

FIRESIDE CHAT

April 5, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

On Monday, we kicked off Neurodiversity Acceptance Month with staff proudly wearing our infinity t-shirts celebrating neurodiversity at Fireside. Last month, we also engaged in district-designed neurodiversity training to deepen our knowledge and understanding of how best to serve and support our neurodivergent learners. As always, we aim to include parents as partners in learning. Here are a few resources to support community awareness about neurodiversity:

[Neurodiversity video](#)

[BVSD Neurodiversity Training](#)

When visiting Fireside, please check out our front entryway display and our neurodiversity board in an effort for students to feel a sense of connection and belonging.

This week we were also honored to host the film, *This is Not Who We Are*, as well as the screenwriters to view and engage in rich discussion about the historical and contemporary experiences of

Black citizens. Please view the [website](#) for more information and other opportunities to view the film if you were unable to attend.

As we spring into this time of year, we often begin planning for next year, including creating class lists. While Fireside does not honor requests for specific teachers, parents are welcome to email me and copy their child/ren's current classroom teacher by **April 19th** about their children's learning styles, strengths, and challenges. We aim to create balanced classes in which every child can learn and progress according to their abilities and strengths. Creating class lists is a collaborative process and one in which we put in a great deal of thought and effort. I trust that our teachers know their students well and will work together to develop the best possible classes for next school year.

Last, we will be viewing the eclipse on **Monday, April 8th** as a school sometime between the hours of **11:30-1:30**. Students will be required to wear ISO-approved safety glasses, purchased by the school. Safety measures have been taken to make this viewing opportunity as safe and meaningful as possible. If you would prefer that your student **NOT** participate in the eclipse viewing, please let your teacher know as soon as possible. An alternate activity will be available to them in the library.

Alright Falcons, be sure to get outside today and enjoy this amazing Colorado spring weather!

PTO News

Open Volunteer Opportunities on Help@Schools:

- Donate Art Supplies
 - [Spring 2024 Garden Stewardship](#)
 - Bike and Roll to School Day Volunteers
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Upcoming Community Event

Get your dancing shoes ready! Mom's/Caregiver's night out, Silent Disco event at Rocky Mountain Tap & Garden! Tickets are only \$10 per person and 50% of the ticket sales goes back to Fireside. In addition, Rocky Mtn is giving back 10% to the school. Looking forward to seeing you there! Please RSVP [here](#).

- Date: Weds. April 10th
 - Time: 6-9 pm
 - Location: 1071 Courtesy Rd, Louisville
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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:

- Old Santa Fe: Wed., April 24th: 4pm-10pm
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Upcoming PTO Meeting

- Wednesday, April 24th: 9:10am-10:30am in the amphitheater
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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.

Eclipse Viewing - April 8

On Monday, April 8, we have the special opportunity to view a rare cosmic event - a partial solar eclipse! We are planning to view the eclipse as a class sometime between the hours of 11:30-1:30. Students will be required to wear ISO approved safety glasses, purchased by the school. Safety measures have been taken in order to make this viewing opportunity as safe and meaningful as possible.

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Yearbooks - Order by April 18

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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Kindergarten Information Night - April 16

We are excited to connect and welcome our new Falcons.

Kindergarten Information Night is on Tuesday, April 16th from 5:30-6:30 pm in the school amphitheater. Meet our principal, Mrs. Keppler, and the Kindergarten team. There will be a presentation to learn what to expect followed by an opportunity to ask questions. We ask that only adults attend. If you will need childcare please click [HERE](#).

You are also invited to tour the school during or after the school day, with or without your rising kindergartener on Wednesday, April 17 from 3:30-4:00pm or Thursday April 18 from 11-11:30am. Please sign up:

[April 17 Tour](#)

[April 18 Tour](#)

New School Age Care (SAC) lottery for 24-25 applications

School Age Care (SAC) 2024-2025 will feature a new lottery application process, with a sign-up window open between **April 15 and May 3** for incoming kindergarteners through 8th grade

students. All requests submitted within that window will be considered, with priority given to full-time schedule requests, children of BVSD staff, and siblings at the same school. Visit our [webpage](#) for more details.

P.R.I.D.E Awards

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

Keya Graham, Lily Straus, Sophie Hammer, Pierce Dailey, Jonas Reid, Vanessa Vien, Isaac Lacz, Stella Stimson, Lachlan Hafer, Myra Gutshall, Raelynn Pickering, Cato Pomeroy, Josephine Baczek, Finnley Gaida, Jayden Jaimes-Schwind, Josephine Anderson, Perre Reisberg, & Addi Carson.

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