

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 29th, 2014

Link Up:

Link Up is a collaboration with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. Sue Biggs, a long time KPBSD music teacher, will be introducing our kids to this program starting Friday afternoon, October 10th. She will be doing introductory lessons on the recorder. After getting to know the kids music knowledge and skill level, we hope to differentiate the groups more. There is an opportunity for the kids to play with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra in their fall concert if students are motivated.

Circle Justice:

In conjunction with a literature study of Touching Spirit Bear, 6th grade students will be investigating a different justice system. Ginny Espenshade, Curt and Vanessa will be coming in this Friday morning to implement a Mock Justice Circle with our 6th graders. The following Friday, the 6th graders will present a mini-presentation for the whole school at Tribal Council.

Mind A'Mazes... (...two weeks to go!)

Students participating in Mind A'Mazes may use Kris's room as a work space again on Thursday after school. At this point, groups should have a working model that they can bring and test. If they are not at this point, they should definitely have ideas and materials. They may also want to bring an extra snack to help power them through their longer day. The room is available until 4:15. Students using the space will need to clean up any materials and the space in general, before leaving.

Afterschool Monday Math Club

Math club is on Mondays after school and all 3rd - 6th grade students are welcome. Permission slips went home earlier in September. If you'd like your child to participate, print it off and have it returned to Stephanie or Janet.

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. 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 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- October 3rd: Mock Justice Circle 6th grade
- October 10th: Link Up Music instruction with recorders starts