

# K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

October 26th, 2015



## HAPPENINGS



Rocky Shore Explorers



Estuary Explorers



Woodland Explorers

### HABITATS x THREE... Rocky Shore/Estuary/Woodland, Oh My!!

Estuaries, rocky coast lines and woodland forests, oh my! Our field trip on Friday was to explore some of our favorite local habitats to help launch our theme about HABITATS! Guest scientist Carmen Field strolled about with us helping us make connections with habitats and salmon!

### COSTUMES WELCOME ON WEDNESDAY

On Wednesday, your child is welcome to come to school in costume if they wish. This is entirely OPTIONAL, and we also have some dress-up items for kids to use here if they desire. We WILL be going outside that day, so a costume that is easy-on/easy-off is important for keeping them clean and fresh for Saturday's Halloween fun.

### CONFERENCES ARE YOUR STUDENT'S CHANCE TO SHINE!!

Student-led conferences are your student's chance to be in the spotlight! They have worked hard to plan their time with you and are thrilled to tell you about what they know, about how they think they are doing, and to share some skills and their creativity in art, writing, math and science,...the list goes on and on. They are so excited to have you come! We can't wait to see you on one of our conference days!



**And by the way...we have a long wooden table of 'up-for-grabs' education materials in the yurt. Please stop in to take a look and pick out anything that interests you.**

## EARLY RELEASE ON WEDNESDAY

Early Release day is this Wednesday, October 28th. School pick up time is at **1:30PM prompt**. Buses run an hour and half early as well. Teachers will be collaborating on planning for habitat theme groups.

### ORANGES in DECEMBER packets coming home this week!

We will be holding our Fresh fruit Fundraiser: **oranges**  and **pomegranates**

 and **Clementines**  in December again. (Sorry, no Asian Pears this time). Packets are coming home this week and the return date back to school is Nov 16<sup>th</sup>- delivery will be sometime during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Time to start thinking about Holiday Fruit Baskets! -Janet

### HEARTY THANK YOU

- A BIG thank you to Carmen Field for adding a Nation Geographic-esque feel to our Friday habitat trip.
- Thanks to all the parents that helped out on our trip to Bishop's Beach!



- Huge kudos and thank you to Kiki for a great Animalia performance...the costumes were breathtaking and the students modelled them so well!!!
- Sharlyn and Nancy for all they do for our school! We adore you both!!

### Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Tues. Oct 27 <sup>th</sup>	Family and Friends Fun Night at WHE Library book sale 4:30-6:30pm
Weds. Oct. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day - release time is 1:30. Buses will run as normal, just 90 minutes earlier.
Oct. 29 <sup>th</sup> -30 <sup>th</sup>	Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences- NO SCHOOL!
Nov. 26 <sup>th</sup> -27 <sup>th</sup>	No School - Thanksgiving

Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>-Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup> No School - Holiday Break - School resumes Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>

### **ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete this on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom!!!

**Read this...School District News... Mandatory Volunteer Screening**

Anyone interested in being a school volunteer needs to complete an online form and agree to a background check; only criminal activity will be checked. All information will be kept confidential and information can only be accessed by a few members of the Human Resources department. To complete the screening process, visit the District's web page at [www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us) and click on Employment, then click on Volunteer, then on Volunteer All Vacancies, and find the location where you wish to volunteer. Click the 'Apply' button that corresponds to that location, then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.