

Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 16th, 2013

Wednesday – September 18th is an early release day. School is dismissed and buses are scheduled for 1:30.

Anchor Point Field Trip: There is still some gear here from the Anchor Point field trip. The 5th and 6th graders set up some of the remaining tents on Friday, to be sure all of their parts were there and intact. We have 3 set up in one of the classrooms at this point. We will take them down and pack them on Monday. If your tent is here, Monday might be a good day to pick it up.

Family Roots: We are continuing our exploration of family roots this 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

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. Make sure to fill out a permission slip. An electronic copy went out Sunday night. I will have hard copies available Monday AM. Sorry for the delay (I was busy with the Field Trip) The first session is Monday September 9th.

Mind A'Mazes Wednesdays: If your student has joined a Mind A'Mazes team, Kris will be offering a place for them to meet (her classroom) on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:15 - 4:00. It would be great if their coach could be there as well, but that is not required. If your student has joined a team, it is an opportunity to coach them about committing to an endeavor and a team. They may need support to make it through frustrating moments or times of conflict with team-mates. Joining a team, and then backing out, leaves their fellow-students in a lurch, and can even cause other students the opportunity to participate.

Upcoming 2-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

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Early Release Day. School will end ninety minutes (1 ½ hours earlier. According to the KPBSD website, bus transportation will be adjusted by ninety minutes.)

Sept 26th

Fireweed Academy Harvest Festival all day in room 105 West Homer Campus.

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Open House for Fireweed Academy grades 2-6 West Campus (evening: time TBA)