

# FIRESIDE CHAT

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**October 6, 2023**

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## **Message from Mrs. Keppler**

A shout out to our Preschool team for Fireside's recent recognition as being the #2 Pre-K school in the Denver area! It's been quite the lift implementing Universal Preschool, but thanks to Mrs. Laurie Mickey and her dedicated team- Jodi Choi, Wendy Johnson, as well as our Preschool enrichment staff, Tara Palmer and Taeko Kamata, together they've established an exceptional program. Here is a this week's article [Link to the article](#)

As I'm sure most of you aware, BVSD is hosting a Showcase of all 56 BVSD schools at the [CU Events Center, 950 Regent Drive in Boulder](#) on **Wednesday, October 11, 5-8 p.m.**

If you have a child transitioning into middle or high school, this would be a helpful event to learn more information about academic and extracurricular offerings or answer any questions about any of our BVSD schools. We are fortunate to be part of such a strong school district and community. Free parking will be available in the 436 garage and in Lot 440 just north of the CU

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Last, as some of our families are beginning to plan for Halloween, including costumes and other fun festivities, here is key information to help in the planning process:

- The Halloween parade will be on **Tuesday, October 31st from 8:15-9:00 am.**

- Parents are invited to join us by viewing the parade **outside** their child/ren's classroom door or on the field where students and staff will take their final lap before re-entering back into classrooms. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes to school- please no gore, weapons, or masks (this goes for adults as well!). Teachers will be sending home more information through their school communication.

- If your child would like to borrow a Halloween costume from the school for our parade, please contact Molly Kobus [molly.kobus@bvsd.org](mailto:molly.kobus@bvsd.org)

- If students or their families do not want to participate in the parade and celebrations, they can participate in an alternate activity that ELD Teacher, Shelby Warshaw will help facilitate, or they can have an excused absence in the morning and can **come to school at 10:00.**

- At Fireside, we strive to make our Halloween and fall celebrations inclusive of various cultural holidays/celebrations that happen in the fall. The goal of our annual Halloween parade is to bring together students and families school-wide to celebrate community, with optional costumes allowing individuals to express joy or creativity. We also honor that there are many important cultural traditions in the fall.

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## No School - October 9

There is no school for students October 9 as it is a district professional development day for teachers and staff.

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## PTO News

### Jog-A-Thon SUCCESS

Way to go Falcons! We were close to meeting our Jog-A-Thon goal! The Fireside community raised \$45,000 plus another \$11,300 in corporate sponsorships, totalling \$56,300! And, funds continue to trickle in. As a reminder, most of the funds go directly to paraeducator instruction, which is INVALUABLE to student learning! It was so fun to see parents, guardians, staff, and students coming together as a community. Thank you to everyone who made our celebration happen! There's still time to [donate!](#)

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**Dining for Dollars:** a percentage of the proceeds go directly toward Fireside

- Thursday October 19th: Rocky Mountain Tap & Garden, 6-9pm
  - Eat in or takeout
  - Bonus: Participate in family bingo as you dine
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### Fall Conference Meals

Teachers love when we bring them home cooked meals during conferences. Consider [volunteering](#) food for the following dates:

- Tuesday, October 10th: Italian cuisine
  - Wednesday, October 18th: Soup & Salad
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### PTO Classroom Liaison

[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.

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### Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, October 25th: 5:30pm - 6:45pm in the library
  - **Free pizza and free babysitting**
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### More About the Parent Teacher Organization

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

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

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## Spotlight on Specials: PE (by Suzanne Johnson)

## Book Fair - October 10-13

Our [Scholastic Book Fair](#) is here! Come visit us next week, Tuesday thru Friday. 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 and we still are in need of help! 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!

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## Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Ups

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

\*The sign ups will close Sunday, October 8 at 5pm.

\*Check the lost and found tables next week!

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## **Counselor Corner (by Molly Kobus & Suzy Kennedy)**

### **Halloween Costumes:**

With Halloween coming up, many students are getting excited about their costumes. We understand that not all families are able to provide a costume or they do not have the time to go out and get one. Fireside has a large collection of costumes that students are welcome to wear/borrow. If you would like your child to look through our costumes, please email Molly Kobus, school counselor ([molly.kobus@bvsd.org](mailto:molly.kobus@bvsd.org))

"Shopping" is on Wednesday the 11th of October. Molly will stop by your child's classroom to take them to the Halloween "shop." Please reach out with any questions.

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## **PEN (Parents as Leaders in Schools) PALS in BVSD**

PEN is rebuilding the PEN PALS (Parents as Leaders in Schools) Program in BVSD and is seeking parents who are interested in being a liaison to their school. PEN PALS are asked to share PEN programs and workshops and meet monthly with Paula Nelson, PEN's Program Director. We will gather all interested parents for an introductory gathering on October 16th. More details to come.

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## **BVSD is the Place To Be SHOWCASE - October 11**

The BVSD is the Place to Be Showcase will be at the CU Events Center on Wednesday, October 11 from 5 - 8 p.m. It is an opportunity for families to talk to representatives from all 56 BVSD schools -- before the upcoming Open Enrollment period. Parking is free and no registration is required for participating families.

There will be student performers and informational sessions.

Find more information [HERE](#).

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## Gifted & Talented

If you were not able to attend the G & T presentation and coffee Thursday, please view the slides [HERE](#).

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## P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Elias Cardoza-Castellon, Colette Hopkins, Cassie Golovacheva, Vivienne Bourgeois, Oakley Pechaitis, Emilia Kemp, Nico Rupp, Mohie Kumawat, Alon Tofach, Aayan Khalil, Declan Marshall, Louise Strupeck, Anniston Scott, & Emily Stevenson.

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