

Fireweed Academy's Gryphon Gazette

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Always Striving to Improve

All successful organizations are continually striving to improve and that includes Fireweed Academy. You can help us do just that by completing an on-line survey this week. We'll have some laptops available to you at both campuses during the Student-Led conferences coming up on Thursday and Friday. Please take a few minutes at home or during the conferences to provide your input. Thank you in advance for helping us out. —Todd

Survey Link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DCWPFJB>

School Events for the Week !

Wednesday: PBIS Celebration With BFW/WHE: Pajama Day !
ROY G BIV celebration at LFW

Thursday: Student-Led Conferences

Friday: Student-Led Conferences



Stephanie's theme group is constructing steam powered Putt Putt Boats.

Student-Led Conference

Student-Led Conferences are just around the corner. Be sure to contact Janet at 235-9728 as soon as possible to schedule your conference on Thursday, February 7th or Friday, February 8th.



During part of this week's violin lessons, Katie taught the kids how to put on rosin on their bows.



Happy 100 Day ! There was a variety of 100 Day activities last week including math skills like estimating and counting by 10 and writing about what you would purchase if you had \$100.

Opportunities for Students

Silk Flag Painting: During Student-Led conferences on March 7th or 8th, students in grades 3-6 can participate in a silk flag painting workshop sponsored by HCOA and taught by Kiki Abrahamson. On each day, the workshop will run from 11 AM-3PM in the art room at WHE. The cost is \$20. Scholarships are available through HCOA. You can register on-line at www.homerart.org

Chess Club: Held each Wednesday in the WHE Library or Krissy's room.

Math Club: Held on Thursdays in Jon room. Dates: February 14, 21, 28.

Youth Court: Meets on Wednesdays in Mrs.Paul's room at WHE

Community Outreach



All Fireweed Academy families and the community of Homer is invited to attend a special screening of My Neighbor Totoro on February 23rd @ 1 PM at the Homer Theatre. The proceeds from the suggested \$5 donation will benefit HoWL's scholarship program that provides a variety of outdoor recreation and education throughout the year.

The film is described as "A classical tale of magic and adventure for the whole family." *****

Important Dates !

February 6 th	Early release day, students will be dismissed @ 12:50 (LFW) & 1:15 (BFW)
February 7 th	Student-led Conferences, no school
February 8 th	Student-led Conferences, no school
February 15 th	Chamber Music Trio School Concert at Little Fireweed.
March 1 st	Invention Convention at BFW, details will be provided as the event gets closer.
March 8 th	In-Service Day, no school
March 11 th -15 th	Spring Break

This is Not a Box



Reimagining what a box can become was the order of the week in Kim's class. Oona and Birdie created a submarine for puppies, the "Pupmarine" while Declan and Torrin built a forest home for caterpillars.

Hands-On Happenings



Learning through hands-on engineering, art, and math activities is a lot of fun.

Community News: Girls on the Run Needs Adult Volunteers !

Girls on the Run is kicking off another season this spring and looking for volunteer coaches! Girls on the Run is an after school program for girls in 3rd-6th grade that promotes empowerment, community engagement, and running in a non-competitive environment. We will be working with the girls throughout the season to build up to running/walking a 5K all together at the end. We are teaching the girls if you set your mind to something you can do it!

We need volunteers who care about supporting the girls. We need volunteers who can help create a no- judgmental/competitive, empowering and safe environment for the girls. No coaching or running experience needed! Girls on the Run is about much more than running, it's about helping empower girls young, helping them make healthy choices and build friendships with each other and we need your help to make it happen! Contact Zoe Story at 907-299-3621



Thank you to Jared Cook for the beautiful violin cabinets for the Fireweed Frescoes kids!

District News

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget development meeting, scheduled at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 19, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in the Homer High School Library
- Wednesday, February 20, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in the Soldotna High School Library
- Thursday, February 21, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in the Kenai Central High School Library
- Tuesday, February 26, 2019 @ 6:00 pm in the Seward High School Library

As new budget information becomes available, it will be posted here: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=38>. If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.