

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ May 13 to May 20

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Wednesday, May 18		Provincial Achievement Test - Grade 6 Part A English Language Arts
Wednesday, May 18		Student Tech Restriction (see below)
Wednesday, May 18		Divisional Track & Field Meet (Grade 7s)
Thursday, May 19		Divisional Track & Field Meet (Grade 8s)
Thursday, May 19	12:20-2:00	Spring Concert (K-6, see below)
Friday, May 20		Professional Learning Day (no school)
Monday, May 23		Victoria Day (no school)
Thursday, June 9		Volunteer Appreciation Lunch (see below)



Hello, families and friends of Fireside!

This week, students all across the grades were getting hands-on with their learning and heading outside. Grade 1s were building birdhouses, grade 2s were coding robots, grade 3s were building polygons, grade 4s were growing plants, grade 5s were starting to explore wetlands, grade 6s were dropping eggs off our outdoor rooftop learning space (did you know we have an outdoor learning space on our second floor?), and grades 7 & 8 were enjoying field trips, track & field, and helping our 1s with their birdhouses. We love these hands-on, authentic learning experiences, and so do the kids.

Our music teachers, Mr. Petterson and Mr. Chung, have been hard at work with rehearsals, preparing students for our Spring Concert next week (see below). Parents and guardians of morning Kindergarten students are invited to watch our dress rehearsal at 8:10 am on Thursday. After dropping off students at the front of the building, please make your way to the gymnasium, where the kindergarten performance will begin shortly. More information on the concert can be found below.



Wishing everyone an excellent weekend!

[NEW: Outstanding School Fees](#)

School Fee Invoices were sent out this week for fees that are outstanding and overdue. Invoices for students in Grades K-6 were printed and sent home via backpacks, while invoices for students in Grades 7 & 8 were emailed. Please log into your SchoolCash Online account to make payment. We will be forwarding our list of overdue fees to RVS' Finance Department prior to May 19, therefore your prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Please contact the office if you wish to notify the school of any financial hardship.

[NEW: Grade 7 & 8 Option Course Fee Waiver](#)

Families can have their Grade 7/8 Option Course Fees waived under certain circumstances. Upon receipt by the school principal of [Form AF5105 Waiver Application](#), parents/guardians of students who provide a copy of their Goods and Services Tax (GST) credit notice with the names of dependent children listed, will qualify to have their Grade 7/8 Optional Course Fees waived. The deadline for submission of Form AF5105 Waiver Application to the school principal is June 30th of the current school year.

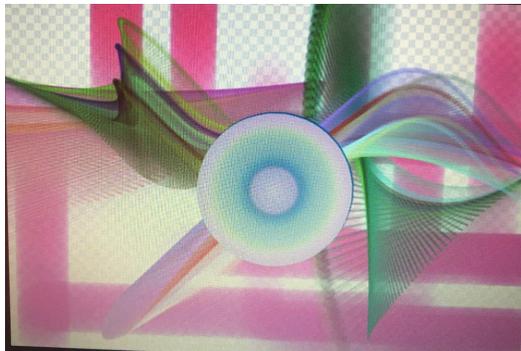
[NEW: Lunches from the Servery](#)

Fireside's School Nutrition Program has a change that we wish to bring to your attention: any students who need a lunch will now go to the Servery during their lunch hour, where they are able to access a brown bag lunch and healthy snacks. However, what is still the same is that food is available for students who've forgotten their lunch or snacks or for those who need school to supply a lunch (no questions asked).

[NEW: Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon](#)

