

# FIRESIDE CHAT

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**November 9, 2023**

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## **Message from Mrs. Keppler**

For the past two weeks, our students have observed the creative process unfolding from our artist in residence, Jason Graves. Thanks to the generosity of our parent community and support from our PTO, the soaring Falcon mural, which is nearing its final stages of completion in the amphitheater, is emblematic of our strength and resilience as a Fireside community, as we are nearing the two year commemorative marker of the Marshall Fires,

While I recognize it is still a journey for many of our families with rebuilding projects, I am also hearing anticipation and excitement from others who will be moving into their new homes around the holiday season.

As a community, I am proud of how we continue to show up for one another through the good times and challenges. May our Falcon mural be a source of strength and inspiration, reminding us of our resilience, resolve, and that oh so important D in

us of our resilience, resolve, and that on so important D in PRIDE....determination. Yes, we are #Falcon Strong!

Wishing you all a restful 3-day weekend as we honor our veterans and hopefully, squeeze in a bit of rest and replenishment. I'll be heading to Glenwood to soak in the hot springs!

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## PTO News

### **Fireside Giving Tree - Gift Requests Due Monday 11/13**

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](mailto:molly.kobus@bvsd.org)) or Candace ([candace.garbow@bvsd.org](mailto:candace.garbow@bvsd.org)) by Monday Nov. 13th. Please make sure a parent signature is included.

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

Please come support Fireside (and Ginza's Fireside parent-owners!). It's a 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!](#)

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### 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](http://www.FiresidePTO.org) to discover the many ways to support our school.

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## Spotlight on Specials: Music (by Tina Dozauer-Ray)

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Fall is a wonderful opportunity to celebrate change in our lives. Our primary grades have been celebrating the changing and falling leaves in our beautiful Colorado landscape with [this sweet song](#). (Click if you need a smile right now.)

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## FET (Families and Educators Together) - November 13

Thanks to all the families that joined us at our FET meeting in October! We had 4 staff members and 17 parents, with 11 countries represented! We hope that the entire Fireside community will be involved with FET by reading the notes from our monthly meetings, posted on the [FET website \(10/23 Community Notes\)](#). We greatly appreciate your interest and support!

Our next FET meeting is on Monday, November 13th, 5:00-6:30. We will be discussing learning topics for future meetings, Open Enrollment and your opportunity to help Fireside, and discussing the SEL Resource document that was introduced at the last meeting. For more information or to RSVP to this event, please contact Shelby at [shelby.warshaw@bvsd.org](mailto:shelby.warshaw@bvsd.org).

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## **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](#)

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## **Shakespeare - November 15 & 16**

Come out and support Fireside Thespians! Performances of Romeo and Juliet are Wednesday and Thursday night at 6:30. The play only takes about an hour.

The cast and crew have worked really hard on this show and would love to look out on a full house!!

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## **Coats for Sister Carmen (all winter gear welcome!) - Nov 13-17**

Brrrr! It's a great time to assess your family's winter clothing situation so you are ready for the real-deal cold weather...and Fireside would love to take outgrown gear off your hands!

Fireside will be collecting new and used coats of all sizes, as well as all winter gear including boots, hats & mittens, and snow pants. All items will be donated to an amazing organization within our community called Sister Carmen. The collection bin will be

located outside the front doors **Nov. 13th-17th**. Please donate freshly washed items.

I'm also specifically looking for boy boots size 6 or 7 (little kid size) and boy snow pants size 5T. If you have those items, please drop them off with the front office - thank you!

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## Traffic Changes Are Coming

Changes to the Polk/Dahlia corridor were approved by City Council on October 17th, 2023.

On the week of November 13th, (weather permitting) advisory bike lanes will be striped from Pine Street to Cherry Street on Polk/Dahlia. City staff has created an entire communication in regards to the new traffic pattern (along with a couple other changes to Via Appia).

Please review the communication and associated information located here: <https://www.louisvilleco.gov/Home/Components/News/News/6812/17>

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## Louisville Community Happenings

### **Old Town Skate opens Nov. 18!**

Downtown ice skating is back, with a new name, lower pricing, and an upgraded experience! The City of Louisville is excited to introduce Old Town Skate. Lace up your skates and come enjoy the festive sights and sounds of the season. Learn more at [LouisvilleCO.gov/OldTownSkate](https://LouisvilleCO.gov/OldTownSkate).

### **Move with Cleo Parker Robinson: Afro Fusion (Ages 7+ & Families)**

Saturday, Nov. 18 | 11 a.m.–12 p.m. | Louisville Public Library  
Cleo Parker Robinson Dance is so excited to invite you on a journey through dance. Students will explore their bodies in space and rhythm in motion while using African-based rhythms. [Register now.](#)

**Parade of Lights is Friday, Dec 1, 7pm!**  
More information can be found [HERE](#).

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## 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](#).

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## 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 [HFRF](#)

For more information [click here](#).

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

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

Aksel Dabit, James Duhon, Tyson Teater, Landry Mitchell,  
Hayden Bullock, Zoe Moreno-Gosler, Christian Moran Escobar,  
Cormac Daken, Martha Geiger, Celina Rupp, & Anahita Sathe.

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