

FIRESIDE CHAT

September 22, 2023

Message from Mrs. Keppler

It's been a full week for us at Fireside from garden lessons to picture day, a lockdown drill, a visiting guest author, and closing the week with our spirited and unifying community Jogathon! Thanks to our many volunteers who made this event possible, our planning crew has done an exceptional job from gathering sponsorships to communicating and organizing all the logistics that go into making Jogathon a smooth sailing event. Thanks to our families for your generous donations for our one fundraising event of the school year!

For those of you interested in learning more about our drills at Fireside, please visit the BVSD Safety webpage [HERE](#). For lockdown drills, we work in partnership with the BVSD security team and Louisville PD with pre and post briefs to ensure we're following the best safety practices. Our staff does an outstanding job comforting, calming and preparing our students.

Mark your calendars:

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- **Friday, September 29th Jog-a-Thon celebration from 5-7 p.m.**
- **Oct. 10, 12, 18 Parent Teacher conferences from 3:30-7:30.** The sign up link is in our Chat below and teachers will also be sharing it.

Thanks to each of you for being valued participants in our Fireside family.

PTO News

Jog-A-Thon Fun!

Congratulations runners! What a fantastic fundraising-day we had on the field! Fireside PRIDE was high and, thankfully, so was the sun. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this event a success! We had our fabulous PTO; our wonderful Jog-A-Thon Coordinators (Nina and Alicia); all our teachers, parents, and students who made the magic happen! **Make sure your student(s) returns their Jog-A-Thon envelope (or via PayPal) by Friday, Sept. 29th.**

<https://www.firesidepto.org/fundraising>

Your generous donations provide:

- Professional classroom aides (paraeducators)...this is where we spend most of our funds!
- Classroom supplies for each grade and each teacher
- STEM fair, school garden, student newspaper funding, community events (e.g., Multicultural Celebration)
- Art, music, library, playground, and P.E. equipment
- Grants for other learning activities and upgrades to technology

Our suggested donation goal is \$150–\$175 per Fireside student in your family. You can choose to write it or raise it. Students have held stands selling lemonade, bracelets, cookies, ice cream, etc.

Your donation will directly support our students and teachers. Please join us today in helping prepare our children for the future! Our entire school community appreciates your support at every level.

Jog-A-Thon Community Celebration!

JAT Celebration is Friday, Sept. 29th, from 5–7pm. We'd love to see you there to celebrate the success of our fundraising efforts.

Volunteer at the Celebration: If you'd like to help run/monitor a station for half an hour, feel free to sign up on HelpAtSchools.com.

Prizes at the Celebration: Every student, staff, and teacher who attends the Celebration will be entered to win one of several prizes: Walking stilts, bump-n-bounce body bumpers, pogo trick ball, gift cards, and more. Be sure to stop by the Drawing Table at the Celebration for your ticket.

Walk & Roll to School Day: Oct. 4

Show your support for physical activity and clean air by lacing up your "kicks" or pumping up your tires and joining thousands of BVSD students, parents, teachers and administrators as they walk, bike, or scooter to school. Grab a sticker, sign a banner, and start your day strong! [See more info here](#).

Fireside is also in need of a few volunteers to help this event run smoothly. [Click here to sign up!](#)

Box Tops for Education

Fireside is now participating in this great program! [Follow this link](#) to set up your profile and begin scanning your grocery receipts. It's that simple!

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting

Wednesday, September 27th at 9:10am–10:30am in the garden. All parents and caregivers are welcome. Babysitting and coffee provided; see you there!

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or visit www.FiresidePTO.org to discover the many ways to support our school.

Spotlight on Special: Art (by Abby O'Brien)

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All grades have finished their Original Works, our fundraiser that directly helps support the art room with purchasing needed supplies. Each student, preschool through 5th grade, created original art for our fundraiser, Original Works. At the beginning of the year students focused on generating individual ideas, implementing an idea, and finally craftsmanship. Each art piece is unique, and we are thrilled to share them with you in the next few days. Parents will be able to place orders online during a two week period that Original Works has set up for us. Ordering during this window will ensure prompt turnaround of the orders so that products arrive in plenty of time for the holidays. Shipping will be added at checkout and the products will ship directly to your homes or to our school. Families will be given more information through the chat in the next coming week and through the classroom.

