

FIRESIDE CHAT

March 1, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

During today's PRIDE assembly we kicked off next week's literacy week with our theme, Reading Around the World. Students will be exposed to literature from different continents and have several literacy-rich activities planned. A big shout out to our wonderful Teacher Librarian, Ms. Michelle Mattocks, for making this week possible!

We also honored this year's Impact on Education nominees and recipient. Our recipient, David Millard, had several successful years as a 5th grade teacher at Fireside, and his legacy lives on. Mr. Millard received a "celebration kit" and is invited to the BVSD Impact on Education Awards ceremony on May 2nd. Please take a moment to view the acknowledgements of this year's [Impact on Education Nominees and Recipient](#).

Beyond the recognized educators, we are so grateful for all of our teachers, staff, and community for making Fireside the best school- committed to raising and educating our Falcons together!

PTO News

Spring Conferences

Thank you to everyone that donated their time and food for teachers. We have such amazing staff here at Fireside, and it's wonderful to see how they are loved by the community. Thank you for all your support!

PTO Board Applications & Next Steps

1. 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.
2. Please fill out this [APPLICATION FORM](#) by **March 8** and send it to [Kelly Landen](#)
3. 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!
4. 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 Reminders

1. The STEM fair is less than 2 weeks away! Now is a great time to get started on your project if you haven't yet. The STEM fair will take place on March 14, 2024 in the Fireside gymnasium.
 2. If you have registered, but know you're not going to make it to the fair, please email stemfairfireside@gmail.com with your cancellation so we can best organize tables and respect our judges' time.
 3. We are still in need of volunteers, especially judges. Sign up on [Help At Schools](#). The STEM fair committee will be in touch with registered judges soon.
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Message from PTO Treasurer

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 Treasurerfiresidento@gmail.com and we will send

contact us at fireside@psd31.com and we will come
one to you directly.

Upcoming Community Events

Join us for family fun at Chuck E. Cheese on **Weds. March 6th from 3-9pm**. 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. Chuck E. Cheese is located at **305 Marshall Road, Superior**. Hope to see you there!

Special Documentary Screening: This is [Not] Who We Are

- The documentary film, **This Is [Not] Who We Are**, explores the gap between Boulder's self-image and the more complex lived experiences—both historical and contemporary—of its Black citizens.

- Join us at Fireside on **Tuesday, April 2nd at 5pm**. Babysitters and pizza provided. Expected run time: 90 mins.

- [Please RSVP](#)
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Dining for Dollars

Enjoy a great meal while supporting our school. Dine at the following locations on the date given and a portion of sales will go toward Fireside:

- Rosati's, Wed., March 20th: All day
 - Old Santa Fe: Wed., April 24th: 4pm-10pm
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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: PE (by Suzanne Johnson)

Literacy Week - March 4-8

Are you ready to travel the world? Explore new cultures? Meet new people? Encounter new animals? Get your passport ready because Literacy Week is ready to take us around the globe! Next week, students will have the opportunity to travel to all seven continents through books and stories and guest speakers. Don't forget to dress up as your favorite book character on Friday! Take a look at [this flier](#) for more information.

Principal - Parent Input Session - March 6

Dear Fireside Elementary School staff, students and families:

I am reaching out today to let you know that we will soon begin the selection process for the next principal of Fireside Elementary.

Finding the next leader for Fireside Elementary School will be comprehensive, and gathering input from the school community is an essential component.

To that end, we will be at Fireside Elementary School to gather your input about the desired characteristics of the next principal and to answer questions about the principal search process and hiring timeline. Next Monday, March 4th, we will meet with staff after school at 3:00pm in the library. **We will meet with parents on Wednesday, March 6th via a virtual session [Google Meet Link](#) from 5:00-6:00 pm.**

The information gathered will be used to form the screening process, the development of interview and reference check questions and to determine the leadership qualities desired by the school community. For those not able to attend, you are welcome to submit your input using this online form: [Principal Survey Link](#)

We anticipate that finalist interviews will take place on April 4th. Interview committee members will represent community district.

..... committee members will represent community, student, and school perspectives, and will provide valuable input into the selection process. You can express interest in participating on the interview committee either at the in-person/virtual session or via the online form.

The new principal will assume leadership of Fireside Elementary School in July.

Thank you,

Robbyn Fernandez
Assistant Superintendent of Schools

Class Picture Day - March 12

Class picture day (and optional Spring individual photos) is March 12. Individual photos will be taken of any new students and of those who have **pre-ordered** individuals. Please let your teacher know if you have pre-ordered individual photos. Two separate order forms are in Friday folders...one for class and one for individuals.

You may order online at mylifetouch.com using the following Picture Day ID's:
Class: EVT8XNQH
Individual: EVT79FXMF

BVGT Playdate

Boulder Valley Gifted and Talented presents...Game on!

Our February playdate was a huge success! Come join us again for board games, Lego, and crafts! Adults can mingle and share resources while kids play. We'll have activities appropriate for kindergarteners through middle schoolers, as well as titles from the [BVGT lending library](#) to browse or borrow.

Sunday, March 3, 1:30-3:00 @ Louisville Public Library

**Sunday, April 7, 1:30-3:00 @ Meadows Branch Library
(Boulder)**

The direct link for the BVGT Meetup page: [https://](https://www.meetup.com/bvgt-family-activities/)

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And this is the direct link to Sunday's playdate: [https://](https://www.meetup.com/bvgt-family-activities/events/298439397/)

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Traffic Safety

Please use the crosswalks and exercise caution on Dahlia, in the Hug and Go, and in the parking lot to keep our students and families safe!

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Thomas Prosser, Mallory Dailey, Power Young, Scarlett Cornejo, Marleigh Taylor, Luke Duhon, Hunter Blind, Anya Khokhani, Zente Kovari, Evie Teater, Liam Pion, Kaya Segura, Lucca Xavier-Galache, & Maya Sieveke.

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