

FIRESIDE CHAT

October 20, 2023

Message from Mrs. Keppler

It's been a full two weeks for teachers as they finished parent-teacher conferences this week. Conferences provide a valuable opportunity to ensure we're working together to provide the best education for our children. With report cards given at the semester, conferences offer a mid-semester check-point to communicate about a student's progress. Our goal is for our parents to feel well informed regarding how your child is progressing academically as well as social-emotionally towards grade level benchmarks. If for some reason you were unable to attend, please reach out to your child/ren's teacher to schedule a time.

A big THANK YOU to our parent community for helping provide meals to fuel our teachers- the homemade soups this week were especially nourishing.

For those of you interested in following our upcoming BVSD Board of Education Elections, view the [Board of Education](#)

[Candidate Forum.](#)

Additionally, parents are welcome to view the [Politics – Boulder Daily Camera](#) for responses to a questionnaire completed by all the Board of Education candidates and published in the Daily Camera's voter guide.

As always, thank you for your continued support, partnership, and engagement in our children's education.

PTO News

Thank You Chefs

A big thank you for contributing to the conference food for our teachers. We heard many comments about the delicious food options available throughout the conference nights. Your help was greatly appreciated!

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

- Monday, November 13th: Ginza Hibachi
 - Wednesday, December 13th: Chipotle
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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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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.

Box Tops for Education

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

King Soopers

Linking your King Soopers account to the Fireside PTO is an easy way to support our school! Simply log in to [KingSoopers.com](https://www.kingsoopers.com) and select "Community Rewards" under "My Account." **Add the code NE165.** Every time you purchase through King Soopers using your telephone number, a small portion will support Fireside.

Talent Show Interest for 2024-2025 School Year

Do you have a background in performing arts? We'd love your help getting the Fireside Talent Show back at school, but we need a lot of parent support. Please complete the [Google Form](#) if interested.

BVSD Volunteer Application

We love volunteers at Fireside! If you would like to help inside during school and you haven't filled out the application through Raptor, please find more information and the link [HERE](#). The background check is quick and easy, costs \$25 for a calendar year, and takes around 48 hours for the approval process.

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 Specials: Music & Art (by Tina Dozauer-Ray & Abby Sehnert)

Music

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade parents and loved ones, we can't wait to see you at our upcoming October "informances" (informal, informative performances.) 4th and 5th grade are honing their guitar skills, and 5th grade has been working 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 during their regular music class times.

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

Art

These past few weeks we have been busy, busy, BUSY! Students continue to learn procedures, routines and expectations which help them become independent in our classroom. We work as a community to take care of our studio space, so that others can also have a space ready for learning and creating when they arrive. Students are also learning to organize their space as they work, putting things away as they are no longer needed, whether that be supplies or trash, keeping an organized space helps with the flow of creating...and of course, ideas! Executive functioning skills help in all areas of school and life.

We have been busy in all grades creating masterpieces, and we are thrilled to have artwork that is ready to be displayed.

Kindergarten has been exploring primary colors and how to make secondary colors. Recently, students watched the book, Color Blocked on Vooks.com. A fun interactive read aloud about a turtle in a factory who ends up emptying the pipes full of primary colors, thus creating a giant beautiful mess of secondary colors. We 100% recommend it!

1st grade is currently exploring the color wheel, warm and cool colors, and complimentary colors. Students have painted paper using a dry brush technique to overlap colors. We will use the painted

papers in an upcoming collage unit about shapes and color.

2nd grade students have begun to learn about artist Yayoi Kusama and her polka dot pumpkins. We will use Yayoi Kusama as inspiration for our upcoming unit.

3rd grade is wrapping up their unit regarding design and craftsmanship. Students studied the artist James Rizzi, sketched ideas for their own cityscapes, and are now in the process of critiquing and coloring. They are working hard on craftsmanship and are learning to be mindful and intentional in their coloring.

4th grade finished working on arrangement, composition and editing, along with critiquing. Students learned about artist Mary Blair and her unique use of color combinations.

5th grade just finished a unit on proportion, value and neutral colors while using Tim Burton's unique design style as inspiration for their characters.

Lastly, **Original Works**, our art room fundraiser which prints student work on keepsakes is on its way! Each student has created their own masterpiece and you will receive an individual student code to view their work November 3rd. We are excited to have you look! **Order Deadline will be November 15th** and products will arrive to Flreside December 7th. Late orders can still be placed, however these orders will arrive in January.

Donations welcome!

- baby wipes, baby wipes, baby wipes
- tissues
- cardboard egg cartons
- pencils
- hand soap, foaming or liquid
- any art supplies you are getting rid

Principal Coffee - October 26

PK-5 Families: Please feel free to join Mrs. Keppler for coffee and an informal chat in the amphitheater October 26, 8:15-9am.

Thanksgiving Boxes

If you and your family would benefit from a Thanksgiving box this holiday season, please reach out to Molly Kobus (molly.kobus@bvsd.org) or Candace Garbow (candace.garbow@bvsd.org). Boxes will be available for pick-up or delivered the week before Thanksgiving.

BVSD Parent Education Series

Join our first Noontime Knowledge series for the school year on **Understanding the IEP Process** Sessions are 12-1 online

1. **How it Works:** October 18: Leslie Gaiser, Special Education Director
 2. **Tips from the Field:** October 25 with Aza Fakhri, Association for Community living
 3. **Adding Behavior Plans:** Nov 1 with Patrick Repasky, Special Education, School Psychologist
- Links and details are on [this flyer](#).
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P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Walter Scott, Sofia Hernandez, Aurelia Wessling, Aidan Williams, Yulie Tzang, Addison McCurdy, Laila Dietzel, Jasmine, Stimson, & Roxana Vahdani Moghaddam.

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