

FIRESIDE CHAT

January 12, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

It's 2024! We are pumped and ready to bring in the new year at Fireside! There are so many exciting events to look forward to between now and the end of the school year: Multicultural Celebration, STEM Fair, Carnival, and more.

This week I met with our PTO Board which has supported our school in so many ways this year- we've seen an increase in volunteerism, higher attendance at our PTO meetings, more crosswalk volunteers, and the list goes on...I am so appreciative of the countless ways our Board and parents serve our school. Strong communities make for strong schools!

Our School Accountability Committee (SAC) also continues to support our school and community. This week our district safety team presented about the different tiers of safety at the district and school levels to ensure we're continuing to work together to support the safety of our kids and community. Feel free to view the [School and District Safety](#) slides. We have a new School

Safety Advocate, Matt Irujillo, who will be supporting Fireside as Jerimiah Deherre is now supporting other BVSD schools.

Speaking of parent engagement, report cards will be accessible through the BVSD Infinite Campus online portal beginning on **Tuesday, January 16th**. Directions for accessing report cards can be found [HERE](#). Thank you for taking time to review your child's report card with your child and reach out to your child/ren's teacher with any questions. Taking time to celebrate progress with learning and setting growth goals for the second half of the year models the growth mindset we aim to nurture in our Falcons.

As always, thank you for your partnership. Be sure to bundle up over the three-day weekend. We'll see our students back on **Tuesday, January 16th**.

PTO News

Dining for Dollars

Our next Dining4\$ event will be at one of our local favorites, Tibet's!

They are graciously hosting three days of dining for Fireside families. Choose to dine-in or take-out any or all of the days and please remember to mention FIRESIDE!

Tibet's Restaurant

- 321 McCaslin Blvd, Louisville
- Time: 5 - 9 pm
- From: Jan. 16th-18th

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

FET/PTO Community Building Team: We need Falcon Friend Families!

One of our goals as Fireside's new FET/PTO Community Building Team is to improve our Ambassadors Program at Fireside. The purpose of the Ambassador Program is to welcome and support

purpose of the Ambassador Program is to welcome and support new families at Fireside. These families may be new to the school (grades 1-5), city, state, or even country. We are hoping to offer these families more opportunities for connection and gathering information about our school, city, or culture. We will be needing Falcon Friend Families to support our new Fireside Families, and hope to use the buddy system to help families make new connections and have a welcoming source of information. We are also hoping to find Falcon Friend Families that speak Spanish, so we can offer our Spanish speaking families more opportunities for connection and support.

[Please complete the following survey](#) if you are a new family to Fireside or an interested Falcon Friend Family. Thank you!

Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, January 24th: 5:30pm - 6:45pm in the library
 - Free pizza and free babysitting
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Save the Dates

- Valentine's Bake Sale: Tuesday, February 13.
 - STEM Fair on Thursday, March 14. More details to come!
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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 the [PTO website](#) to discover the many ways to support our school.

Spotlight on Specials:

Music (by Tina Dozauer-Ray)

All grades are "ringing in the New Year" with our very own handbells! Bells are used across the globe to celebrate important beginnings and endings, Fireside included. In addition to being a perfect beginning to our New Year, I cannot think of a better activity to teach score reading as students track and play their notes on the musical staff. Incredible teamwork skills are required to create a beautiful "whole" out of many small and equally important parts. Just like our Fireside community, Music is Ma-

important parts, just like our Fireside community. [here](#) is Ms. Stobaugh's fourth grade class their first day of handbells this year, playing the traditional new year's song "Auld Lang Syne." This traditional Scottish song celebrates old friends and old times as we ring in the new.

Art (by Abby Sehnert)

The art room is in need of donations. Please consider donating one or more of the following items:

- wine/champagne corks
 - cardboard egg cartons
 - tin foil
 - pencils
 - liquid hand soap
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Report Cards Viewable - Jan 16

Report cards will be viewable for families in the Infinite Campus Parent Portal on Tuesday, January 16. Access a parent guide to view report cards in English [HERE](#) and in Spanish [HERE](#).

Multicultural Celebration - Feb 2

Save the date! The Multicultural Celebration is on Friday, February 2nd, 5:30-7:30.

Families are invited to bring a dish from their culture to share in a potluck dinner with our Fireside community in celebration of all the amazing diversity we have within our school! For entertainment, we can look forward to a Lion Dance from the Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Academy, in celebration of the Lunar New Year, as well as cultural crafts and dancing fun with the kids! We invite families to come in traditional dress of their native land, and will have a time to recognize all those who participate. Finally, we will have a photo booth to commemorate this special event! We hope to see you there! Be on the lookout for more information coming your way soon.

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We need volunteers to help!

Please visit Help@Schools to sign up! Also, if you have a craft or game from your culture that you would like to share with our community, contact Kanako at kanako.nishimura.11@gmail.com.

New Student Enrollment for 24-25!

We are getting ready for the '24-'25 school year already!! If you have or know a new student that will attend Fireside (K-5th) next year, it is time to enroll. Find the online registration link [HERE](#).

If you are interested in Preschool, you can find information and an interest form [HERE](#).

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Stanley Lemieux, Oliver Douglas, Scarlett Newmann, Daniel Leviatan, Teo Neely, Jude Simon, Sylvie Anderson, Yuval Leviatan, & Teddy Vidulich.

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