

# 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Fireweed Academy Newsletter

## August 19, 2014

### Welcome Back to School!

Welcome back students and families! We had a fabulous first day. Please review afterschool plans with your child. The main three options are: 1. Ride Bus #\_\_\_\_ 2. Pick up at Front of Building or 3. Pick up in the classroom. Some students may also walk home right from the school.

### FIRST WEEK PACKETS

1<sup>st</sup> week packets will be sent home on Wednesday August 20<sup>th</sup> with lots of info and paperwork to be looked at and dealt with. Grab a cup of coffee and have at it parents, and send it back to us completed. There will be a turn-in bin in each homeroom. We need BY FRIDAY please (in your packet is a permission slip related to Friday's picnic)

### 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 salmon, burgers and buns, and family's supply side dishes. Please join us for this Fireweed Community event!

### 1<sup>st</sup> QUARTER THEME

Our first theme for the first quarter is "SYSTEMS". We will be launching the theme next week.

### Hot Lunch Program

We have a hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Breakfast is also available for \$1.75. Milk is also available for purchase. The 'Student Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it is in your first day packet.

If you are sending money to be placed on your students account, please give it to our secretary, Janet Bowen (or have your student give it to Janet) and she will give it to Marilyn, the "lunch lady". Janet's office is at West Homer, room 213.

### From the District

Preparing for the 2014/2015  
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES  
**FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM (NSLP)**

## STUDENT PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2014-2015 SY

**Households with income:** Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application (even if income is over the Income Eligibility Guidelines), because certain Federal programs base funding on the total number of students applying for benefits. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their household **BEFORE** school starts - Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

**2014/2015 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS** (cream with blue printing) will be available for pick-up by August 06, 2014 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 IF they have received and turned in a 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 2013-2014 School Year (May 21, 2014) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2014/2015 school year (August 19 – September 30, 2014). 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. **NOTE:** If a student changes schools, a delay in receiving 30 day benefit may occur.

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### 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

**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.

### Upcoming 2-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

**August 22<sup>nd</sup>** Friday 12:00 - 3:00 All School Family Potluck 2 Karen Hornaday Park  
**Sept 4<sup>th</sup>- 5<sup>th</sup>** 'Big Fireweed' Anchor Point Campout Thursday & Friday