

FIRESIDE CHAT

May 17, 2024

Message from Mrs. Keppler

For the past nine years at Fireside, my Friday morning ritual has been to wake up before the sun rises and craft a note to our community in the Chat. This is something I haven't taken lightly as I've often thought about the needs of our families, highlighted the strengths of our amazing staff, and aspired to plant seeds of learning along the way that I've gathered from others. Many of you have heard stories over the years of my daughters, along with my own challenges of parenting.

What I've learned over the past 30 years, both as a parent and from working in schools, is that parenting can be challenging, learning is often messy, and the one constant in life is change. Yet, the most powerful and steady force needed for any child is love, time, and attention.

My greatest hope as I close out these remaining days at Fireside, is that our community sees how I've led with love, cared about each and every child, and aspired to bring our community

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I've been humbled and honored to have shared these years with you. Thank you for your trust, support, and for learning alongside me. This will be my final farewell note as next week's communication will highlight photos and a video of our year.

I look forward to seeing you at tonight's carnival, 5th-grade continuation, and our many closing events next week.

Falcons let's continue to SOAR as we close out the year together.

Honoring Mrs. Keppler

As we near the end of the year and prepare to send Mrs. Keppler on her next adventure, we gathered as a staff to honor her remarkable nine years of dedication and love for our school and community. In this video spanning all nine years of her devotion to our school, her unwavering patience, passion, optimism, open-mindedness, and resilience shine brightly, leaving a lasting mark on all of us.

Thank you, Christa, for being our guiding light and for caring so deeply for our community. You leave behind a legacy of compassion and inspiration, for which we are deeply grateful. As you embark on your next chapter, may it be equally remarkable, and may you continue to inspire others. Wishing you the very best as you SOAR into new horizons!

Enjoy watching the video showcasing Christa's legacy here:

[Video: Christa Keppler 2015-2024](#)

School Supply Orders

Ordering school supplies is fast, easy, and it supports Fireside's programming when you [order through this link](#) by **June 2**.

Simply enter our school ID (FIR178) and choose your student's grade. Supplies will be delivered to school in August.

Sign up to help at Pop In for Popsicles

This event takes place in August to welcome new and returning families back to school, but we need your help to pull it off!

Please [sign up for a slot here](#).

Ambassador Program '24-'25: Falcon Friend Families Needed

Join our community building efforts to help welcome new 1st–5th grade families to Fireside during the upcoming 2024–2025 school year. [Learn more about this incredible program and become a Falcon Friend!](#)

Fun Run – Save the Date!

Next year we are shifting our annual fundraiser into a single-day event and celebration called the Fun Run. Please mark your calendars for Friday, Sept. 20. More details to come!

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: Library (by Michelle Mattocks)

End of Year Reminders

Thank you for helping to ensure that our library collection is complete! For items that need to be replaced, please send in the replacement book or payment in the amount listed on the notice to purchase a new copy (cash or check payable to Fireside Elementary). Please reach out to Mrs. Mattocks with any questions. michelle.mattocks@bvsd.org

Fireside Carnival - TONIGHT - May 17th at 5-7:30pm!

***We'll be outside in the back playground/field area. No need to check-in if you have a wristband already...play starts at 5pm!

We NEED everyone's help to make our carnival games stay open the whole time! **Sign up now** for a short time slot to run one of our game stations. They are super easy and fun to run!

Come one and all to celebrate another year at Fireside! We'll have carnival games, dunk tank, face painting, balloon artists, prize drawings (Tilt, hoverboard, gift cards, Zeal sunglasses, Fjallraven gifts, etc.), food trucks, and more. We'll have tables set out, but you're welcome to bring picnic blankets, camp chairs, etc. to relax in as well. [Please see this flier for more detailed information.](#) BRING SMALL BILLS PLEASE!

[Free Attraction! Mobile Obstacle Course](#)
in the fields! If you'd like to participate, save time and sign this waiver ahead of time!

25th Annual Nicky/Nicki Run Update

Thanks to everyone who participated in our Nicky/Nicki Run on Monday. What a beautiful day, even with a few raindrops! So far we've raised \$1,745 for Children's Hospital Colorado in honor of Nicky Lizakowski and Nicole (Nicki) Haley. Please visit the [Children's Hospital Nicky/Nicki Run donation page](#) if you would still like to make an online donation!

CU Wizards - May 18

SPEED!
Saturday May 18, 2024
9:30 to 10:30 am
Duane Physics G1B20, CU Boulder

Students will learn more about the fastest thing ever seen and also be given useful tips on how to best observe a very slow pet! Lasers, foot races, blow horns, radios, scientific gadgets and plenty of audience participation from start to finish...this show is just the right pace for students ages 5-13, who are keen to go the distance to learn about science!

CU Wizards shows...always FREE, always fun...check out the CU Wizards website: www.colorado.edu/cuwizards

BVSD School Food Project Plant Sale - May 17 & 18

- Friday May 17th and Saturday May 18th
- BVSD Greenhouse (6600 Arapahoe Road, Boulder)
- *25% discount for all staff!*
- <https://food.bvsd.org/plant-sale>.

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