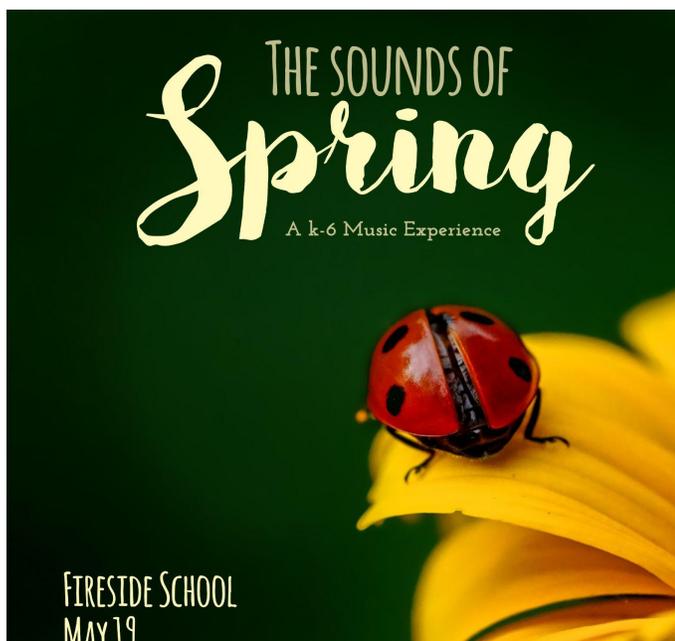
Have you volunteered your time to help out in a classroom, on a field trip, with a sports team, or in any other way in our school? We want to show our appreciation for the amazing volunteers that support kids at Fireside with a lunch! Our Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon will be on Thursday, June 9th. If you've helped us with a gift of your time, we'd love for you to join us. Please email Jason Ness (jness@rockyview.ab.ca) before Friday, June 3rd with your RSVP to let us know you'll be coming.

NEW: Grade 2, 4, 5/6 Art at Fireside



NEW: "i care about you"

Last Saturday was National Child and Youth Mental Health Day. This week, Fireside students watched videos about positive mental health and well-being. Then, they each created their own "i care about you" hearts to display on their lockers, including the people, animals, places, and things they think help them to have positive mental health and where they find support and well-being.



UPDATED: Spring Concert

Fireside School is hosting a live concert on Thursday, May 19th from 12:20-2:00. Students from K-6 will be singing, playing instruments, dancing and drumming in celebration of Spring. The concert is open to Fireside families and will be held in two parts, split by grade. K-3 students will perform from 12:20 to 12:50 pm; doors for this concert will be open for seating at 11:40 pm. Grades 4-6 students will perform from 1:00 to 1:40; seating will be available at 12:40 pm for this concert. Morning Kindergarten

families are invited to attend the 8:10 dress rehearsal. We look forward to seeing you on Thursday!

Parents and guardians of students in morning Kindergarten are invited to watch our dress rehearsal at 8:10 am. After dropping off students at the front of the building, please make your way to the gymnasium where the kindergarten performance will begin shortly thereafter.

[UPDATED: Grade 6 Provincial Achievement Tests \(PATs\) & Tech Blackout](#)

Provincial Achievement Tests (PAT) for Grade 6 students will be written on Wednesday, May 18th. Due to the need for secure and stable Internet during Provincial Achievement Tests, students will not be able to access school wi-fi on any of their devices during these assessments Wednesday, until after lunch. For further information on Alberta's Grade 6 PAT, please consult the [Grade 6 Parent Guide, 2021-2022](#).

[REMINDER: Moving Schools??](#)

If your child will be attending a different school next year (other than Bow Valley), we would like to ask that you let us know as soon as you are able (if you haven't done so already). This will help us significantly as we begin to build class lists for next year and solidify our staffing and budget needs. Please call (403.932.4868) or email (fireside@rockyview.ab.ca) the school to let us know that you'll be moving away. We'll be sad to hear you're moving on but grateful for the "heads up."

[REMINDER: Friday Bus Delays – Road Construction](#)

The Town of Cochrane has advised us that road construction at the bottom of the 4th Avenue hill will restrict traffic flow in that part of Cochrane. This will have an impact on buses leaving the Cochrane tri-schools area whose routes on Friday are completed before ours. Please expect there may be afternoon bus delays on Fridays throughout May and June. Bus supervisors *will* remain outside with students until they are picked up at the school, but delays may be significant.

[REMINDER: Class List Creation](#)

Our teachers, learning support staff, and administrators will be starting the creation of class lists for next year. Like last year, students will get to identify two peers they feel they could work well with next year (whether in their own class or another). While we can't guarantee that everyone will be paired up with one of these peers, our hope is to accommodate as many requests as possible. Class assignments will be sent to families in August.

[REMINDER: Daily Health Checklist Reminder](#)

While many of the pandemic-related restrictions have been lifted, COVID-19 infections continue to occur, along with the various colds and flus we typically see in schools. The Provincial Daily Health Checklist is found below. We recognize that sending students home has impacts on both learning and on families. Nonetheless, when students present with symptoms as described on the checklist, we will be calling to have children picked up from school. This is particularly true if your child is starting their day with a wet cough and a stuffy or a runny nose. We want to ensure the safety and

health of all our students and staff. Following the guidelines set out by AHS will help us significantly.
Thank you for your understanding.