Whether you choose to purchase an item or not, please note that your student's original artwork will be sent home in their portfolio at the end of the year. For more information about our keepsake fundraiser, Original Works, click the link below.

We are so excited to be partnering with Original Works again this school year. Look what's coming! [Original Works keepsake](#)

Currently, students are studying:

5th- proportion and emphasis, and artist Tim Burton

4th- design, contrast, composition and color theory, along with artist Mary Blair

3rd- composition, balance and color theory, and artist James Rizzi

2nd- shape and line review, and artist Eloise Renouf

1st- line and shapes review

Kdg- introduction to primary and secondary colors, self portraits and proper material techniques.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups

Parent/Teacher conferences are Oct 10, 12, & 18 and it is time to sign up. Sign up [HERE](#).

CU Wizards - September 23, 9:30-10:30am

- "The Physics of Sound & Music"
- Duane Physics Room G1B30
- CU Boulder

"Award winning educator and Physics Professor Michael Dubson demonstrates and describes in humorous, entertaining ways all about the physics of sound and music. Students gain an appreciation of how beautiful classical melodies can be played on sawblades, the secret of making creepy music that accompanies our favorite sci-fi films and how to crack a bullwhip!"

For full schedule of all the 2023-2024 CU Wizards shows...always FREE, always fun...check out the CU Wizards website & sign up to be on the monthly email reminder list: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards

CU Wizards family shows are again in person! For over 3 decades, CU Wizards shows allow K12 students to visit campus on a Saturday morning, participate in STEAM programs, meet and talk to esteemed professors, Nobel laureates, scientists, & fellow students of all ages who are enthusiastic about learning and understanding scientific wonders!

No School - September 25

Monday, September 25 there is no school for students as it is a district professional development day. The BVSD printed menu calendar lists menu items on this day in error, but there is no school that day. Other menu items for the remaining month are listed correctly. [View the BVSD Calendar](#).

Used Shoe Collection - October 2-6

It's that time of the year again where your students and families can clear out their closets and donate their gently used shoes to be re-worn by others around the world.

The Used Shoe Collection will take place the week of October 2 - 6, 2023.

International Walk & Roll to School Day is October 4th, 2023.

The Used Shoe Collection, in partnership with Eco-Cycle/City of Boulder Center for Hard-to-Recycle Materials (CHaRM), is an opportunity for the BVSD community to re-purpose shoes during the week of International Walk to School Day. Donated shoes will be sorted by Eco-Cycle staff members and sent to Soles4Souls, another non-profit organization, who will redistribute the shoes to be used by members of less fortunate communities around the world. Since 2006, Soles4Souls has distributed more than 50 million pairs of shoes in 129 countries. Soles4Souls utilizes new and gently used shoes as a resource to help entrepreneurs in developing nations with an opportunity to start and sustain small businesses (4Opportunity) of their own. Learn more at soles4souls.org.

Guidelines of the Used Shoe Collection

Accepted: New or gently used shoes off all kinds.

Not Accepted: Dirty, ripped, or torn shoes.

Please:

- Pair and drop clean shoes in the marked boxes.
- Tie or band the pairs.
- Avoid putting the shoes in a plastic bag.

Gifted & Talented Coffee - October 5

Gifted and Talented 101

Please join Mrs. Keppler and Mrs. Fitzgerald with a presentation about what the Gifted and Talented program is in BVSD and at Fireside.

- Wednesday October 5, 2023
- 8:15am
- Amphitheater

- Coffee provided
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Bring-A-Bike to School Day - October 6

Friday October 6th - ½ hour before first bell - 7:15-7:45am!

Share-A-Gift will once again be collecting gently used bikes for the Toy Shop. It is a great way to recycle used bicycles and help make another child's Holiday special. Share-A-Gift volunteers will be at Fireside early (before school drop off) to help unload your bikes. Bikes are the most popular gift giveaway.

Please visit the [Share-A-Gift website](#) for more information about the program.


Running Club Update

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are putting Running Club on hold this fall. We know that it's a popular activity, so we are hoping to have a spring session.

P.R.I.D.E Awards

Congratulations to this week's P.R.I.D.E. award winners:

Bridger Paxton, Winnie Boswell, Connor Hosmer, Fionna Drummond, Camila Segura, Thomas Brown, Zoe Rose, Skyler Lobato, Evan Peterson, George Verseput, & Ethan Debay



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