

Fireside Focus

Open Minds, Open Hearts, Open Doors

The Week Ahead ~ June 24 to June 28

Upcoming Events at a Glance

Date	Time	Event
Monday, June 27		Grades 5 - 8 Calaway Park Field Trip
Tuesday, June 28		Report Cards Available for Viewing Online
Tuesday, June 28		Last Day of Classes (1-8)
Monday, August 29		Class Lists Added to PowerSchool (i.e. your child's teacher(s) will be visible)
Thursday, September 1		Staggered Entry Day 1 (details provided in August)
Friday, September 2		Staggered Entry Day 2 (details provided in August)
Monday, September 5		Labour Day (no classes)
Tuesday, September 6		First full day of classes, all students
Friday, September 8	4:00-6:00	Fireside Open House, Meet the Teacher & BBQ

Hello, families and friends of Fireside. What a wonderful last full week at Fireside (despite the rainy days). Grade 6's finished their last 3 Provincial Achievement Tests and then showcased their Evidence and Investigations projects to each other (see below). On Wednesday, Kindergarten and Grade 1's went on a trip to the Calgary Zoo. They had lots of fun checking out many of the animals they've been discussing in class and doing a zoo scavenger



hunt. Thursday saw the Grade 4's having a Team Challenge Afternoon: Virtual Escape Room, Human Knot, and Paper Chain Challenges were mastered and conquered. Finally, on Friday, Grade 2's took a field trip to Heritage Park on Friday and grade 5's were doing some unique and fun art activities to round out their year.





And, of course, it was a big week for our grade 8's. They finished off their Aztec study competition and their option classes. Then on Thursday, they were off to Pioneer Camp Alberta. Despite the wet weather, spirits were high, fun was had, and many special memories were made. On Friday, Fireside School held the 2022 Grade 8 Farewell Assembly, where students, teachers, and families gathered to honour and say farewell to these amazing young people. Mrs. Dancey had written a small poem for each student, which was read as they came up to get their farewell certificates. Then, the kids demonstrated the slick dancing skills they'd learned in PE for everyone who was present. A thank you to everyone who had a hand in making this day extra special for these students, and thank you so much to Fireside School Council who provided a pizza lunch for the kids!



One final reminder to please consider stopping by to look through the lost & found before the end of the year. All items will be donated or discarded once the doors have closed for summer.

Wishing everyone a safe, lovely, fun weekend!

NEW: Medication Retrieval

If your child keeps medication at the school (including EpiPens), we would ask that you please come retrieve those medications if you would prefer they not be sent home with your child next week. Otherwise we will bring meds to students toward the end of day on Tuesday so they can be taken home.

NEW: Departing Staff

We would like to bid a very fond farewell to departing staff members who will be leaving Fireside to continue on in their career journeys elsewhere or to enjoy life after work as new retirees. We are tremendously grateful to these folks for their extraordinary contributions to our school and wish them the very best in whatever the next chapter looks like. All the best to...



Retiring:

Mrs. Denise Dancey (Grade 8)

Mrs. Koles Melton (Grade 6)

Ms. Patti Beloglowka (Kindergarten)

Mrs. Kathy Sambrook (Learning Support)



On to other new adventures:

Ms. Valentina Mejia (Grade 7)

Mrs. Laura Dewhirst (Grade 7)

Mrs. Carleen Pocklington (Grade 2)

Mrs. Deb Sherwood (Secretary)

Ms. Alexis Brown (Learning Assistant)

Ms. Andrea Coleman (Learning Assistant)

Mrs. Suzanne Greenland (School Technologist)



NEW: New and Returning Staff

We would also like to welcome new staff who will be joining us in the fall (at least those we know of so far). We anticipate there will be a few more names added to our roster before September comes, but for now we're very pleased to have some new Hawks in our nest next year:

Learning Support Teacher, Kirsty Reade (RVS Learning Support Specialist)

Teacher, Sara Martin (RVS Learning Specialist)

