

FIRESIDE CHAT

February 9, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

We look forward to seeing families at our upcoming conferences on **Feb. 20, 22, 28**. If you haven't signed up for conferences yet, please find the link in this Chat or reach out directly to your child/ren's classroom teacher.

On Monday, we welcomed Dr. Rob Anderson (Superintendent) and Dr. Lora De La Cruz (Deputy Superintendent) as they provided lunch for all staff and held listening sessions to hear about district successes and areas of continued need. These listening sessions are held at every school throughout the district and it's an opportunity to hear directly from the source- our dedicated teachers and support staff.

Speaking of dedicated staff, I'm incredibly proud of the learning we've embarked on as educators this school year. Our continued efforts to pinpoint student needs in the area of Math through Data Driven Instructional PLC's (Professional Learning Communities), adoption of a new literacy curriculum, and co-teaching approach

in Math to support English acquisition for our emerging bilingual students, require shifts in practices. Our Fireside crew is committed to their craft and professional growth in order to best serve the varied needs of our Falcons. Thank you, teachers!

This week we also hosted Blue Sky Bridge in grades K, 3 and 5 in order to equip our students with awareness and skills to support child protection practices. To learn more, view the Blue Sky website [HERE](#). A shout out to Ms. Molly Kobus (counselor) and Ms. Suzy Kennedy (Mental Health Advocate), not only because it's **National School Counselor's Week**, but because of their dedication and support of our Fireside community.

Enjoy the weekend ahead, don't forget about the Valentine's Day bake sale after school on February 14th!

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place **February 20, 22, and 28**. Sign up on HelpAtSchools until Feb 16 [HERE](#).

PTO News

Fireside STEM Fair Seeks Volunteers: Parents & Community Welcome!

Attention parents, community members, and science enthusiasts! Are you passionate about igniting young minds and nurturing the next generation of inventors and problem-solvers? Then buckle up, because the Fireside STEM Fair is gearing up for liftoff, and we need YOU on board!

On March 14, 2024, we will showcase the incredible scientific curiosity and innovative spirit of our Fireside students. To make this event truly stellar, we need your help! We're calling on all parents and community volunteers who share our passion for

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) to join us in making the fair a resounding success. No experience required, and breakfast and lunch are provided.

Sign up [here](#).

We happily host volunteers from the community, too. If you have any friends, colleagues, or family members in your network who may be interested in helping with the fair, please send them the link to [Help At Schools](#) so that they can sign up.

Summer Camp: Got Game

Thinking about summer camps? Got Game Sports will have an informational table on Feb. 16th from 2:30-3:30p during pick up time. The camp will be held at LES this summer. Please come by and say hello and ask questions. Click [here](#) for more info on Got Game. Details attached.

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
 - **Spring Teacher Conferences Food Sign Up**
 - **Tuesday, February 20th: [International Food Night](#)**
 - **Wednesday, February 28th: [Chili Cook Off](#)-winner will receive a prize!**
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Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, February 21: 9:10-10:30 in the amphitheater
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Fireside PTO is Recruiting New Board Members!

Interested in getting more involved? Have skills you'd like to volunteer to our community? Join our PTO board members on **Thursday, Feb. 15 at 8 a.m.** to find out more about open positions for next year. For more information about the board and its roles, [visit the PTO website](#).

Volunteering Opportunity Available!

Do you want to help teachers, but not in the classroom setting? Well there's an opportunity for you! The office and workroom would love for a volunteer to come help cut, staple, tear out pages from workbooks, etc. Visit [help at schools](#) to sign up!

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.

Counselor Corner (by Molly Kobus)

Hello Fireside Families,

We would like to continue our effort to build a positive and kind school culture for all of our students and families. "Scientific evidence shows us the positive effects of doing kind acts for others as well as receiving or even witnessing kindness. Even the smallest act of kindness can change a life."

Random Acts of Kindness Day is February 17th. We will spend the week of February 12th focusing on ways we can be kind. We will participate in an all-school kindness campaign presented by the [Random Acts of Kindness Foundation](#). Students will be given a variety of opportunities to learn about and practice acts of kindness.

In school:

- Daily messages to encourage acts of kindness
- Class random acts of kindness jar: Each morning when students enter the classroom they will take a slip of paper out of the kindness jar. Each piece of paper will have an act of

kindness that they will complete for the day.

- Older students will be reading kindness books to younger classes.

At home (Optional):

- Help your child complete the kindness calendar:
 - Sunday (2/11): Create a family kindness jar (see below)
 - Monday (2/12): Do a chore without someone asking
 - Tuesday (2/13): Leave happy notes around the house or another location
 - Wednesday (2/14): Donate something--clothing that no longer fits, a toy you are done playing with, etc.
 - Thursday (2/15): Smile at everyone...it's contagious!
 - Friday (2/16): Call or video chat a relative or friend
 - Saturday (2/17): Write positive chalk messages on the sidewalk

- Create a **Family Kindness Jar**: Start with an empty jar & decorate it however you'd like. Every time you witness an act of kindness, write it down and place the memory in the jar. Collect memories, observations and unexpected surprises of kindness throughout the month. On the last day of the month, empty the jar and reflect back on the kindness you experienced, witnessed, or perhaps performed yourself. Keep the jar going and continue to Explore the Good throughout 2024 and help Make Kindness the Norm.

Thank you for your support,

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!

Health Room News (by Julie Cheesbrough)

Hello Families! We are in need of spare **pants** in the health room. Sizes 5 - 8 in particular. If you have any clothes that your kiddos have outgrown, we would love pants donations.

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:

Apollo Pischke, Silas Rolek, Meredith Malone, Liam Brandl, Summer Ballantine, Daisy Pickering, Sloan Hamilton, Ethan Nir, Ellis Brown, & Piper Vidulich.

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