

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

October 7, 2013

Ethnic Lunch Fundraiser: Our first Ethnic Lunch Fundraiser was a yummy success. Thanks to all of the folks who brought in such tasty food. We also were lucky to hear Dave Welty talk about opera and then perform a piece for us.

Talent Show: The talent show on Friday was a wonderful way to learn more about our fellow students. Morgan opened the show with the songs "Hushabye" and also did a beautiful job with, "You are My Sunshine." Danielle Couch and Laura Inama did a rhythmic and melodic number called "The Cup Song." A talented and coordinated group of gals choreographed and performed a gymnastic/dance routine. The group included Ruby Allen, Katlyn Vogl, Aiyana Cline, Cassidy Wylde, Elias Allen, Brita Restad, and Madilynne Elkington-Wood. Bravo to all of our performers!

******Family Roots:** We are continuing our exploration of family roots this week. If you have time to look around for family photos, artifacts, genealogy trees, old letters etc., the kids will be looking for information and artifacts to include in Scrapbooks. It would be nice if these started rolling in this week.

Ellis Island Simulation: We are looking forward to the celebratory highlight of our quarter study of ROOTS. Tentative date and time: Wednesday morning, October 23rd. 9-12am. The gym at West Homer Elementary will be converted to the Great Hall of Ellis Island. Immigrants will arrive with great hopes to pass through all the stations and gain entrance to America. Once we all get to America we will be celebrating with an Ethnic Foods potluck, music, stories and crafts. Please contact Kiki if you can provide an ethnic food for our potluck so we can plan and be sure we have a variety of tastes from different cultures.

Orca Invitational Fun Run - Friday, Oct 11th, 2013 3:30

An Invitation from West Homer Elementary -

Come out and join the fun of this great run! **Open to all kids** Kindergarten - 6th grade. There will be a race for k-2 and a separate race for 3-6. New course this year! Meet on the field at WHE at 3:30 for walk through, race starts at 3:45. It's free!

PICTURE DAY: October 9th Sibling pictures can be taken at the same time. Order packets will be sent home in advance.

Math Homework Club: Afterschool math homework club will continue during the months of October and November on Mondays from 3:15 - 4:15. The location is Stephanie's room. Make sure to fill out a permission slip.

Mind A'Mazes Wednesdays: If your student has joined a Mind A'Mazes team, Kris will be offering a place for them to meet (her classroom) on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:15 - 4:00. It would be great if their coach could be there as well, but that is not required. If your student has joined a team, it is an opportunity to coach them about committing to an endeavor and a team. They may need support to make it through frustrating moments or times of conflict with team-mates. Joining a team, and then backing out, leaves their fellow-students in a lurch, and can even cause other students the opportunity to participate.

Upcoming 2nd grade -6th grade Big Fireweed Dates: Mark your calendars!

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| Oct 9 th | Picture day |
| Oct 4-11 th | Roots panels |
| Oct 14 | Quixotic Performs for area schools - 12:30 HHS |
| Oct 18 th | End of Quarter - No School (Teacher Inservice) |
| October 22 nd : | 5 th and 6 th graders to Islands and Oceans, 2-3 pm. |
| October 23 rd | Ellis Island: Join our Immigrant kids and Immigration officers as they move through the process of entering our country during the great immigration of the late 1800's and early 1900's. |
| Oct 24 th , 25 th | Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Call Janet to Schedule your conference (No School) |
| Oct 30 th | Early Release Day school ends at 1:45. |
| Nov 3 rd | Link up performance at Mariner Theatre featuring FWA students, 3pm |