

FIRESIDE CHAT

February 2, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

Dear Fireside community,

It's been an exciting week of learning for all of us, especially for our kinders and first graders as they practiced their numeracy skills by celebrating the 100th and 101st days of school! First grade has also been studying communities and capitalized on parent's expertise as they were invited to share about their jobs and career paths. This unit culminated with a field trip to the Louisville rec center where students learned from adults in our community and their varied professions. Thanks to all parents who participated in this learning experience for our first graders- another example of how we work together as a community to educate our children.

Speaking of partnerships, don't forget, tonight is our Multicultural Celebration, I hope to see you there! Also, be on the lookout for conference sign ups as it opens today. Conferences will be held on the evenings of **Feb. 20, 22 and 28**.

Last, congratulations to all of our Spelling Bee participants- it takes courage and focused concentration to be a participant. Let's give a shout out to Cameron Newhouse, this year's Spelling Bee winner who will be progressing to the regional Bee!

Parking Lot Safety:

It is vitally important that we're attentive during drop off and pick up times as we continue to work together to follow our school traffic procedures. Unfortunately, we have a paraprofessional whose vehicle has been hit twice in our parking lot and sadly there was no note or communication regarding the hit and run incidents. If you were witness to these events or have any information, we would greatly appreciate it.

We recognize that we have a small parking lot with limited spaces and good news on the horizon...you can expect to see bond project improvements over the summer! This will include the expansion of our parking lot to increase the number of spaces, a new hug and go system on the exterior of the parking lot, and buses dropping off along Dahlia Street at 7:45 am. More to come about our bond improvements in the coming months.

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place **February 20, 22, and 28**. Sign up starts at **3:00pm** today on HelpAtSchools [HERE](#).

PTO News

Multicultural Celebration: TONIGHT!

Join us 5:30-7:30 at school as we celebrate the cultures that make us unique!

5:30- Potluck and Crafts
6:00- Recognition of Traditional Dress
6:15- Lion Dance Performance
6:45- Dance party for everyone!
7:15- Glow Stick Final Dance

***This is a rather loud event. We suggest bringing headphones for little ones!**

STEM Fair

STEM Fair applications are due today! If you have not yet had a chance, review the [packet](#) and complete your registration using the link(s) below:

[Competitive Registration](#)

[Non-Competitive Registration](#)

Registration will officially close at **midnight tonight**. 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.

Upcoming School and Community Events

- Valentine's **Day Bake Sale**: Wednesday, February 14th- 2:50-3:30pm
 - [Sign up](#) to help with setup, break down, bringing in a treat, selling treats- the options are endless!
 - "ON BELAY"! Join us for **Fireside Climb Night at The Spot**. Please come with your family, classmates, friends and staff from **4-8pm**.
 - \$15/person entry includes climbing, rental shoes and staff instructions. Members of The SPOT are Free. Pls [RSVP here](#) by Feb. 6th and complete waiver (link in rsvp form) to attend.
 - Date: Sat. Feb. 10th
 - Time: 4-8 pm
 - Location: 1754 Dogwood St, Louisville, CO 80027
 - **PTO Coffee Interest Meeting**
 - Thursday, February 15th @8:00-8:30am in the staff lounge
 - **Spring Teacher Conferences: Tuesday, February 20th**
 - For this dinner, we are requesting food for an International Food Night
 - [Sign up to volunteer](#) for this wonderful event!
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Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, February 21: 9:10-10:30 in the amphitheater

The Fireside PTO thanks you for supporting the school with all of your donations in 2023. If you have not yet received a thank you email with information for tax deduction purposes, then please contact us at Treasurerfiresidepto@gmail.com and we will send one to you directly.

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)

Our handbell gloves are getting a lot of love, and we could use new ones. If you happen to have any extra pairs of **small, stretchy knit gloves**, the music room would love to have them. Thanks!

Art (by Abby Sehnert)

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
foaming hand soap
Guess Who? gameboards

Spelling Bee

SPELLING BEE GOES 14 ROUNDS!

On Thursday, February 1st, 23 students vied for the title of Fireside's School Bee Champion. In the seventh round there were 7 contestants. By the 11th round there were only 3 left, Leah Skalican (5C) Alistair Qureshi (4S) and Cameron Newhouse (5B). The three students spelled another 3 rounds, with Leah and Alistair getting knocked out in the 14th round, leaving Cameron as the clear winner. Cameron went on to spell the "winning word" - **jeopardy**. Cameron will go on to represent Fireside in the Boulder Valley Regional Bee held on 3/16/2024 at Nevin Platt Middle School.

Thank you to all the students who bravely participated in this event. Good Luck, Cameron!

Multicultural Celebration - TONIGHT, Feb 2

We are looking forward to a great turnout **TONIGHT** for our **MULTICULTURAL CELEBRATION!** See you there, **5:30-7:30!** [Here](#) is this year's flier with the schedule of events.

Volunteers are still needed! Please sign up [here](#).

Don't forget to bring:

- a dish to share with others (no outlets available)
 - serving utensils, if needed
 - your [dish label](#) (also available to complete at school)
 - reusable dish set for each person in your family in a reusable/washable bag
 - traditional dress from your culture, if you have any
 - your dancing shoes and smiling faces!
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Principal Coffee - Feb 8

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

Adult Outerwear Distribution - Feb 9

Community event for anyone in need - brand new adult outerwear distribution

- Feb 9
 - 11am-3pm
 - St Andrew's Church, 3700 Baseline
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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!

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:

Shane Lattin, Carina Massale, Ellie Ben-Joseph, Brynn Roth, Will Ochsankohl, Edie Middleton, Avery Roth, Evalin Shi, Liam Pion, Amelie Garbow, & Livi Ringwood.

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