

FIRESIDE CHAT

November 17, 2023

Message from Mrs. Keppler

What a full and exciting week for our Falcons! So much amazing learning taking place throughout our school, whether that's students developing as readers through small group instruction, interactive multi-sensory Foundations lessons, or the experiential learning of our 2nd graders as they worked together to create a "2nd-grade city" in our gymnasium, our teachers work hard to ensure they're teaching grade-level standards while making learning fun, engaging, and hands-on.

Another stand out for the week was our Shakespeare performance. Seeing our Shakespeare cast and crew deliver a stunning performance of Romeo and Juliet, I was reminded of all the learning that transpires through the arts. This show was an example of how, when given the opportunity, kids can lift one another to bring out their best selves and find their voices.

As we're coming upon our Thanksgiving holiday, I'd like to express my deep and heartfelt gratitude for our community and

the role that each of us plays in educating and raising our children together.

We are #FiresideStrong!

PTO News

The 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 you are able to help Fireside families with needs this year, look for the “Giving Tree Wall” in the lobby after Monday, November 27th. Gift requests will be hanging on the wall, ready to be selected. Feel free to look at the mittens hanging, and select as many as you'd like to purchase and gift. Please be sure to take the gift request mitten home, and leave the contact mitten in the mitten box. After you purchase a gift, please wrap it, attach the request mitten, and return it to the counseling office as soon as possible (or by Friday, December 15th). Once all gifts for a family have been dropped off, Molly and Candace can make the delivery to the family.

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](https://www.firesidepto.org/donatenow)” on our PTO website: <https://www.firesidepto.org/donatenow>

Scavenger Hunt Skate Party at Skate City Westminster - Nov 29th from 5–7pm

Bring your friends and family for a **GREAT private school skate party**, just for the students, staff, family, and friends from Fireside

Entry is only \$7 and skate rental is \$4 (if needed) but you are welcome to bring your own skates. There will also be \$5 meal deals. Skate City will give \$3+ per entry back to the school!

Ways to Help Your PTO

Along with volunteering and donating, you can help your PTO by shopping at King Soopers and Safeway.

- **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.
 - **Safeway:** Safeway implemented a new card supplier and will no longer support the old Give Cards as of 2023. Please stop by the Fireside office to pick up a new card to reload for your grocery needs. Supporters will help Fireside earn 5% back every time the card is reloaded. Find out more at: [Safeway Community Giving Program](#). Please contact ProgramsFiresidePTO@gmail.com with questions.
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Dining for Dollars

Thanks for a great night out at Ginza Hibachi on Monday! The school brought in \$400 to support our programming.

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

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Follow us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), or visit the [PTO website](#) to discover the many ways to support our school.

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

Art

This rotation students focused on implementing ideas, using supplies properly and safely, keeping themselves organized and critiquing their work while in the creating phase.

Kindergarten has focused on identifying types of lines, using line vocabulary and drawing different types of lines. Students have worked mostly in abstract form, but with whimsical realism too. We studied "Sky Color" by Peter H. Reynolds to compliment their creations.

1st grade is learning about artist Jeff Koons and the Balloon Dog, and also puppeteer Tony Sarg. Students continue to work on art vocabulary, cutting, gluing and design. Also, students are learning to work at their own pace, to take their time, add details and to stay organized. When we talk about staying organized, we look at our work space and assess what needs to be put away or finished before moving to the next step.

2nd grade moved into a unit of weaving. Students' mindfulness while weaving is wonderful! Students who finish before others provide support to classmates who might need help. This has been a fantastic experience for everyone.

3rd grade just began studying art from Denver artist Michelle Courier and her use of light and nature.

4th grade is finishing a unit on 3 dimensional art using paper mache and an armature. Students learned how to use an armature as a support, paper mache and add attachments to their designs. Lastly, students showed problem solving skills when armatures broke, paper mache projects fell, or even when painting went awry...thinking creatively and asking classmates for help brought out the best in their creations.

5th grade has begun to build upon their weaving skills they learned 2 years ago. This time, students are weaving a circular loom. It's a bit more challenging, and more problem solving and help is needed. Classmates are supporting one another, and have been encouraging each other to slow down and take their time. It's nice to see.

With the previous excitement of Fall holidays, and now Thanksgiving break, (and a bit of talk of Winter holidays) students have needed more social emotional regulation, and reminders about proper use of materials and safety while in the art room. And of course, how to keep themselves organized. But we have also learned that flexibility is important and sometimes you just gotta roll with it. Things change, projects work and sometimes they don't, but supporting each other and lending a hand helps ourselves and classmates feel safe, happy and loved. Just

yesterday kindergarten was in the midst of painting, paint fell on the ground, and rather than stop and watch, 4 students grabbed paper towels to help, unprompted...they just knew what their classmate needed at the time. Then back to work they went, and they all began to sing a Fall song they learned in music class.

Music

Music is a magical means of expressing gratitude. Our classes have been singing, writing, and/or recording songs of gratitude. [Here](#) is a joyful example from Mrs. Burgert's class.

Community Resources to Help During the Holidays

For those hoping to find extra resources around the holidays, please take a peek [here](#).

Unveiling Our "Falcon Rising" Mural

Please view the mural timelapse and interview with Jason Graves, the artist, [HERE](#).

CU Wizards - November 18

"There's Something in the Air!"

Saturday November 18, 2023

9:30 to 10:30 am

Cristol Chemistry Rm 140

CU Boulder

Have you wondered...Why is the Sky Blue!? Why are sunrises

orange? What is air made of exactly? Did you know the Earth wears sunglasses!? And what's the story about the greenhouse gases that are slowly but steadily warming the Earth? Professor Brown's show brings air down to Earth in a show geared for a young K-12 audience eager to learn about the science of our atmosphere.

For full schedule of all the 2023-2024 CU Wizards shows...always FREE, always fun...check out the CU Wizards website & sign up to be on the monthly email reminder list: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards


Climate Club

We are excited to bring back Fireside's Climate Club for the 23-24 school year! Please complete this [permission form](#) if your child would like to participate in Climate Club. We will be advertising this after school club to grades 3-5, but will not turn down any climate enthusiasts from K-2. We hope to gather a dedicated group of students who want to work together to promote climate action in our community. We will meet every other Thursday after school from 3:00 - 4:00 through winter break (11/30 & 12/14). For January - March, we will meet every other Friday after school, then back to Thursdays through the end of the year. We look forward to guiding our young climate activists to making a positive difference in our school and Louisville communities, and joining global efforts for a better future.

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Autumn Burkett, Haley Muhlach, Jyuno Myers, Gabby Gonzalez, Alice Bodin, Madeline Kramer, & Roxana Vahdani Moghaddam.



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