

FIRESIDE CHAT

January 26, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

During this week's Families and Educators Together meeting, we had rich discussions about the difference between parent involvement and authentic parent partnerships. Parent involvement is focused on more of a one-way stream of communication from the school to families, whereas authentic parent partnerships prioritize listening to families, honoring them as experts, and collaborating with parents as equal partners. At Fireside, this is our goal: to work together as teams by listening and partnering with parents in order to best support the individualized needs of every learner.

In consideration of authentic partnerships, we are excited about next Friday's Multicultural Celebration where we'll celebrate the diversity within our community. I encourage families who attend to reach outside their typical neighborhood or social circles and meet someone new. Similar to our children, we want all families to feel connected and a sense of belonging in our school community. We'll have games, entertainment, good food, and of

course... dancing as the main attractions. We hope you will join us!

Enjoy the weekend ahead and thank you for your authentic partnership as well as your support. We are an exceptional school and every day I count my blessings for what WE have created. It is each of us coming together who play an essential role in educating and raising our children.

PTO News

STEM Fair - March 14

All Fireside students are invited to participate in the STEM Fair where they will have fun learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. The Fair is a great time for students to explore and discover new ideas and then share their knowledge and enthusiasm with others. Students will share their projects on Thursday, March 14, 2024, in the Fireside gym.

Learn more with our comprehensive [STEM Fair 2024 packet](#). To participate, complete a registration form online or print one out and return to the office by Friday, February 2:

[Competitive Registration Link](#)

[Non-Competitive Registration Link](#)

We also need volunteers to help make this an amazing event! Visit [Help at Schools](#) to sign up to help with judging our competitive and noncompetitive divisions. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Parent Directory

Whether you're looking to send out birthday party invites or just set up a playdate, the Fireside parent directory on Help @ Schools is the place to start. [Head here to see the directory](#); or scroll down to Account Settings to control how your information displays for others.

Fireside Night at The Spot Rock Climbing Gym

"ON BFI AY!"

Join us for a **Private Fireside Night** at The Spot Rock Climbing Gym. Please come with your family, classmates, and friends from **4–8pm**. \$15/person entry includes climbing, rental shoes, and staff instruction. (Members of The Spot are free.)

Date: Sat Feb 10

Time: 4:00–8:00pm

Location: 1754 Dogwood St, Louisville, CO 80027

Upcoming Events

- Principal Coffee: Thurs Feb 8, 8:00am
 - Valentine's Bake Sale: Weds, Feb 14, 3:00pm
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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

Art

The art room has been super busy the past few weeks. We've been studying the elements of arts and principles of design, focusing on shape, form, value, and texture, along with emphasis, movement and contrast.

With the arrival of new tables, provided by the “dream, big” grant through the PTO, we would like to give our community a huge thank you! Our new tables have provided us with room to stretch and create bigger projects, and also the space for more students in our classes. Thank you PTO!

Fifth grade inspiration comes from the artist Keith Haring, and is

using plaster to create three-dimensional forms.

Fourth grade is studying the beautiful phenomenon of the northern lights, also known as the aurora borealis.

Third grade continues to learn about perspective, the vanishing point, foreground, middle ground and background. They are currently designing towns or villages.

Second grade has moved into three-dimensional forms and are getting ready for art show at the end of the year.

First grade is finishing up a unit on collage and are beginning to organize their portfolios so they can choose a two dimensional piece of artwork for the art show. They are beginning three-dimensional forms for the art show.

Kindergarten is a ball of energy and I wish I could bottle all of it up and use it some days. They are eager to create and try new types of materials. Currently they are painting and moving into collage, but in the next few weeks, they will be moving into three dimensional forms, and getting ready for the art show.

The **art show will be Thursday, May 9**. All artwork made during the school year is saved in student portfolios, so that each student has the opportunity to look at their own artwork and select pieces for display. We hope you'll join us to celebrate our artists!

Again, thank you so much for your support!

Donations are always welcome!

cardboard egg cartons

wine corks and champagne corks

pencils

tin foil/aluminum foil

cardboard boxes of any size broken down/flat

gameboards of any size, broken down into
foaming hand soap
Guess Who? gameboards

Spelling Bee - Feb 1

On Tuesday, January 23, 111 students took the preliminary test. Congratulations to the following students who qualified to participate in the Fireside School Oral Bee:

3He - Stella Stimson
3K - Declan Marshall, Jonas Reid, Lucy Robinson
4K - Olivia Kemp, Anahita Sathe, Ellie Teater
4M - Cormac Daken, Cato Pomeroy
4S - Allie Davis, Zente Kovari, Alistair Qureshi
5B - Anna Delwo, Pierce Malcolmson, Cameron Newhouse,
Sophie Sharp, Emily Stevenson, Andras Szentkiralyi, Evie Teater
5C - Laila Dietzel, Livi Ringwood, Kaiya Ryan, Leah Skalican,
Rose Triesch

The school bee will be held next Thursday, 2/1, at 1:10 in the amphitheatre.

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 this 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!

Principal Coffee - Feb 8

Please join Mrs. Keppler for coffee and conversation Thursday, February 8, 8:15-9am in the amphitheater!

Valentine's Day Bake Sale - Feb 14

Calling all bakers...homemade, semi-homemade, and store-bought! Please help to support our Spring Carnival fun by participating in our Valentine's bake sale on Wednesday, February 14th after school. All items will only be \$1.00 (please bring small bills) and we're looking for treats to sell and volunteers to sell them.

[Sign-up here on HelpAtSchools.](#) Thank you!

CU Wizards - Jan 27

"Much Ado About Absolute Zero!"

9:30 to 10:30 am

Duane Physics G1B30, CU Boulder

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

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:

Sam Poole, Teddy Ross, Raam Sathe, Micah Kidwell, Priyam Maity, Kaia Anjaria, Lily Blind, Reid Ramos, Sam Durbin, Evan Hammer, Sam Karns, Luna Xavier-Galache, Logan Burris, Nate Chance, Juan De Dios Cardoza-Castellon, Cameran Newhouse, & Liam Copeland.

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