Teacher, Chantelle Springer (East Like School)

Teacher, Ryan Russell (AE Bowers Elementary School)

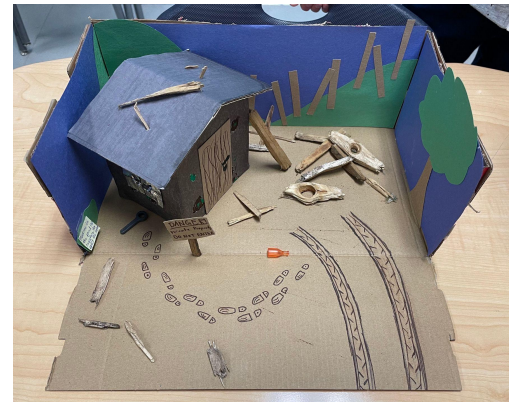
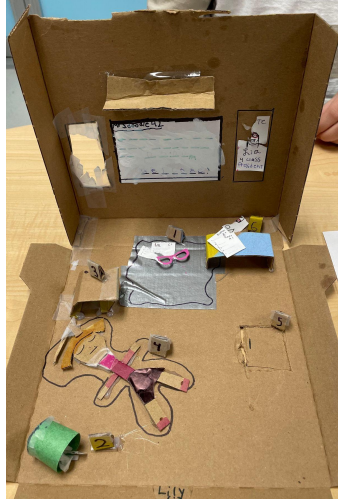
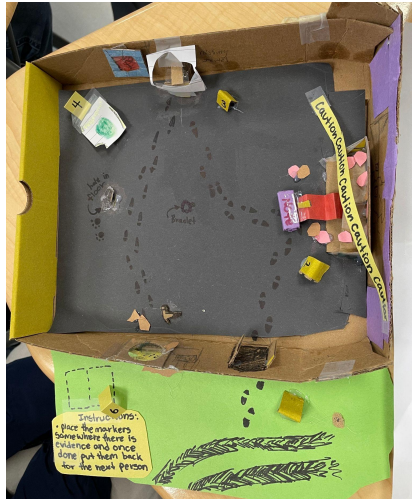
Teacher, Janet Cheverie (Bears paw School)

School Technologist, Dennis Bettinson (new hire)

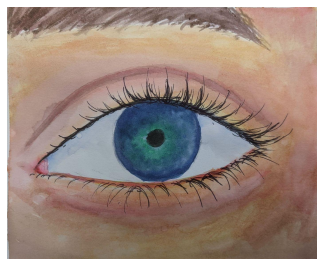
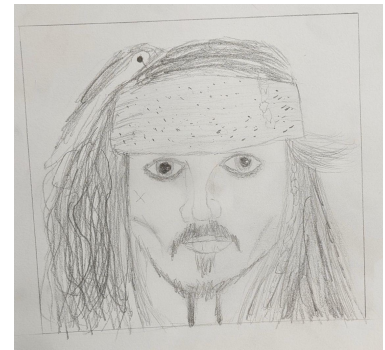
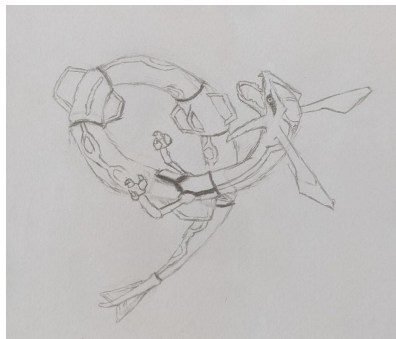
We're also excited to welcome back a couple of staff members who will be returning from leaves of absence in the fall We'll be welcoming back Teacher, Leah Hanson and Child Development Advisor, Kelsea Wright

NEW: Grade 6 Crime Scene Gold!

