

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

August 21, 2012

Welcome Back to School!

Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES

FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM (NSLP)

STUDENT PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2012/2013 SY

Households with income: Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their children **BEFORE** school starts - Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

2012/2013 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (cream with burgundy printing) will be available for pick-up by August 17, 2012 at all Kenai Peninsula Borough Schools, Public Assistance / Job Service and KPBSD Central Office.

Households receiving Public Assistance Benefits: Households receiving Public Assistance benefits (Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance) do not need to fill out a Student Programs Application **UNLESS** they have received and turned in an **original** School Meals/Direct Certification Notice from Public Assistance. The Department of Education and Public Assistance will coordinate efforts to implement the Categorical Eligibility Process by also sending names of qualifying households directly to KPBSD / Student Nutrition Services (SNS). Once your student's name has been received and processed, SNS will send you a letter notifying you that benefits are available.

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2011/2012 School Year (May 23, 2012) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2012/2013 school year (August 21 – October 2, 2012). The 30-day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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

Karen Hornaday Park Play Day This Friday!

Please join us for a play day/barbeque this Friday from 12:00-3:00. Students can bring play equipment such as bats, mitts, balls etc. We provide the burgers and buns, and families supply side dishes. Please join us for this Fireweed Community event!

Quilt Raffle Thanks to Mary Park and Elaine Grabowski we are having a raffle to fundraise for the school. Raffle tickets will be available to pick up any time this week. The drawing will be held Nov. 27, 2013. Please take the time to be a part of this important Fireweed Fundraiser. If you have questions, please call Janet at 235-9728.

Volunteers If you plan on being a school volunteer you will need to complete the volunteer screening process (<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=19556>). The process takes a few minutes to complete, and all information gathered is confidential. Volunteers include anyone who will be in the school on a regular basis, and field trip chaperones. School visitors do not need to complete the process. Visitors include guest speakers, those attending large group functions, and parents visiting just their own student, for instance to have lunch with them. Also, it is never too early to get your vehicle checked so that it can be used as a support vehicle or for small group field trips.

Math Homework Club There will be an afterschool math homework club during the month of September on Mondays from 3:20 - 4:10. The location is Kris's room.

Upcoming 2-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

All School Family Potluck 2 Karen Hornaday Park
'Big Fireweed' Anchor Point Campout

Friday, August 24, 12:00-3:00

Thursday & Friday, Sept 6th and 7th