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Message from Mrs. Keppler

Dear Fireside Families,

What an uplifting first week for our falcons! It was wonderful seeing our families come out for our Pop In for Popsicle event and a special shout out to our PTO Board for all of their coordinating efforts. Beginning on Monday, **August 22nd, we welcome our Kindergartners for their first full day** and **August 25th, for Preschool**. With our shortened week, hopefully families were able to step back into school routines, including earlier to rise.

As more students return next week, let's work together to follow established arrival and dismissal procedures:

Drop off and pick up students by using the west **HUG and GO** zone/blue curbside area on Dahlia or in the **HUG and GO** zone in the parking lot. Vehicles should not be left unattended/parked **before school**, and keep in mind it's a quick "Hug and Go" so the traffic should maintain a continuous flow. Parents should avoid entering the yellow painted daycare van drop off area on Dahlia, refrain from using cell phones during drop off, and students should be ready to exit the vehicle curbside upon arrival.

If parents wish to park and walk children into school, please park in the parking lot or on side streets. Be mindful of not blocking neighborhood driveways.

The circle drive is reserved for buses only. Please do not drive or park in this zone. Drive slowly in the parking lot and area in front of the school.

We pride ourselves on being a neighborhood school and encourage families to explore alternative modes of transportation for children, such as walking or biking to school.

We kindly request that parents model community safety by using the designated crosswalks.

Additionally, please take time to read the [Fireside Student and Family Handbook](#) with your child/ren in order to support consistency with procedures and help stay well informed.

Phew- lots of reminders. As a learning culture, we understand that new routines take practice, and that mistakes are part of the learning journey.

As always, thank you for your partnership. Your participation and engagement in our Fireside learning culture makes all the difference.

I look forward to seeing parents at our Back to School Night on **Thursday, Sept. 1st**. Please view the schedule [HERE](#). We kindly request that parents make childcare arrangements.

PTO News

Thank you to everyone who came to the New Family Welcome and Pop In for Popsicles! Remember, the PTO is here to support you and your school so please reach out to chairfiresidepto@gmail.com with any questions or comments.

We Still Need Your Help!

We are excited to say many volunteer roles were filled after the Popsicle event, but there are still many more available! Please go to <https://bvsd.helpatschools.com/schools/35/pages/home> to sign up and check frequently for added roles! Scroll to Fireside Elementary from the drop down list and click the blue "Login or Create Account" button. Note, for our children's safety, most volunteer roles require a background check by the school district, please go to <https://www.bvsd.org/parents-students/get-involved/volunteers> for details.

Crossing Guards Needed

One of the areas that needs the most help at school is at the crosswalk! Volunteer for one (or more) 15 minute shifts at one of our crosswalks in the AM or PM to help keep our kids safe. Check [HelpAtSchools](#) (link above) to sign-up.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting - Wednesday, August 24 9:10-10:40am

This is your chance to make a difference for your children at Fireside! Join our principal, Mrs. Keppler, the PTO board members and fellow parents to discuss school needs, volunteer opportunities, community events and funding. The monthly PTO meeting is scheduled on the fourth Wednesday of each month. Meetings alternate between mornings and evenings, as well as in person and virtual, in an effort to accommodate all schedules. [Click here](#) for the full school year schedule.

Labor Day Parade - September 5th at 10am

Remember to mark your calendars to show your Fireside PRIDE at our Louisville Parade! More details to come.

Jog-A-Thon - Our BIGGEST Fundraiser!

Jog-A-Thon will take place this year on Friday, Sept. 23 during school hours on the soccer field. This fun event helps pay for classroom paraeducators, teacher supplies, student experiences, school community events, and more. Our goal is for each family to raise \$150/student (or more of course). More information to come, but you can always start early! [Click here](#) to donate!

Also, mark your calendars for our family Jog-A-Thon Celebration on Friday, Sept. 30 from 5-7pm.

Fireside Spirit Wear SALE is Happening NOW

The Fireside back-to-school spirit wear sale has begun! Save 30% on everything in the store. Choose from hundreds of spirit wear designs and garments that are delivered to your home in days!

Visit <https://1stplace.sale/16776>.

More About the Parent Teacher Organization

New to Fireside or ready to get involved? Learn more about the team of volunteer parents who help support the school every year. Follow on [Facebook](#) or visit the PTO website at www.FiresidePTO.org to discover the many ways to support our school!

Counselor Corner (by Molly Kobus & Devan Haas)

It is hard to believe another school year is beginning. We are looking forward to working at Fireside Elementary School again this year. We are excited to see some familiar faces as well as some new ones. As the school counselors, we are here to support all students, families and staff at Fireside. Please reach out if we can be of support.

We would like to share some of the programs the Counseling Department has to offer. Every year we support the Fireside students, families, and staff as needed. We also work to provide **small groups (as needed)** as well as bi-weekly **classroom social emotional learning (SEL) lessons**. These services promote personal and social development, which, in turn, supports academic growth.

This year we will continue using **Second Step** as our Bully Prevention curriculum, alongside lessons from Sources of Strength (grades 3 - 5) and Zones of Regulation (grades K - 2). This year we are planning on hosting some coffee mornings with the counselors and/or principal, where we can meet, connect, and discuss how things are going. More information will be coming out around the days and times these will be.

This year Molly will be at Fireside full time. Her focus will be on teaching whole classroom lessons and working with students individually. Devan will be working part-time (Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays). She will continue working to support families impacted by the fires, conducting small groups, and meeting with students individually as needed.

If we can support you or your students please reach out and connect with us either by phone or email (molly.kobus@bvsd.org, devan.haas@bvsd.org).

We look forward to a terrific year working with students, teachers, and parents. We hope you will feel free to call if we may be of any assistance to you or your child. Thank you.

(2) PK Para, SPED Para, & SAC Job Opportunities

Join our awesome Fireside crew! We have PT Para positions open. View BVSD jobs [here](#).

Interested in supporting BVSD's School Age Care (SAC) program at your child's school or a nearby BVSD elementary or PK-8 school? We have a position for you! SAC offers competitive salaries, benefits,

bonuses, paid training and advancement opportunities, and FREE child care in any of our licensed child care programs on the days you work. Please contact Jasmine Bailon, Child Care Programs Manager, at jasmine.bailon@bvsd.org to learn more and find a position that fits your needs.

PRESCHOOL POP IN FOR POPSICLES

Preschool Families, please join us for a Pop In for Popsicles get together. This event is separate from the school wide event to give preschool only families time to connect with the teachers and meet new friends going into the start of the school year.

Date: Tuesday Aug 23rd

Time: 2:00-2:30pm for **AM students** or 2:30-3:00pm for **PM students**

Place: Mrs. Caitlin's classes will meet on the preschool playground by her door (near the front of the school, with the playhouse) and Mrs. Laurie's students will meet on the playground by her door (along the Dahlia side of the school, with the bumblebee).



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