

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

January 21, 2015

Invention Theme:

Hannah's Theme Group

For this quarter's theme students in Hannah's room have been inspired by Rube Goldberg designs to create a carriage/structure for an egg drop challenge. Students thought about their design and drew a diagram. They made a hypothesis about why their structure would work. They then began assembling the structure, and on Thursday tested their design. Some students were successful while others were not. All-in-all it was a fun activity. Students then had to reflect on why their carriage did or did not work. Note taking skills were essential in this project and students learned some note taking skills. Students reflected on how this activity might compare to the invention convention coming up in March.



Stephanie's Theme Group

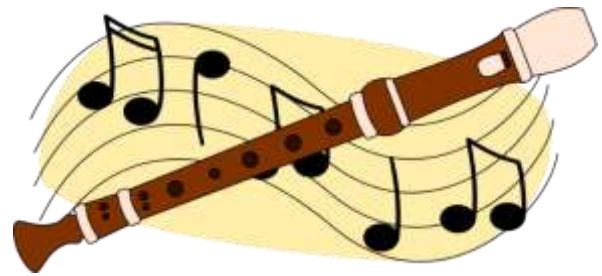
Students are learning through experimentation about the different classes of levers. They are changing variables such as the fulcrum, load and force to change the distance, speed and effort that the force or the load travels. Students are then applying their knowledge to creating a catapult of their own design.

Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences:

There is no school on Thursday and Friday, February 5th and 6th. These days are reserved for our student-led parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to sign up for your conference.

Afterschool Math Club:

Math club will continue this semester. Students will meet in Kris' room on Mondays from 3:15-4:15PM. Please Kris or Janet if you need a permission slip.



Link Up Symphony Orchestra:

3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students have been learning songs to sing and songs to play on the recorder in preparation for the opportunity to participate in January 30th's evening Symphony Orchestra performance at the Mariner Theater.

Interested students need to let Stephanie know if he or she will like to participate. An information letter went out last Friday.



From the District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- January 19th - no school Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- January 23rd Spaghetti lunch-6th grade fundraiser
- January 30th Link Up Symphony Orchestra Performance 7:00PM Mariner Theater (participating students need to be there at 5:30 for rehearsal)

- February 4th -Early Release day
- February 5th-6th - no school for Parent Teacher conferences
- February 20-Soup Bowl Fundraiser
- March 4th- Invention Convention
- March 6th- Teacher In-service/ End of Quarter
- March 6th-15th Spring Break