

FIRESIDE CHAT

February 16, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler & Mr. Lehman

Dear Fireside Families,

Friday is here, which also brings us to the closing of our official Kindness Week. Our counseling team put together a host of activities to promote kindness all throughout the week. We had daily announcements and 'kindness shout-outs' as we spotted people showing kindness, our PRIDE Advisory team read books to classes and students visited a calm, kind area just outside the counseling office. Continue the conversation at home by watching a video we saw at the start of the week; [the Kindness Boomerang](#). Ask your child how they practiced the Kindness Boomerang this week!

Speaking of kindness, a big thank you to all the families who donated goods and their time to our annual bake sale! The photographs above capture the moments perfectly! The proceeds

go right back to our school to support our Spring Carnival.

As we mentioned last week, conference time is upon us! Over the next two weeks you will have a chance to visit with your children's teachers. It is a valuable time to visit about their strengths, growth, and to set goals for the last months of school. We are excited to see you in the halls of Fireside on Feb. 20, 22, or 28!

Parent/Teacher Conference Sign Up

Parent/Teacher conferences will take place **February 20, 22, and 28**. TODAY is the last day to sign up [HERE](#).

Please note:

- There will be no HOMEWORK CLUB February 21 and 28 due to conferences.
 - There will be no Lifelong Learning classes February 20, 22, and 28 due to conferences.
 - Lost and found will be set up on tables in the lobby. Please claim your students' clothing!
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PTO News

Spring Conferences

Spring Teacher Conferences Food Sign Up: We need volunteers!

Tuesday, February 20th: [International Food Night](#)

Wednesday, February 28th: [Chili Cook Off](#)- winner will receive a prize!

Valentine's Bake Sale

Thank you FIRESIDE for making another Valentine's Day Bake Sale such a success! We raised nearly \$500 to support this year's spring carnival, which ultimately translates to more fun (like balloon artists and cotton candy). We appreciate you coming to buy goodies and a huge THANK YOU to all our Fireside bakers

and volunteers!

Dining for Dollars: DJ's Watering Hole

You are invited to join us and share a soulful healthy meal with bold flavors made from our house recipes. quench your thirst, or pair your meal, with our large selection of local or domestic draft beers, wines, spirits, and cocktails.

- Wednesday, February 21st from 3pm-10-pm
 - Check out the [menu](#) and plan ahead
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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.

Upcoming PTO Meeting

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

Preschool Enrollment News

Please fill out the [Fireside Interest Form](#) to stay in the loop, there is a lot of preschool enrollment news to keep up on!

If you are a **returning preschool student**, hang on, we are currently working on your registration with a focus on continuity of care and family preferences.

If your child turns **3** on or before Oct 1st 2024, the lottery deadline is soon approaching: It closes **Feb. 26th at 4pm**. [More information here](#).

If your child will be **4** on or before Oct. 1st 2024, [find out more information here](#).

BVSD Summer Rising Kindergarten Program

The Rising Kindergarten program is designed to help give students who will be attending a BVSD kindergarten a step ahead in being ready for kindergarten. The day includes school readiness skills, instruction in all subject areas, and fun. Students will get a true idea of what a full day of kindergarten is like!

Additional Details:

School Day: 7:50-2:25

Dates: June 3rd-27th Monday-Thursday (No school 6/19)

Locations: Crestview, Creekside, Emerald, and Ryan Elementaries

Free Breakfast, lunch, and transportation (for eligible students) included

We will also be offering parent engagement activities throughout the summer

Learn more and enroll at <https://summerlearning.bvsd.org/>

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 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:

Jake Ryan, Lyla Civelek, Everett Stout, Sam Bradley, Camila Arevalo, & Raleigh Martin.

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