

# Fireweed Academy Newsletter

November 18, 2013

## Fundraiser updates (all 3 of them☺)

**Fresh Oranges Fundraiser:** All fundraiser packets were due today to Janet **HOWEVER**, the owner of Farm Fresh Fundraisers has extended the deadline by one week. All forms are now due to me by next Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> with a new delivery date of Dec 11ish. If you want to continue selling cases of oranges, go for it! If you are done, great! Get your form to me no later than next Monday! If you want another form because you already turned yours in, give me a call, 235-9728-Janet Bowen

A big thanks to Hannah Gustafson who came in and helped tally up what we have sold so far...80+cases so far! Hannah and I will be doing the final tally next Monday.

**Quilt Raffle:** It's beautiful! It's marvelous! It wants to live in your home or the home of a friend. **Last chances to buy and/or sell tickets.** We are down to the wire. Fireweed parent Jo Dempsey will be at Safeway selling tickets on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup> from about 9:30 til 2:30. If you would like to help out, call her at 235-4759. She has the quilt and the tickets and is ready to sell you some or give you some to sell! In addition, **Janet needs your help in locating all unsold or sold but not yet turned in tickets.** If you still have tickets, please call Janet at 235-9728 and let her know the status. The draw for the quilt is November 27<sup>th</sup>-stay tuned for where and when!

**FWA T-Shirts:** Kiki has created some awesome t-shirts for sale, \$12 each. They are tie-dyed in purple and white with specks of other colors and have a gryphon stamped on them. No two are alike!



**Creative Writing:** Last chance to polish those pieces for the Homer Council on the Arts Writing Contest! Tuesday is the last after school creative writing workshop. Polishing, Polishing, Polishing. Today in class we worked on our conclusions. We continue to work on writing, conferencing and revising pieces. Fee is \$3 per piece. Please send that in Tuesday or Wednesday. Your child should be able to tell you how many pieces s/he is entering.

**From the District:**

Infant and Preschool Developmental Screenings  
Homer & Anchor Point

Sprout, Homer Public Health and the Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Child Find Program will be offering free screenings for children newborn through 5 years of age. The screenings will be held at the Homer Public Health Center, 195 E. Bunnell Ave, Suite C, on December 9, 2013 and at Chapman School on December 10, 2013. We will screen your child's early development, motor skills, speech, early learning concepts, vision & hearing. Immunizations are available on request. Call 235-6044 to schedule an appointment for Homer Public Health or 235-8671 for Anchor Point.

**From Nurse Laura:**

'Tis the Season



Winter has arrived. To stay safe and warm, the kids need to be wearing proper winter gear. The school policy is to have the students go outside unless the temperature goes below **-10 degrees F**. Frostbite is always a concern and hypothermia is a reality.

We realize kids lose their gloves, hats and even their jackets and it can be quite expensive to replace these items. If you are unable to replace or provide winter gear for your child, please call the school and we will do our best to help.

Nurse Laura  
West Homer Elementary and Fireweed Academy

**Early Release days Collaboration:** Our next early release day is November 20<sup>th</sup>. On our early release days teachers are collaborating to examine, brainstorm and implement ideas for transitioning to the new state standards. We hope you will notice a shift to more non-fiction reading and writing as the year progresses and welcome your feedback. We are also examining Student learning objectives and their role in teacher supervision and evaluation.

**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.

**Upcoming 2<sup>nd</sup> grade -6<sup>th</sup> grade Big Fireweed Dates: Mark your calendars!**

Nov 20 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release day-School out at 1:45pm
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Fresh Oranges Fundraising packet due back
Nov 28&29	Thanksgiving Holiday-no school
Dec 20-Jan3	No School-In-Service and Winter Break