

3-6 Fireweed Academy Newsletter

Week of January 7, 2013

From The District:

We have just received an important notice for all KPBSD families—Beginning January 1, 2013, **Public Health must discontinue provision of all state supplied vaccine to fully insured children**. What does this mean for our school community?

- Students who have Denali Kid Care or who are Alaska Native/American Indian and those who are either uninsured or underinsured (insurance does not cover shots) **WILL** continue to be able to receive immunizations at Public Health.
- Anyone who has private insurance that covers vaccines or who does not know if their private insurance covers vaccines will be referred to their personal care provider and **WILL NOT** be able to get immunizations at Public Health.
- Until these changes take place, parents with insurance may still use Public Health for children's immunizations that are required for school entry. Please make sure to check your child's shot records and plan ahead. Remember, Public Health does not require you to verify insurance benefits or income in order to qualify. Please call now to schedule an appointment before the January 1 changes occur.

New Theme: Change

We will be launching our new theme "Change" next week.

Sledding At Recess and Appropriate Gear

If your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th grade child plans to sled, they must have snow pants, coat, hat, and gloves/mittens, boots. The 5th / 6th are not required to have snow pants, but must have all other outdoor gear.

Afterschool Math Homework Help

Stephanie will continue Math homework club this Wednesday. All grades are welcome. **As of next week I will be switching the day to Mondays.**

Afterschool Film Club

Stephanie will be offering an afterschool film club. Since I am also doing Math club and Ski club, I will be switching Math club to Mondays and Film club to Wednesdays. Stay tuned for more details and a start date.

Afterschool Skiing

Stephanie will be offering afterschool skiing starting up January 24th when there is enough light afterschool and going through March 7th just before Spring Break. We are shooting for Thursdays. Stay tuned for more details and permission slips.

Reusing "Disposable" Plastic Water Bottles for Art Project

Stephanie is doing an art project with students where we reuse plastic bottles. Each student will need to bring in one used plastic (water) bottle. Each student needs 1 or 2 by next week.

Please do not go out and purchase one. I will be collecting used ones for students who forget or do not have one.

Volunteers Welcome in 2-4 Literacy

Volunteers are welcomed to join literacy in the mornings from 8:45-9:50 for 4th grade and 10:10-11:15 for 2-3rd grades. Ways to help include reading or writing with students, helping student type their stories, organizing our classroom library, sharing a story with the class, or just come in to visit. Please R.S.V.P. -Mindy

Trampolines and Spooner Boards

If you have a mini trampoline or a spooner board at home that you're not using, Amanda would love to use them at school for a couple months or until the end of the year! Call or email and we can talk specifics - 235-9728 or amiller2@kpbsd.k12.ak.us. Thank you!!

Absent students

Parents: Please, please Call Janet at the FWA office (235-9728) to let her know if your student will be absent from school for any reason.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Jan 21 th	No School - (Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Inauguration Day)
Feb 7 th and 8 th	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences
March 8 th	No School - Teacher In-Service
March 11 th - 15 th	No School - Spring Break
April 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th	Standards Based Assessment Testing (please do not schedule vacations during this time)
April 19 th	No School - Vacation Day