

Fireside Chat - August 12, 2022

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Message from Mrs. Keppler

Dear Fireside Families,

We are eagerly anticipating our student's first day of school on, **Wednesday, August 17 for grades 1-5 at 7:50am (NOT late start), August 22nd whole day for Kindergarten, and August 25th for Preschool.** It has been such an energizing start to our school year welcoming new staff into the fold of our Fireside family, engaging in valuable professional learning, and re-committing to our "why" as educators and our mission as a school- *We are an inclusive community that fosters a love for learning.* We are all excited about welcoming our community this coming week!

Beginning at **4 pm today**, families are able to access their child's homeroom teacher assignment for grades 1-5, via Infinite Campus Parent Portal [here](#). Instructions [here](#).

In last week's Chat we introduced our new staff via their [New Staff Biographies](#). Recently, we finalized the hiring of Jen Rogers as our new Literacy Interventionist/Instructional Coach and posted for a primary teacher. To ensure our 1st graders are well supported as they start the year, Mrs. Rogers will be temporarily filling in until hiring is finalized. We have also been blessed with additional district resources this year. Mrs. Pischke has moved into a new role directly supporting 1st and 2nd grade teachers and students in the area of reading and math. We also have additional counseling support as we've added Devan Haas to the new .5 counseling role, alongside Molly Kobus, our current full-time counselor. Please take a moment to view our new [Staffing Assignments](#).

We are still in the process of hiring a few para positions, if interested in joining our Fireside family, please visit the [BVSD job postings](#).

K-5th - Pop in for Popsicles and Meet the Teacher: August 16, 2:30-3:30

In order to support the safety of our school community, we request that **only the designated students and parents** enter at the listed times below and enter the outside doors of their classroom to drop off their school supplies and meet their teacher. We will also have additional staff supervising and supporting families in the front and rear of the school. Families, please drop off school supplies **first** and leave the popsicles outside.

Please see assigned timeslots by last name:

2:30-2:50: Group A-E

2:50-3:10: Group F-K

3:10-3:30: Group L-Z

Continue to check our Fireside school website for other dates and information [here](#).

We look forward to meeting all of you next week and welcoming you to our Fireside Family!

PTO News

Jog-A-Thon - Our BIGGEST Fundraiser!

Jog-A-Thon will take place this year on Friday, Sept. 23 during school hours on the soccer field. This fun event helps pay for classroom paraeducators, teacher supplies, student experiences, school community events, and more. Our goal is for each family to raise \$150/student (or more of course). More information to come, but you can always start early! [Click here](#) to donate!

Also, mark your calendars for our family Jog-A-Thon Celebration on Friday, Sept. 30 from 5-7pm.

Help at Schools!

Now is your chance to get involved! Sign up and bookmark BVSD's Help at Schools website for all upcoming Fireside volunteer roles. Go to <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/35/pages/home> to sign up and check frequently for added roles! Scroll to Fireside Elementary from the drop down list and click the blue "Login or Create Account" button. There are many upcoming opportunities to fit all schedules!

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting - Wednesday, August 24 9:10-10:40am

This is your chance to make a difference for your children at Fireside! Join our principal, Mrs. Kepler, the PTO board members and fellow parents to discuss school needs, volunteer opportunities, community events and funding. The monthly PTO meeting is scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings alternate between mornings and evenings, as well as in person and virtual, in an effort to accommodate all schedules. [Click here](#) for the full school year schedule.

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Learn more about the team of volunteer parents who help support the school every year. Follow on [Facebook](#) or visit the PTO website at www.FiresidePTO.org to discover the many ways to support our school!

Fireside Spirit Wear SALE is Happening NOW

The Fireside back-to-school spirit wear sale has begun! Save 30% on everything in the store. Choose from hundreds of spirit wear designs and garments that are delivered to your home in days! Visit <https://1stplace.sale/16776>.

Late Start Wednesday's Info & Options

Late Start Begins Wednesday, August 24th, 8:50 am.

Lifelong Learning is offering tuition based Wednesday classes at Fireside from 7:45-8:45am. Parents can opt to enroll [here](#).

We will also be offering a **free childcare option** from 7:45-8:45am supervised by two Fireside paraprofessionals. If interested in the free Fireside Late Start childcare option, please sign up [here](#). Fill out a separate form for each child. If your child will NOT need BVSD care on Wednesdays, there is no need to fill out this form.

Free and Reduced Applications Open

Despite efforts on the national and state levels, the pandemic Free Meal program for all students will not be extended into the 2022-23 school year.

We strongly encourage families to apply for the Free and Reduced Meal program to see if students in their households can qualify for free school meals. To complete a Free & Reduced-Price Meal Application, you can find it on Infinite Campus in your Student/Parent Portal. The application must be filled out every school year. Only one online application per household is needed. More information and directions to apply can be found [here](#). If you have questions or need help with your application, please contact Lola Campos-Herzfeld via email dolores.campos-herzfeld@bvsd.org or phone at 720-561-5942.

You can read more [here](#).

Want to Volunteer at School?

We ask that each individual interested in **volunteering** with BVSD complete the appropriate Raptor application; **ENGLISH** or **SPANISH**. Please note, there is a \$24.99 background fee due at the time of submission. It is valid for 12 months. You will need to provide your driver's license each time you enter the building.

Save The Dates

August 12th: Teacher Assignments (1st-5th) posted in **Infinite Campus**, after 4pm

August 16th: New Family Welcome Info/Tour, 1:30pm-2:30pm

August 16th: K-5th PTO Pop In for Popsicles Social - meet your teacher, the PTO, learn about ways to get involved in the community and connect with Fireside friends 2:30pm-3:30pm. Fireside intermediate playground.

August 17, 18, 19: Kindergarten Welcome Days- Kindergarteners will attend school for a half-day on each day

Aug. 17, 18, 19: 8:00am-10:45am - Last names beginning with A-L

Aug. 17, 18, 19: 2:00pm-2:45pm - Last names beginning with M-Z

August 19th: Kindergarten parents check IC Parent Portal beginning at 5 pm to inform which teacher your child(ren) will be assigned to.

August 22nd: ALL Kindergarteners begin a full-day kindergarten schedule (7:50-2:45) with the assigned classroom teacher.

August 23rd: Preschool Pop in for Popsicles - 2:00-2:30pm for **AM students** or 2:30-3:00pm for **PM students**

August 24th: Late Start: 8:50 am-2:50 pm

August 25th: First Day of Preschool

September 1st: Fireside Back to School Night, 5pm-7pm

WayToGo - SchoolPool - Marshall Fire Impacted Families

WayToGo - SchoolPool, a program of the Regional Council of Governments (DRCOG) is once again providing each BVSD school with its own Transportation Network. Use it to plan carpools, walking groups, bike trains, or to find buddies to ride RTD together. The secure network link for Fireside is: <https://mywaytogo.org/s/fside80027>



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