

# ***FIRESIDE FOCUS***



## Fireside Focus – May 10

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### ***Upcoming Dates***

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- Wednesday, May 8 – School Council (6:30 to 7:30 pm) & Friends of Fireside (7:30 to 8:30 pm) Meetings
- Thursday, May 16 – Pajama Day! (see below)
- Friday, May 17 – Professional Learning day (no classes)
- Monday, May 20 – Victoria Day (no classes)
- Wednesday, May 29 – Kindergarten Open House (5:00 to 6:00 pm)

- Wednesday, May 29 – Family Colours Day: Wear your Fireside Family's colour! (see below)
- Wednesday, June 12 – [Healthy Hunger](#) (Chopped Leaf)



*1 - Recess in the Sun!*



*2 - Chalk About It!*

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*3 - Mr. Cox's Grade 1 building structures*



*4 - Ms. Alison's Classroom Bees -- students were learning about the importance of bees and their life cycles*



*5 - Kinder Nature Art Painting*

Hello Fireside Families & Friends,

We were very happy to see the weather pick up as the week went along (in no small part because the Sun dries out the mud swamp out back). While it looks like there's some more precipitation coming early next week, hopefully winter is truly behind us. <knock on wood>

The highlight of the week was Fireside hosting the Annual Middle School GSA Conference on Wednesday. Attendees from school all over Rocky View gathered to listen to speakers, inspire one another, and make friendships. Superintendent Greg Luterbach, and School Trustee Chair Fiona Gilbert both attended, along with Keynote Speaker Sharon Cronin, Rocky View's Director of Learning Services and a former school principal here in Cochrane.





6 - Grade 4s playing Guess the Rhythm with Mr. P in Music



7 - Grade 6 Science - learning about forces



*8 - Skylar the Hawk and Rocky Racoon at the Middle School GSA Conference*



It's that time of year again: teachers are gathering requests for class placements for next year. Students will identify one or two friends who will be a good choice to work with next year. Teachers, with input from Learning Support and administration, will begin building class lists for next year at the end of the month. While we do our best to ensure every student has at least one friend for next year, we can't promise that one particular pairing or group request will be honoured. Many factors go into building class lists, where academic, social, and emotional needs of each student are taken into consideration. If you have requests about placement with other students, please contact your child's teacher.

We also cannot guarantee that requests for particular teachers will be honoured. However, these requests can be made via email to school administrators.

Leaving Fireside next year? If for any reason your child(ren) will not be attending Fireside next year, and you haven't already notified the school, we would appreciate if you could please [contact us](#) to let us know. This aids in our class planning for next year.



*9 - Grade 4 Readers' Theatre presentations in the Learning Commons*



*10 - Outside fun with buddy classes in the sun*



*11 - Fireside Families Buddies*



*12 - Grade 8 projects about Japan*

As it is now sandal season, just a friendly reminder to be sure your kids are bringing their runners for PE still; this is a piece of safety that is important, especially as many classes are now doing their Track & Field units.

We also wanted to bring to your attention that the [Healthy Hunger](#) (Chopped Leaf) date for June has changed to Wednesday, June 12, due to field trip conflicts for several grades on the previously set date. If you've already ordered, expect an email from Healthy Hunger; however, the order you've made will be transferred to that date.

Other highlights of the week included Ms. Alison's Kinders releasing their classroom's bees in Fireside Forest on Wednesday before completing their paint with natural items collaborative portrait; Chalk About It with Ms. Meagher, which saw buddy classes writing positive messages and drawing colourful photos in sidewalk chalk on the compound and sidewalks around the school; continuing Track & Field practices for upcoming Track and Field (Grade 7 May 16 and Grade 8 May 21); and Readers Theatres in Grade 4 & 6, which were performed for their classmates today.

Our week has ended in the sunshine! So, there were lots of class activities running outside on Friday. Fireside Families were completing a variety of different Mental Health Week connection activities (Mental Health in Action), Grade 6s in Mrs. Loewen's class were testing their egg-drop containers to see if they'd keep the egg safe, and Kinders and Grade 5s were having time together outside.

Wishing everyone an excellent weekend, especially all of the Moms out there. Have a wonderful Mother's Day!! May your brunches be sweet and your chores someone else's!

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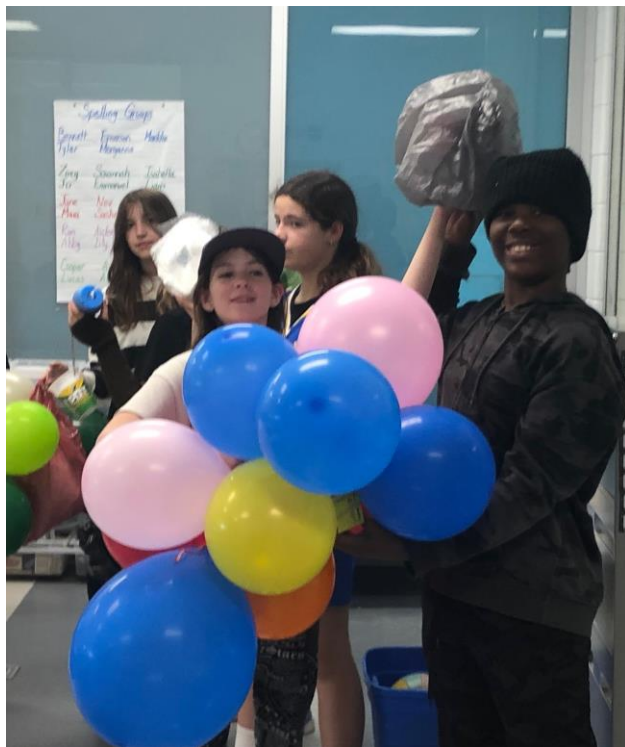
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13 - Preparing for the Egg Drops





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**Thursday, May 16 is PJ Day:** Whether you are spending your May long weekend sleeping in, camping, or playing games, we know you're excited to wear your PJ's all day long, so why not start early?

**Wednesday, May 29 is Family Colours Day:** send your Fireside Family off in style at our Last SOAR Assembly of the year by wearing your family colour from head to toe (or try for at least 2 different articles of clothing)! Here is the colour information for Fireside Family Colours: Meadow - Yellow, Valley - Orange, Forest - Green, River - Blue, Mountain - Purple.