The grade sixes have been studying Evidence and Investigation in Science. Students were challenged to build a diorama of a crime scene, which included 6 pieces of evidence. The grade six classes had a chance to share and present their work today. Many challenged their classmates and staff to observe and consider the evidence carefully to determine the criminal from a list of likely suspects. Students did a wonderful job creating their crime plots, adding in tricky red herrings, and having lots of fun along the way. What an amazing way to end their year!



NEW: Grade 7/8 Art Showcase Pieces





REMINDER: RVS Transportation Department

2022-2023 School Bus Registration Deadline

Registration for next year's school bus service is still ongoing, with regular fees applied after June 24.

To guarantee service for the first day of school your application must be received before August 15, 2022. Registrations received after this deadline may experience delays of 2-3 weeks.

Please visit our website {https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/busing_transportation} for step-by-step instructions on how to access and complete your re-enrollment/registration forms.

Reminder: Electronic Bus Passes are Permanent

Remember to hang on to your bus passes for next year's school bus service as you will not automatically be issued a new one in the fall. If you have lost your bus pass or it is no longer in working order, please make sure to order a replacement before August 15, 2022 to ensure it arrives in time for the first day of school. Replacements can be purchased online through the School Engage portal or in person at our service counter located in the RVS Education Center.

Summer Hours

The Transportation Department is open through the summer to assist you with school bus registrations and replacement bus passes however our hours will be slightly reduced for July and August. Our service counter will be open from 8:00am – 4:00pm, Monday through Friday. We will be closed on regularly scheduled statutory holidays.

REMINDER: Report Cards & Reading Level Reporting

Report cards will be available for viewing in PowerSchool on June 28th. Teachers will be including information on current reading levels for students in their report card comments. These reading levels were assessed and reported on in January and have been reassessed again at year's end. Please note: the current reading level information being shared pertains exclusively to students' ability to read and comprehend text. It does not constitute a final grade for any class or disciplinary area. English Language Arts reporting is separate.

REMINDER: FREE Summer Mental Health and Wellness Programs

The MHCB, Stepping Stones to Mental Health team has developed a summer filled with brain development, mindfulness, connection, and most of all fun!

Online

MindUP Online (Grade 3-5)

For grades 3-5. Learn about mindfulness and how it can calm your child's brain when worried and help them focus. We'll talk about the importance of kindness and gratitude and how these actions will build resilience, all through fun and engaging online activities!

Dates: July 6 – August 3

Times: Wednesdays 8:30 – 9:30am

Location: Online

Registration: <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/admin/register.cfm?sesID=5275>

Cochrane

Children

- **Grow in Nature (Age 6-12)**

A 5 week in-person program where children will engage in nature-based mindfulness activities and games. Children will have the opportunity to learn more about the benefits nature has on our minds and bodies, all while having fun outdoors! It's open to children aged 6-12. The topics over the 5 weeks will include: mindful sensing, kindness & gratitude, mindful movement, optimism, and positive affirmations

Dates: July 26 – August 23

Times: Tuesdays 2:00-4:00pm

Location: Cochrane – Riverfront Park

Registration: <https://register.rockyview.ab.ca/admin/register.cfm?sesID=5289>

Youth

- **Be Body Positive (Cochrane) (Ages 12-16)**

A five-week group where people ages 12-16 will have a safe space to explore body positivity, ideas around beauty, health, and self-confidence without comparison or judgment. The group will explore understanding health, practicing intuitive self-care, cultivating self-love, declaring authentic beauty, and building community.

Dates: July 27 – August 24

Times: Wednesdays 12:00-2:00pm

Location: Cochrane Public Library (TBC)

Registration: Coming soon through the Cochrane Public Library

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please contact one of the following numbers, or call 911 if in immediate danger.

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* Kids Help Phone: 1.800.668.6868

* ConnecTeen: 403.264.8336

* Airdrie Urgent Care: 403.912.8500

* AHS Mental Health Helpline: 1.877.303.2642

* National Indian Residential School Crisis Line (24hrs/day): 1.866.925.4419

*Togetherall: <http://togetherall.com/en-ca/>