

FIRESIDE CHAT

January 19, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

Thank you for reminding your Falcons to bundle up with these colder temperatures. When temps dip below 20 degrees students are brought inside through the front doors at the start of the day to support student's health and safety. Please have your child come to school prepared for the elements (including gloves, boots and hats).

We realize it's been a bit of a topsy-turvy week with a 2-hour delayed start on Tuesday and late start Wednesday. Even with the varied start times this week, we continue to appreciate everyone's effort with being on time. Students should be heading to their classroom outside doors and entering at 7:50. For any students arriving after 7:50, they should enter through the front door. Students entering after 7:52 will be considered tardy and need to sign in.

With colder temps, we have more families dropping off students in our hug-and-go. Let's support the safety of our students by

making the drop off quick to ensure other cars can pull through. Our PRIDE Advisory Team has done an exceptional job showing up for duty on Dahlia and keeping our traffic flowing.

Speaking of our PRIDE Advisory team, the focus for today's assembly was about One Small Thing to Show Pride at Fireside. Over the weekend, how might this message carry forward into your family? What's that one small thing that would make life simpler and more cohesive? Here were some kid generated ideas:

- Wake up 10 minutes earlier
- Remove all devices/technology from the bedroom
- Read more
- Find a good chapter series to get hooked on

Alright Falcons, I hope you all enjoy the weekend ahead, and think about that "One thing" that will support your family unit in 2024!

PTO News

Multicultural Celebration

This Fireside favorite is coming up on Friday, February 2nd, 5:30-7:30! **We need more volunteers - please see Help@Schools** to sign up. See article below for more information.

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 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

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!

Sign Up for Text Alerts

Head to [School Messenger to sign up](#) for text alerts on Fireside events, Dining for Dollars, and more!

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.

FET (Families and Educators Together) - Jan 22

Thanks to all the families that joined us at our FET meeting in December! We had 3 staff members, 12 parents, 1 PTO Representative, and 10 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 \(12/18 Community Notes\)](#). We greatly appreciate your interest and support!

Our next FET meeting is on Monday, **January 22nd, 4:45-6:30**.

We will be discussing the article, [Family Involvement vs. Authentic Partnerships](#), and discussing further action projects that we could focus on for the remainder of the year. For more information or to RSVP to this event, please contact Shelby at shelby.warshaw@bvsd.org.

Spelling Bee Preliminary Qualifier - Jan 23

Calling 3rd-5th spellers!

Tuesday, **January 23**, will be the written pre-test in the cafeteria. Here's the schedule:

3rd Grade 1:10

4th Grade 1:50

5th Grade 2:20

Qualifying students will participate in the schoolwide oral bee on **February 1**.

The winner of our school bee will represent Fireside in the Boulder Valley Regional Bee, held at Nevin Platt Middle School on 3/16/2024.

Literature to Learn about Diversity - Jan 29-Feb 2

To celebrate and learn about diversity within our own community here at Fireside, we will be hosting a new event, Literature to Learn about Diversity, during the week leading up to the Multicultural Celebration, January 29 - February 2nd. We are so proud of the diversity at our school, and we hope that members from our own community will be willing to share a book about their culture with grade level classrooms.

If you are interested in reading a book from your culture, or a culture you are connected to, to your child's classroom, please contact your child's teacher to set up a time during this week to

read and discuss the book. You can choose a book from your own collection, the local public library, the Fireside library, or the [collection of diverse books](#) that were gifted to Fireside classrooms a couple of years ago. More information about this event will be communicated by your grade level teacher next week.

To see if the Fireside Library has a book you'd be interested in, you can access the Fireside library database at home! Have your student log in to their Google account and go to the ClassLink site. From here, select "Destiny Discover". Please email Mrs. Mattocks with any questions. michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org

Multicultural Celebration - Feb 2

**Multicultural Celebration is on Friday, February 2nd,
5:30-7:30!**

We need more volunteers! [Help@Schools](#)

Don't miss one of Fireside's favorite events! We gather to enjoy one another and celebrate the diversity of our school community. [Here](#) is this year's flier with the schedule of events. Your family is invited to wear **traditional dress** from your culture, which we will recognize by inviting you to share the country you represent. There will also be a **Photo Booth** available in the amphitheater throughout the night, so you can document this special event. Our entertainment this year will be a **Lion Dance from the Shaolin Hung Mei Kung Fu Academy**, in celebration of the **Lunar New Year**, which falls on February 10th this year.

Each family is invited to **bring a dish to share**. Whether you make a family recipe at home or bring a favorite pizza or box of cookies, we would love to have you join us for this fun family affair! In your child's Friday folder next week, you will find a "**Dish Label**" to complete, or you could print yours at home from this [link](#). Please bring **serving utensils** and your dish ready to serve, as there will be no outlets available. **PLEASE bring your own reusable dish set** (plate, fork, spoon, cup/water bottle, & cloth napkin for each person in your family) in a reusable grocery bag. We will have disposables available, but we are unable to compost them. and hope that our community will switch

to bringing your own in support of a healthier environment. Here are [tips from Eco-Cycle about how to make this a Zero Waste Event](#) .

Kids can engage in fun **crafts & games** with volunteers that would like to teach a craft or game from their culture. We will also have **dances** that the kids will be learning in P.E. class, and families will be encouraged to join. The Limbo is always a favorite! Our event will close with an exciting Glow Stick Dance.

In order to make this event a success, we will need lots of help from **volunteers**. You can sign up at [Help@Schools](#). If you have an idea about a craft or game to share from your culture, or would like to display an artifact from your culture that would fit in our glass case by the cafeteria, please contact Kanako at kanako.nishimura.11@gmail.com. Finally, a big THANK YOU to our amazing PTO for funding this event! This event is so special because of all that our community contributes and shares together! We hope to see you all there!

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:

Jazmine Calderon, Lincoln Alexander, Brant Kinz, Henry Bhalla, Calla Sutor, Ryan Miller, Jackson Cheesbrough, Kevin Henshaw, Brooks Leyba, & Andras Szentkiralyi.



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