

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

October 21, 2013

Ellis Island Simulation: The celebratory highlight of our quarter study of ROOTS! This Wednesday 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.

Student Led Parent-Teacher conference: There is no school this Thursday and Friday due to student-led Parent/Teacher Conferences. Call Janet if you have not made your appointment! 235-9728

Library News from the West Elementary Library: The Scholastic Book Fair is this week, 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 Ilg

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.

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.

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.

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

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.**