

FIRESIDE CHAT

September 29, 2023

Message from Mrs. Keppler

We look forward to welcoming families **tonight for our Jog-A-Thon celebration!** We are so appreciative of the outpouring of support from our volunteers to our financial contributors, including our many sponsors. Let's come together this evening to celebrate our amazing school and collective fundraising efforts!

Also, don't forget to sign up for **conferences on Oct. 10th, 12th or 18th**. View sign up link [HERE](#).

Hispanic Heritage month is September 15- October 15, where we recognize and honor the cultures and contributions of Hispanic and Latino Americans. At Fireside this has included introducing a variety of literature from Hispanic Latino Americans to our students during Library time with Ms. Mattocks.

Alright Falcons, see you tonight at our community celebration!

PTO News

Jog-A-Thon Celebration! - TONIGHT, Sept. 29th 5–7pm

We hope to see you at the Fireside Celebration to share in our community spirit and have a fun time! Feel free to bring a picnic dinner or buy dinner at the event. Most of the fun will be in the back of the school, magic will be in the amphitheater, and food options will be along the Hug-N-Go zone on Dahlia and at the back of the school.

Food for Purchase: (Please bring cash!)

- CASH ONLY---In-N-Out Burger
- CASH or CREDIT---Food Trucks: Tibet's, Punch Buggy, & Sweet Cow
- CASH ONLY---PTO Food Table: Pie by the slice, snacks, sparkle water, & juice boxes
- CASH ONLY---Pride Advisory Team: Pizza by the slice

Free Fun for Everyone:

ShutterBus Photos, DJ Totally Tina Rocking Ray, Magic with Ann Lincoln at 5:30 and 6:15pm (in the amphitheater), sidewalk chalk, hula hoops, hair chalk, tattoos, and community conversation!

Prizes at the Celebration:

We'll be giving away prizes at 6:05pm. Be sure to stop by the Drawing Table at the Celebration for your ticket. 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.

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 (ex: Multicultural Celebration)
- Art, music, library, playground, and PE 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.

Questions? Contact Nina at ninalv@gmail.com

If you haven't had a chance to donate yet, there's still time, thank you!

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

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!](#)

Parent-Teacher Conference food sign-ups:

A great tradition continues this year! Our community provides dinners for our teachers during parent-teacher conferences because their days are so long. Night 1 will be focused on Italian cuisine, and Night 2 will be Soups & Salads. [Please sign up](#) for these dinners here.

PTO Classroom Liaisons

Help your student's teacher create a meaningful connection to the PTO. You will be a representative from your student's class at monthly PTO meetings. At the meetings you may participate in programming ideas, and if desired, be a voice in the community. [Sign up here!](#)

Box Tops for Education

Fireside is now participating in this great program. You may remember this from your own school days, but it's even easier now. [Follow this link](#) to set up your profile and begin scanning your grocery receipts. It's that simple!

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Follow us on

[Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or visit www.FiresideP I O.org to discover the many ways to support our school.

Spotlight on Specials: Music & Library

(by Tina Dozauer-Ray & Michelle Mattocks)

Music

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents, mark your calendars for our upcoming October "informances" (informal, informative performances.) 4th and 5th grade are honing their guitar skills, and 5th grade will soon work with guest bluegrass instructor, Kevin Slick from Orchard Creek Band. 3rd grade has been working on playing ukulele, and all sound amazing!

All informances will be held in the Fireside amphitheatre.

Monday Oct. 23:

Kinder 10:00-10:30

Haxton 10:55-11:25

Tuesday Oct. 24:

Cook 9:00-9:35

Miller 10:00-10:30

Kaufman 10:55-11:25

Wednesday Oct. 25:

Burgert 9:40-10:15

Stobaugh 10:30-11:00

Henkhaus 11:15-11:45

Library

Our [Scholastic Book Fair](#) is coming up! The Fair will be open October 10-13. Hours are:

Tuesday/Thursday: 8:00am - 7:00pm

Wednesday: 8:30am - 3:30pm

Friday: 8:00am - 3:00pm

Volunteers are crucial to the success of the Book Fair.
Please visit [HelpAtSchools](#) to sign up for a volunteer slot.

Payment options are cash, check, credit card, and [eWallet](#).
Thank you so much for your support of this wonderful event! We hope to see you there!

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups

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

Counselor Corner (by Molly Kobus & Suzy Kennedy)

“If you take care of your mind, you take care of the world.”
-Arianna Huffington

As a counseling team, our focus continues to be around social and emotional learning for our students. All students receive classroom lessons every other week, taught by Ms. Molly. Kindergarten and 1st grade just completed their “bug and a wish” lesson while 2nd grade had their introduction to the Zones of Regulation. Third grade through fifth grade started Sources of Strength last week. As you saw in your child’s Friday Folders, we are beginning Second Step Bully Prevention lessons this week and these are made up of four lessons.

Many of our grade-level small groups started last week and others will begin next week. In grades kindergarten through 2nd grade students in groups are focusing on friendship skills while

grade, students in groups are reading on membership skills while 3rd through 5th grade students are doing a wellness group. This wellness group is run by Ms. Suzy and topics include growth mindset, managing anxiety, coping skills, friendship, and mindfulness strategies.

As always, all students have access to the counselors. If a student is needing to be seen, they can put in a request. All request forms are in classrooms and students have received direct instruction around this process. As caregivers, if you ever feel your student could benefit from additional support, please do not hesitate to reach out (Molly Kobus: molly.kobus@bvsd.org, Suzy Kennedy: suzy.kennedy@bvsd.org).

We look forward to seeing you all at parent/teacher conferences!

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.
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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.

- **Thursday**, 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.

No School - October 9

There is no school for students October 9 as it is a district

professional development day for teachers and staff.

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Avelina Snow, Alan Vargas Marcos, Hagar Solter, Clara Kummer, Brielle Zikmund, Ophelia Kovack, Lukas Yeretsian, Emet Friedman, Poppy Ramsey, Max Heinzeller, Dorsey Langenbeck, Margaret McNally, Willow Soleim, Joseph Vollmer, Ella Tomhave, & Sienna Brandl.

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