

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 23rd, 2013

Harvest Festival:

Students are invited to construct a creation made out of this year's harvested vegetable, fruit, flowers, plants... for our harvest Festival this Thursday. Students create at home and then bring in their entries on Thursday morning to Stephanie's room. Be prepared with a **Title** and **Category** for which you choose to enter. Refer to the Harvest Festival email for details. Community viewing will be before the Open House Thursday night between **4:00-5:00**.

Open House: Fireweed West Campus From **4:00-5:00** this Thursday classrooms will be open for visiting. From **5:00-5:30** Kiki will be explaining the Fireweed Mission, Vision and Methods in Kiki's room.

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.

School Strategic Plan:

Every fall we examine and revise our school strategic plan, set goals, and action steps. We very much appreciate parent input in these plans. This year most of our goals and action steps will lead toward transitioning to the new Alaska State Standards. Please consider joining our *Professional Learning Community* by contacting Kiki with your ideas for improving our school culture, climate, communication, and student achievement.

PICTURE DAY

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

Enrollment: Fireweed Academy still has room for more students in all grades THIS year. While we continue to advertise, word of mouth is often the best method of letting folks know. Please, if any of your friends or colleagues are interested, have them call Janet Bowen at 235-9728

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!

- Sept 26th** Fireweed Academy Harvest Festival all day in room 105 West Homer Campus.
- Sept 26th** **Open House** for Fireweed Academy grades 2-6 West Campus (evening: 4:00 - 5:30)
- Oct 9th** **Picture day**
- Oct 18th** **End of Quarter - No School (Teacher Inservice)**
- Oct 24th, 25th** **Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Call Janet to Schedule your conference (No School)**
- Oct 30th** **Early Release Day school ends at 1:45.**