

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

November 11, 2013

Fresh Oranges Fundraiser: How goes the orange sales? Remember, forms are due back to me no later than November 18th. Also please remember all orders are pre-paid, when you hand in the order form, money must come with it! Checks would be best, written to Fireweed Academy Charter School. We are shooting for a December 4th delivery, give or take a day! If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 235-9728-Janet

Academic Policy Committee: The APC will meet Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 4:30pm in Kiki's room (103 at West Homer). These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input.

New Theme - Communication: Last week we launched the theme with activities that applied communication via sounds, vocalizations, hand symbols, written symbols, color, tools and languages. Students experienced the complexity of communication and the three stages of effective communication. Stage 1: A message is sent out. Stage 2: The message is received, decoded and understood. Stage 3: A relevant response is sent back.

Islands and Oceans Discovery Lab: 5th and 6th graders are heavy into non-fiction reading for this projection. We are carefully examining difficult words and concepts as well as differentiating fact and opinion. Still looking for folks' experiences of the spill and clean-up efforts, or work in a related industry now, please consider sharing your experience with the class.

Early Release days Collaboration: Our next early release day is November 20th. On our early release days teachers are collaborating to examine, brainstorm and implement ideas for transitioning to the new state standards. We hope you will notice a shift to more non-fiction reading and writing as the year progresses and welcome your feedback.

Quilt raffle: HELP HELP! I need to locate all unsold (or sold but not yet turned in) tickets. We are getting down to the last few weeks-if you have not bought your quilt raffle tickets yes, now is the time. Fireweed parent Jo Dempsey will be at Safeway selling tickets on November 12th and 19th from about 9:30 until 2:30. If you would like to help out, call her at 235-4759. She has the quilt and some tickets and is ready to sell you some or give you some to sell!

Ethnic Lunch: November 15th. Friday is A Mexican lunch! We are looking for parents to make your favorite Mexican dish or contribute items for our "taco bar". Looking for shredded cheese, salsa, sour cream, chopped onions or olives, fillings.

Sixth Grade "Build-a-Sandwich" Fundraiser: The sixth graders raised over \$200 with the sandwich fundraiser last Friday. Bravo Fireweed community and

sixth grader parents for supporting their efforts. Many students enjoyed a sandwich, chips, fruit, and juice offered during the Friday fundraiser, but did not have a donation to make towards the cause. Please try to send students in with a donation if they participated. The suggested donation for students is \$3.00 and \$5.00 for adults, but any amount (from \$.01 to ?) is appreciated!

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.

Creative Writing: Kiki reports that the after school creative writing workshop on Tuesday was a dream come true. We continue to work on writing, conferencing and revising pieces to submit to the Homer News Writing Contest, due date November 20th. Once again dates are November 12th and 19th. Only two weeks left to take advantage of this opportunity. There is no charge for this workshop; but we would grovel for snacks. Thanks to Kate Rich for snacks last week.

Needs: If you have incomplete decks of cards that you want to get rid, Kris could use a few more for warm-up activities in math. Thanks!

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

Nov 13 th	APC meeting 4:30, Kiki's room -103 at West Homer
Nov 15 th	5 th /6 th graders-Taming of the Shrew performance at HCOA
Nov 18 th	Fresh Oranges Fundraising packet due back
Nov 20 th	Early Release day-School out at 1:45pm
Nov 28&29	Thanksgiving Holiday-no school
Dec 20-Jan3	No School-In-Service and Winter Break