Arts
Wednesday, May 18		Divisional Track & Field Meet (Grade 7s)
Thursday, May 19		Divisional Track & Field Meet (Grade 8s)
Friday, May 20		Professional Learning Day (no school)
Monday, May 23		Victoria Day (no school)



Hello, families and friends of Fireside! We're down to just 8 Fridays left in the school year. Hard to believe! Our week back from Spring Break has seen some welcome recovery from "Third Winter" with sunshine and warm temperatures. This has allowed us to head back outside for phys ed, get our track & field season under way, and enjoy some exciting field trips and nature walks. Our Grade 5 & 6 classes got to solve puzzles and decipher code with the folks from Mobile Escape (an escape room experience housed in traveling trailer). Our kids

all spent some time de-trash-ifying our school grounds in our Helping Hands Clean-Up Week. Some of the Grade Ones spent a day at Cochrane Ranch, while others headed downtown and capped off their day with an ice cream at MacKays. The kinder classes got to go read with "the big kids" across the highway at Bow Valley High School. In all it was a fantastic last week of April. Wishing everyone a fantastic weekend!



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[NEW: A Healthy Hunger Success](#)

On Thursday, students were very excited to enjoy a Subway “Fun Lunch,” as they always are when Healthy Hunger comes to the school. For some students, however, these days can be disappointing when they aren’t able to share in the experience. This time around, we invited the school community to consider donating a lunch along with their usual purchase. We were floored by the generosity of our community with more than 200 lunches donated. In the end, we used almost all of them, with fewer than 20 of them remaining as leftovers. These went into our servery kiosk for the next day’s lunch program and were gone within minutes of the lunch bell (we typically give out approximately 50 lunches each day).

As is typically the case, our Fireside community showed up to support one another in a big way. Thank you SO much to everyone who felt it was worthwhile to give a lunch to a child who might have otherwise gone without one. Extra proceeds from this event will be rolled forward to potential future ones, ensuring that everyone has the chance to participate in these fun events.

We’ll be examining the future of the program at our next School Council meeting on Wednesday, May 4th. If you have a viewpoint or perspective you would like to share in this meeting, we would like to encourage you to attend and lend your voice to the conversation.

Thank you again!

[NEW: Friends of Fireside Meeting and School Dance Planning Committee!](#)

Friends of Fireside School would like to remind those of you registered for our Home Alone and Babysitting Courses, they are this Saturday April 30th. Please remember to bring a nut free snack, water bottle and pen/pencil and paper or notebook.

We are also excited to announce we are getting a really early head start on the planning process of our super popular Halloween Dance (due to approvals needing to be done early). If you’d like to come help us plan, or simply offer to volunteer, please join us on Monday May 2nd at the Stump in Fireside at 7pm for the Halloween Dance Planning Committee.

Our regularly scheduled FOF meetings finished up this month. Looking forward to seeing you all on Monday September 12th at 7pm for our AGM. It’s a great opportunity to join us and see what we are all about!

[REMINDER: 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: 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.

[The Friends of Fireside Friday Feature:](#)

See below for the next installment of *FoF's* "Meet the Executive" series.



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ABOUT HER :

Meet Andrea Pinter. Pronouns: She/Her.

She is a married mom with two boys, one son in grade 6 and one son who has graduated from Fireside and has moved onto Bowvalley High.

She has been with the Friends of Fireside since its beginning in 2016. She has tasted the job of President in 2020 but feels most comfortable as our treasurer.

One of the things she loves most about being with FOF is the feeling of community, being a part of something that matters and will make a difference in our community and in our children's lives. She is a retired chef, but now works from home for a veterinarian and does after-school care for some of the neighbourhood kids. In her spare time, she loves to craft, and spend time with her extended family and friends.

She really hopes to continue to build this community together!

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