

FIRESIDE CHAT

November 3, 2023

Message from Mrs. Keppler

Savoring moments of joy at Fireside has been a practice I'm paying more attention to lately to truly appreciate our special school and community.

While our Halloween parade filled my bucket on so many weather fronts (yes, weather was our staff theme for the year), another poignant moment was an image that stuck with me from last Friday after school. A dad, sitting cross-legged with his arms wrapped around his son reading a book on our front lawn. Let me repeat, simply reading a book.

It made me stop and think about the simplicity of this moment and the essential nature of stopping and being with our kids. Our lives are full, and there's always a barrage of mindless stuff that fills the day. Yet how do we prioritize these moments of joy and simply stop, put away our devices or whatever mindless distraction is in front of us, to be with our kids?

We opened the school year with our theme on Balance and Focus, and sometimes we need to recalibrate as it's a continuous daily practice and discipline. As we step into the weekend and with holidays on the horizon, how do we continue to set aside undistracted time to be with our kids and simply...read a book to, or side-by-side with, our children?

Reading slows the mind, provides windows of opportunity for discussion with our kids, and models the importance of reading. Collectively, how can we savor these moments of joy?

PTO News

Mark Your Calendar for [Ginza Sushi-Hibachi](#)

Please come support Fireside (and Ginza's Fireside parent-owners!) Great way to gather family & friends for a delicious and entertaining meal. Portion of the proceeds goes back to the school. Event goes all day for dining and take-out!

- Ginza Sushi-Hibachi: Nov 13th, 11:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
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Dining for Dollars for the School Year

Check out the [complete calendar of upcoming Dining for Dollars events here!](#)

Community Events

- Skate City Westminster: \$7 entry fee and \$4 skate rental
 - Wednesday, November 29th: 5pm-7pm
 - Must mention Fireside
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Spirit Wear Holiday Sale

The 2023 [Spirit Wear Holiday Sale](#) is just around the corner! We will have new designs and product lines that will make great gifts for the entire family. This is the perfect time to think about placing orders for teachers, staff and administration holiday gifts. Popular gift options include Camelbak water bottles, coffee tumblers, tote

gift options include CamelBak water bottles, coffee tumblers, tote bags and gift cards. All Holiday Sale orders are guaranteed to arrive by December 23rd!

Sale Dates: November 6th - December 8th

Get Involved with Local Climate Action

[Louisville Climate Action](#) is a local group of teachers, parents and community volunteers who aim to support our youth in becoming stewards of a better world starting at the local level. If you would like to get involved, please reach out to Fireside's ELD teacher [Shelby Warshaw](#). First meeting and HelpAtSchools sign ups coming soon!

Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, November 15th: 9:10am - 10:30am in the amphitheater
 - **Free coffee and free babysitting**
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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: Art & P. E. (by Abby Sehnert & Suzanne Johnson)

Art

Original Works have been uploaded and are now available to view! Inside Friday Folders, each student received a flyer with an individual code to access your student's online portfolio at any time. Orders can be placed online, until the **deadline of November 15th** and items will be delivered before winter break.

P.E.

Fireside Giving Tree

For many Fireside families the upcoming holidays are a time for reflection, festivities and gift-giving. For other families this can be a stressful time because they cannot afford to spend money on gifts for their children. At Fireside, these families are able to **anonymously request gifts** for their children. Other Fireside families will then have an opportunity to select a gift request, purchase and wrap a gift for a child in need.

If your family needs assistance with gifts this year, please fill out the back side of the form in your child's Friday folder or use this [form](#) and return it to the office or email a picture of the form to Molly (molly.kobus@bvsd.org) or Candace (candace.garbow@bvsd.org) **by Monday Nov. 13th**. Please make sure a parent signature is included.

If you are able to help Fireside families with needs this year, look for the "Giving Tree" in the lobby after **Monday, November 27th**. Gift requests will be hanging on the tree, ready to be selected. Feel free to look at the mittens, and select as many as you'd like to purchase and gift. After you purchase a gift, please wrap it, attach the request mitten, and return it to the school office by **Friday, December 15th**. If you have any questions please contact Nina at ninalv@gmail.com

In addition, tax-deductible donations will be accepted to ensure that all gift requests are fulfilled, with any extra going towards grocery cards for the families. Find the "[Community Gives Program](#)" on our PTO website: <https://www.firesidepto.org/donatenow>

Dyslexia Presentation - November 13

Navigating Life with Dyslexia
Monday, November 13th from 6-8 PM
At Monarch High School

BVSD is excited to host Dr. Tim Odegard, national dyslexia expert, as he presents at a community event. He will share experience, practical recommendations and tips on navigating school as a child with dyslexia.

Please see the flier for information and to RSVP.

[English flier](#)

[Spanish flier](#)

Halloween Costume Return

If you borrowed a Halloween costume, please make sure you return it to Molly the week of November 6th. Thanks so much!

Open Enrollment

BVSD's Open Enrollment is November 1- January 9, 4pm. Families may choose to enroll their students in a school outside of their neighborhood to begin the next school year as long as there is sufficient programming, staff and space at the school.

Selection is based on a lottery process, not first-come first-served. Because Open Enrollment is not guaranteed, district residents who choose Open Enrollment may simultaneously pursue [Enrollment in Neighborhood K-12 Schools](#) .

Fireside will have information and tours:

- Nov. 15th 1-2 pm
- Dec. 7, 5:30-6:30pm

For more information and FAQ's, visit BVSD [HERE](#) and Board Policy, JECC-R - [open enrollment procedures and information](#).

Nutcracker Boulder Ballet

Want to see The Nutcracker this year? Now is the time to buy tickets! Boulder Ballet and the Boulder Philharmonic present The Nutcracker @ Macky Auditorium @ CU Boulder.

Friday – November 24, 2023 at 2:00 PM
Saturday – November 25, 2023 at 2:00PM
Saturday – November 25, 2023 at 6:30PM
Sunday – November 26, 2023 at 2:00 PM

15% OF TICKET SALES GO BACK TO FIRESIDE WHEN YOU SELECT OUR SCHOOL IN THE "HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT US" DROP DOWN AT CHECKOUT **BY NOVEMBER 15.**

Find more information [HERE](#).

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Izzy Doerschlag, Victor Vicente, Atlas Taylor, Olivia Costantino, Cal Johnson, Evie Uridil, Harrison Mooore, Eyal Tofach, & Benita Shadmand.

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