

# FIRESIDE CHAT

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March 8, 2024

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## Message from Mrs. Keppler

It was a full week of reading from around the world and visiting different continents. During this morning's announcements, I shared with students a bit more about where I'll be moving to mid-July as they learned where Morocco is located, the languages spoken, as well as some of their customs and traditions. As I've shared with our community, my purpose for this next adventure is to continue a pathway of learning, and hopefully pass along some of these insights along the way.

Our Falcons also learned from guest authors this week, parent volunteers, and other enriching reading activities. As I reminded students during last Friday's PRIDE assembly, a daily practice of reading can open our eyes to the world.

It's a bittersweet time for me, as I love this community and our Falcons. I am so pleased with how the hiring process is unfolding as the input from staff and parents through the district-facilitated forums this week has been an integral part of the hiring process. I

have no doubt the process will continue to go smoothly and a highly qualified candidate will be selected.

This week I was also inspired by our 4th graders as they presented and interviewed for jobs they're pursuing for the upcoming Ameritowne experience. This is such a rich experiential opportunity where students learn financial literacy skills, discover key components of what makes up a town, and learn about different careers.

Last, some good news to round out the week- it is confirmed that we will be returning to 3 rounds at 5th grade next school year!

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## PTO News

### STEM Fair - Final Reminders

We are so excited to see our scientists, engineers, technologists, and math whizzes present their projects at the STEM fair on Thurs, March 14 in the Fireside gymnasium.

Instructions on how to check in your projects ahead of the STEM Fair are on the green paper with stapled instructions inside this week's Friday folder. Please make sure to review it.

Lastly, we are still in need of judges for the event. [Sign up on Help At Schools](#). Breakfast and lunch are provided, and you'll play an important role in giving the students feedback about their projects. We promise you'll learn a thing or two from them!

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### Dining for Dollars @ Rosati's

Calling all pizza lovers! Rosati's is hosting Fireside Dining4\$ on Weds March 20th, all day. Just mention Fireside and 20% of proceeds goes back to the school!

**Location:** 1067 Courtesy Rd in Louisville

**Time:** All Day

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### 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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### **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.

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## **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 were in Friday folders last week.

You may order online at [mylifetouch.com](http://mylifetouch.com) using the following

Picture Day ID's:

Class: EVT8XNQH

Individual: EVT79FXMF

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## **Matilda the Musical - March 14-16**

See Roahl Dahl's classic story, Matilda, come to life in Matilda the Musical, being presented at Monarch High School March 14-16. The show features a live orchestra, talented performers, and tons of fun music and dance the whole family can enjoy!

Fireside Elementary families can get a free student ticket with the

purchase of an adult ticket to the show. To purchase tickets, visit <https://mhsfinearts.ludus.com/200443663>. Select the number of adult and student tickets you would like to purchase, and then enter the code "80027" at checkout to apply the discount.

If you have any questions, you can contact music director, Kate Klotz, at [kathryn.klotz@bvsd.org](mailto:kathryn.klotz@bvsd.org)

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## Fireside Garden to Table

Spring in the garden means lettuce in the beds! The Fireside Garden to Table garden is a hands-on learning garden where all of our students participate in standards-based education aligned with BVSD curriculum. First grade plants lettuce in March, which grows under hoop structures until second grade harvests in early May. Lettuce will be served in the school cafeteria for a free salad "Rainbow Day" event!

In order to keep our lettuce watered and healthy, we need families to take turns helping to care for the garden space. The details:

- No green thumb is needed - Parent leadership and our partner non-profit, Garden to Table, will provide weekly guidance and can answer questions as needed!
- This is a great opportunity to contribute to the Fireside community and begin to learn more about the function of the garden.
- Primary needs are watering and opening/closing hoop covers.
  - Stewards should plan on daily 10-15 minute visits during their chosen week. (Could be less, weather dependent.)
  - Signups are Monday-Sunday, and families are welcome to sign up for more than one week.

**Sign up for spring stewardship in the garden here: [Spring 2024 Garden Stewardship \(helpatschools.com\)](https://helpatschools.com)**

Please contact [firesidegardentotable@gmail.com](mailto:firesidegardentotable@gmail.com) or Megan: 406-425-0775 with any questions.

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## P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Luke Sullivan, Iris Lee, Cedric BeLane, Maddie Dow, Henley Macri, Forrest Pate, Logan Wegener, Layton Dillard, & Jence Martin.

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