

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 30th, 2013

Ethnic Lunch Fundraiser:

Our first Ethnic Lunch Fundraiser will be this Friday, October 4th from 12 -1pm. This week we will be sharing some of the foods the Italian Immigrants have brought to America. Spaghetti, Italian garlic bread and salad with Italian dressing. Prices are \$3 for kids; \$6 for adults. Please join us, bring a friend, in celebrating some of the ethnic roots of food we enjoy today.

Talent Show:

This Friday October 4th the students will be putting on their first talent show of the school year. We are going to shoot for 2:00 - 3:00 ish Room #105. Students need to have their act approved by a (Big) Fireweed Academy teacher prior to Friday.

Panels: Over the next couple weeks we will be inviting members of the community in for panel discussions. This week we will have some Old Timers from the southern peninsula share some of their experiences growing up here. Next week I will be looking for recent Immigrants to the Homer area.

******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.

An initiation from West Homer!

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

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: There will be an afterschool math homework club during the months of September, 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 th | student talent show 2-3 room 105 |
| Oct 4-11 th | Roots panels |
| 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, 3 pm |

