

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 3rd, 2013

Anchor Point Campout Sept 5th- 6th

Can you imagine if we had the wind and rain from Labor Day on our camping trip??? Uff Da. We are still looking for some clear commitments: We need firewood, volunteers to set up tents and tarps, day time volunteers, and cooks for dinner Thursday and lunch Friday. Thanks to Rick Cline and Patrick Houlihan for braving the overnight male chaperone duty. Also, if you are able to loan a sturdy, weather-proof tent, please let us know.

Families are welcome to camp in neighboring campsites, especially for those kiddos that might not be comfortable making it through the night. Also, There are a few options for the younger students. The K2 Fireweed students will be coming out Thursday morning and returning to town at 1pm. Parents can have their kids return to town with the K2 Gang and pick them up at Little Fireweed on Thursday. Jon says the Second graders are also welcome to join them on Friday. Otherwise it will be the parents' responsibility to transport students back out to the beach on Friday morning if they don't spend the night. We will need a written note if you want to take an alternate option.

The bus will pick us up at the Campground at 2pm. You can pick up your child at the campground before then or at school at the regular pickup time.

If your child has special dietary needs, please pack them extra food and contact Kiki.

FAMILY ROOTS. We will be starting our exploration of family roots next 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.

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

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 months of September, October and November on Mondays from 3:15 - 4:15. The location is Stephanie's room. Permission Slips will go out next week. The first session is September 9th.

Teacher Needs Looking for a small loaner trampoline less than 3ft in diameter, contact: David Lefton.

Upcoming 2-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Sept 5th- 6th 'Big Fireweed' Anchor Point Campout Thursday & Friday

Sept 11th 9 - 12 Big Fireweed is invited to participate in the construction of Homer Burning Basket 2013 "ENJOY". The community event follows on Sunday.

Sept 26th Fireweed Academy Harvest Festival in room 105 West Homer Campus.

Sept 26th **Open House** for Fireweed Academy 2-6 West Campus (time TBA)