

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

October 14, 2013

Quixotic Correction: Students will be attending a performance on Wednesday, October 16th, not today.

October 18th Inservice: Teachers will be meeting to examine the new English/Language Arts Math Standards that were adopted last year and will be implemented next year. We will also identify areas of focus and set goals and objectives to provide opportunities to meet those standards.

Mind A'Mazes: Fireweed was well represented at Mind A'Mazes this past Saturday. Congratulations to Katlyn Vogl, Madi Elkington-Wood, Ruby Allen, Claire Bryant, Ayiana Cline, Aiden Rolando, Cassidy Wylde, Noah Irons, Ian Brant, Mose Hayes, Tyler Gilliland, Coda Wood, and Zak Wylde. The team called "Meepers" (Mose Hayes, Tyler Gilliland, Ian Brant) placed 1st in the spontaneous problem! All students did a great job in this problem-solving endeavor.

Ethnic Lunch Fundraiser: Our Next Ethnic Lunch will be November 1st and we will be trying a touch of Thai! Please let us know if you are a parent with experience with Thai Food and Cultural Roots.

Library News from the West Elementary Library

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon- Monday October 21st--Friday October 25. The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day as well as both days of Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Tuesday October 22nd 4:30-6:30 is Family and Friends Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!

There will be books, science kits, notebooks, posters and more—something for everyone! The students help me run the Book Fair. There will be lots of books and we will have lots of fun!!!!!!

See you there-Lisa Whip and Cheryl Illg

******Family Roots:** These week students will be completing their scrapbooks; so Please send in some stories or graphics, those family trees, and artifacts. Students will be completing a self Portrait and poem to include in their scrapbooks.

Ellis Island Simulation: We are looking forward to the celebratory highlight of our quarter study of ROOTS. Confirmed 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.

3 Academic Policy Committee Seats are open Have you been look for the perfect way to volunteer for your child's school? This may be it! Fireweed Academy is a community-driven school in which all members may participate in discussions which affect the school. The Academic Policy Committee (APC) uses the process of consensus in making major decisions regarding the operation of FWA. These decisions are made in regular monthly APC meetings, which are open to the public. The APC consists of parents, staff and community members who are committed to the mission of Fireweed Academy; it is a two year commitment. The seats that are available include a parent rep, a student rep and a community rep.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Janet at 235-9728 or talk to any current member of Fireweed Academy's Academic Policy Committee. The elections will be Oct 24th and 25th, during the parent teacher conferences. I need to know if you are interested no later than October 21st.

Student Led Parent-Teacher conference I am currently scheduling the parent teacher conferences (October 24/25)-call to make your appointment! 235-9728

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.

Youth Court: 5th and 6th grade students have been invited to join West Homer students to learn about our Judicial system from local attorney Ginny Espenshade. Classes will be held for the next seven Mondays from 3:15- 5pm with a culminating field trip to the courthouse. \$20 fee covers materials and snacks.

Creative Writing: Kiki will be offering an after school creative writing workshop on Tuesdays from 3:15- 4:30 starting October 29th for four weeks. We will be working on writing, conferencing and revising pieces to submit to the Homer News Writing Contest, due date November 20th. Once again dates are October 29th, November 5th, 12th and 19th. There is no charge for this workshop; but we would grovel for snacks.

Mind A'Mazes: Congratulations to all of our participants. We've heard some great stories and had some great lessons learned through this experience. Way to go!

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

- Oct 16** **Quixotic Performs for area schools - 12:30 HHS**
- Oct 18th** **End of Quarter - No School (Teacher Inservice)**
- October 22nd:** **5th and 6th graders to Islands and Oceans, 2-3 pm.**
- October 23rd** **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 24th, 25th** **Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences - Call Janet to Schedule your conference (No School)**
- Oct 29th** **Creative writing workshop 3:15-4:30**
- Oct 30th** **Early Release Day school ends at 1:45.**