

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

## October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2014

### Mind A' Mazes

Final Results from this year's Mind A'Mazes came in. The team of Coda Wood, Zak Wylde, Terry Gilliland, and Noah Irons placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Spontaneous problem and 6<sup>th</sup> overall. The team of Elias Allen, Bea Strobel, Zion Iida-Becerrill, and Thea Person, won Judge's Choice and placed 9<sup>th</sup> overall. "District 13" (Katlyn, Laura, Mary, Aiyana) placed 20<sup>th</sup>, while "Team Dave" (Courtney, Alexis, Mira, Serena) placed 24<sup>th</sup>.

Bea, Thea, Elias, Zion



Zak, Coda, Noah, Terry



Laura, Mary, Aiyana - Working on the spontaneous problem at Mind A'Mazes.

Courtney, Alexis, Mira, Serena...  
"Team Dave"



### Newspaper Articles

Hope you all got a chance to read the Homer News coverage of Fireweed: First the article about the school several weeks back. Then this past week a human interest story written by two Fireweed 6<sup>th</sup> graders: Laura Inama and Mary Black was accepted for press as well as the results of our Harvest Festival.

### Bicycles

The perfect transition from a mechanical system to a mode of Transportation: our theme for next quarter! Bob Schmutzler from Homer Saw and Cycle will be in on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> to show what can make a mechanical system go awry, as well as some basic tips to keep it running smoothly.

## Marvelous Monday

On Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> Big Fireweed will be hosting Little Fireweed for a Marvelous Monday. Little Fireweed will arrive in the afternoon to do some buddy reading, recess/team building, and watching a dance number presented by the 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This is a hip hop dance led by Margie that the students have been working on and practicing during Monday gym. We are excited to have this time to bring both Fireweed sites together!

## Guest Music Teacher

Students have been learning to play the recorder this week and last. We have had a guest teacher come in on Fridays (Sue Biggs) to teach us some songs that students may choose to perform with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra early next year. During specials students will be practicing "BAG" songs (songs with the notes B, A, and G). We are also learning about the mathematical connections to music.

## **THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IS A GREAT PLACE TO SUPPORT FIREWEED ACADEMY!**

October is Election Month for the Fireweed APC. There are several vacancies open for the next term: student rep, community rep and parent rep. Please take a moment to think about if this is a good way for you to be part of our Learning Community. It is an active and important way to be at the grassroots level of governing and guiding our school community; working together with Kiki and other APC members to keep it a healthy and balanced system. Call Janet for more information or to let her know you are interested no later than Wednesday, October 22. Parents will be voting for the parent representative position, the APC will appoint interested folks to the other positions. Voting will take place during the week of Oct 27<sup>th</sup> at both schools Janet - 235-9728.

## **Student-led Parent-Teacher Conference:**

There is no school on October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, instead it is conference time! I am ready to schedule your child's conference so just give me a call...the sooner you call, the more choice you have! Thanks Janet 235-9728

## **Afterschool Monday Math Club**

Math club is on Mondays after school and all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students with a permission slip are welcome.

## **Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

- Oct 27 Marvelous Monday with Little Fireweed visiting! Big Fireweed Students perform hiphop and the Brain dance
- October 24<sup>th</sup>: Bicycle systems and maintenance
- Oct 24-1:20 : Hamlet 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> only
- Oct 29<sup>th</sup> Early release
- October 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>: Student Led Conferences with Parent/Guardians