

# FIRESIDE CHAT

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**April 18, 2024**

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## **Message from Mrs. Keppler**

As the saying goes, “April showers bring May flowers.” It is a welcome change seeing colors burst from the blossoming trees and all the seedlings sprouting in our Fireside garden.

Some key highlights from the shortened week included the visit from our Artist in Residence, David Reuille, as students paired artistic movements with grade-level standards. This opportunity was made possible by last year's “Dream Big” grant.

I also want to give a shout-out to our Battle of the Books participants in grades 3-5 who met weekly to read and discuss books together throughout the year. Learning to work together as a team, while also pursuing a passion for reading made for a positive experience for our Falcons!

Last, a quick staffing update for next year. We are fortunate that Mr. Lehman will continue as our amazing Dean of Students at Fireside next year. The district will be sending an announcement

to the staff and community announcing the new principal next Tuesday, April 23rd.

Other staffing changes on the horizon for next year...Mr. Henkhaus will be moving from 3rd to 5th grade and Ms. Pischke will be returning to the classroom to teach 1st grade. We currently have two intermediate positions posted that we'll be hiring for in the coming week.

Enjoy the 4 day weekend ahead. We'll see you back on Tuesday, April 23rd!

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## PTO News

### **Bike and Roll to School: Wednesday, April 24th: Volunteers Needed!!**

**Help** us celebrate Bike and Roll to School Day by helping celebrate kids who use their own power to get to school. We will set-up a couple of tables by the bike racks, have them sign something festive, and either hand out a small something or enter into our drawing for a bigger prize. It's very low-key and super fun!

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### **Fireside Running Club**

**We need your help!** Get your running shoes on! Running club starts on Wed., April 26th from 7:25am-7:45am. Once Running Club is over, students had straight to their classroom door.

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### **Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week!**

Our Fireside teachers and staff have continued to dedicate their time and energy to help our children and our community continue to grow and be beautiful. Now, it's time to appreciate all their efforts during our appreciation week. **Please sign up for one or MORE** of the following days/items to show our gratitude:

Monday Sandwich Munchies (Lunch Sandwich Bar)

Toast to You Tuesday ("Bubbles" and Treats)

We Love You Wednesday (Breakfast and Flower Bouquets)

Thankful Thursday (Fun Snack Puns and Thank You Posters)

Fun Friday (Energizing Drinks, Laughs, and Silliness)

**\* If you have vases or jars to donate, please bring them to the front office before May 6th. This will help staff make bouquets to take home, thank you!**

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### **Upcoming Community Event**

Dad's/Caregiver's Night Out at Mudrocks

- Date: Wed. April 17th
- Time: All Day
- Location: 585 E South Boulder Rd

### **Fireside Carnival: Save the date!**

Friday May 17th, 5:00-7:30pm

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### **Dining for Dollars**

Fireside dining night at Old Santa Fe! Please mention Fireside so the school gets 20% back. Enjoy dining in or take out for the day.

- Old Santa Fe: Wed., April 24th: 4pm-10pm
  - Lucky Pie/Sweet Cow: Wed., May 1st
  - Superior Liquors : Wed. May 8th: 6-8pm
  - Lulu BBQ: Wed. May 15th
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### **Upcoming PTO Meeting**

- Wednesday, April 24th: 9:10am-10:30am in the amphitheater
  - View 24-25 proposed Budget [HERE](#)
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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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## **Running Club**

[Permission Slip](#)

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## Yearbooks - TODAY is the last day to order!

YEARBOOKS ARE ON SALE! Order your yearbooks online today for school delivery in May.

- \$12 per book.
  - Sale ends April 18th! (After the deadline, purchases will be processed by manufacturer and cost \$24 + shipping fees to your home)
  - <https://link.entourageyearbooks.com/my/Fireside>
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## Kids Standing for Climate Action - April 19th

Come join Fireside's Climate Club for a **Rally at Louisville City Hall on Friday, April 19th at 3:00**. We will be participating in a Global Day of Action for Climate Solutions! Bring a sign and share your hopes for a greener future! This action is part of Fridays for Future, a youth-led and -organized global climate strike movement started by Greta Thunberg in 2018. Here is a [flyer](#) about the event for you to pass along to others in our community.

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## Battle of the Books

Wow! Fireside students LOVE to read! Over forty-five 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students participated in Battle of the Books this year. Starting in October, these students met every week to read amazing books, discuss genres and plots, dig deep into their meanings and themes, and work as a team. Congrats to the 15 Falcons who recently went on to represent Fireside at the district

battle where they competed against 27 other schools from the district.

The goal of Battle of the Books is to teach students how to work together in a group for a common goal, expose them to award-winning pieces of literature, and encourage a high volume of reading inside and outside of the classroom. Way to go, Falcons! Keep on turning those pages!

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## Field Day - May 2

### **Field Day Volunteers are needed!**

If you can help lead a field day station for our 3rd - 5th grade portion of the day (8:45am - 10:45am,) please click here:

[Field Day Volunteers 2024](#)

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## 25th Annual Nicky/Nicki Run - May 13

Fireside's Annual Nicky/Nicki Run is coming up! Mark your calendar for Monday, May 13, 3:00-4:00, to walk or run and raise money for Children's Hospital! The run takes place each spring, in the field behind Fireside. The run is in memory of Nicky Lizakowski, a Fireside student who lost his battle with cancer, and Nicole (Nicki) Haley, a Fireside student who passed away in 2013. Permission forms will head home in Friday Folders next week. If you have any questions, please contact Shannon Burgert, [shannon.burgert@bvsd.org](mailto:shannon.burgert@bvsd.org).

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## Recycle Eclipse Glasses!

Fireside will be collecting used eclipse glasses for "Astronomers Without Borders". There will be a box set up outside the office. Collection will go until Friday, April 26th.

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## Student Health Information For BVSD Families 2024-2025

We look forward to providing a safe and healthy school year for your student/s. The following is information on BVSD health-related requirements and resources to ensure your student is prepared for the school year.

[2024-2025 Health Information](#)

If you have any questions or need additional information please contact your School's Health Team.

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

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

Xiola Diggert-Carlinsky, Addy Savory, Estelle Malcolmson, Noelle Cavenaugh, Diego Cardoza-Castellon, Monroe Degraw, Patrik Pirila, Jack Seadin, Luke DeRosa, Sophia Webb, & Leela Gardner.

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