

3-6 Fireweed Academy Newsletter

Week of April 8th, 2013

Notes on Fireweed Mission and Methods

Constructivist Principle #2: Structuring Learning around Primary Concepts

This principle is so easy to understand! It's the underlying principle behind our Theme Immersion Model of delivering instruction. Working around a common theme gives students a chance to see more. It invites students to participate at different entry points in both interest level and skill level. Looking at big ideas and broad concepts encourages engagement, ownership and accountability for their own learning. And it is really FUN!

Cold Weather Gear

It is 13 degrees Fahrenheit outside at recess this morning. Believe it or not, we have students arriving to school in as little as a t-shirt. Please be sure your student has appropriate gear for cold temperatures.

Guest

This Friday, Annie Van Dinther will be here as our guest speaker. We are looking forward to learning all about polar bear conservation and the threats they are experiencing.

Field Trip

We are looking forward to learning and playing the game of Broomball this Friday.

SBA Make-Up Testing

Students who were absent on Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday of last week will be completing make-up tests as necessary this week.

APC News

There will be a monthly APC Meeting this Wednesday, April 10th beginning at 4:30 PM at Little Fireweed. Agenda includes enrollment updates and an executive session working on the administrator evaluation process. There is also a Public Comments period at the start of each APC meeting and we welcome your comments, ideas, concerns and suggestions.

Teacher Needs

Kris is looking for pizza-to-go boxes (on the clean side) and shoe boxes, with or without lids.

We need a trampoline at the K-2 again ☺ If you have a mini trampoline or a spooner board at home that you're not using, Amanda would love to use it at the K-2 until the end of the school year! Call or email and we can talk specifics - 235-9728 or amiller2@kpbsd.k12.ak.us. Thank you!!

Afterschool Math Homework Help

No after school Math Homework club this week.

Afterschool Film Club

Stephanie will continue after school film club on Wednesdays. Pick up time is at 4:15.

Afterschool Skiing

Last week was the last of after school skiing.

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.

<u>Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!</u>	
April 9 th	<u>Standards Based Assessment Testing: Science 4th graders only</u>
April 10 th	Monthly APC Meeting at Little Fireweed
April 12 th	Broomball: 9-11 am. Bring helmets! Annie van Dinther: Polar Bear Conservation and Slide Show from her guiding expeditions.
April 19 th	No School - Vacation Day
May 4 th	May Day Celebration and Fundraiser