

FIRESIDE CHAT

February 23, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

Dear Fireside Community,

Thank you for attending this week's conferences, we have one more evening next week on Wednesday, February 28th. As always, I am so proud of our dedicated teachers and the time they devote to providing individualized feedback about every student. Our parent partnerships make all the difference in the learning outcomes for our students. A special shout out to our PTO Board for organizing meals for conference nights and a heartfelt thank you to our parents who also prepared meals.

With warmer temperatures on the horizon this weekend, I hope you and your family can embrace our Colorado sunshine and the outdoors as we inch our way toward spring.

Parent/Teacher Conferences

The last day of Parent/Teacher conferences is February **28**.

Please note:

- There will be no HOMEWORK CLUB February 28 due to conferences.
 - There will be no PM Lifelong Learning classes February 28 due to conferences.
 - Lost and found is set up on tables in the lobby. Please claim your students' clothing before they get donated!
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PTO News

PTO Board Applications & Next Steps:

Review the [AVAILABLE ROLES](#) here. If you are unsure what area you are interested in, that is okay. You can still move forward to step 2.

Please fill out this [APPLICATION FORM](#) by **March 8** and send it to [Kelly Landen](#)

A slate of applicants will be presented and voted on at the **April 24** PTO meeting. It would be best if you can attend this meeting! You will be officially "sworn in" at the **May 15** PTO meeting and volunteer celebration.

NOTE -- All roles can be shared and we encourage that! We have a busy school and we need all the help we can get!

Fireside STEM Fair

If you haven't started on your STEM fair project yet, now is the time! The Fireside STEM Fair will be held on March 14, 2024. Project approval notifications have been sent.

There is also still a need for volunteers! No experience required, and breakfast and lunch are provided. Sign up [here](#).

Community Events

Join us for family fun at Chuck E. Cheese on **Weds. March 6th**. Bring in your flyers (in Friday folders) for 10 free coins and other discounts. The school earns 20% back on sales, so please mention FIRESIDE. Hope to see you there!
Chuck E. Cheese

- Date: March 6th
 - Time: 3-9 pm
 - Location: 305 Marshall Road, Superior 80027
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Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, March 20th: 5:30pm-6:45pm in the library
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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 (by Abby Sehnert)

Quick update from the Art Room:

Kindergarten is learning to identify size, and use appropriate vocabulary to label size. They are also studying artist Wassily Kandinsky who had synesthesia, kindergartners are listening to music and painting what they feel.

1st grade has started clay pinch pots. Super exciting!

2nd grade is learning about Louise Nevelson, and her recycled material assemblages. Currently students are working with three-dimensional recycled materials to build a monochromatic sculpture.

3rd grade looked at the process Eric Carle used for his painted paper in his books. They have begun a community project for our art show.

4th grade students studied artist Dale Chihuly works and analogous colors. They are currently making three-dimensional sculptures.

5th grade just finished a plaster unit inspired by Keith Haring.

CU Wizards - Feb 24

"Batteries! REDOX, Reuse, Recharge!"

Saturday February 24, 2023

9:30 to 10:30 am

Cristol Chemistry Rm 140, CU Boulder

Batteries are just about everywhere these days but do you know how they work? Did you know you can run a clock with orange juice? Or make a calculator battery from pennies, nails and fruit? Come see the World's Smallest Electric Train and many more amazing demonstrations of fun things you can do with batteries!

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

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/>

P.R.I.D.E Awards

Congratulations to this week's P.R.I.D.E. award winners:

Mavis Leach, Bodhi Will, Kat Sanders, Lyla Ross, Sophia Ryan, Dion Griffith, Jonathan Fuentes Arevalo, Miles Beckwith, William Pond, Adrian Vargas-Marcos, Laila Dietzel, & Wyatt Lefler.

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