

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

May 18th, 2015

6th graders at McCarthy

The 6th graders are still in McCarthy with Kiki. We hope they are having fun, and look forward to seeing them at the end of the year party at Kiki's place!

Kasitsna Field Trip Fun!

We embarked on our field trip across the bay to Kasitsna Bay Laboratory on Wednesday May 13, 2015. Two Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies workers (Bob and Kim) came with us to share their expertise on the Alaskan Coast. We went on an ecology hike, tide pooling at Kasitsna and Jackalof, discussed the Native American tribes from around the area. The students also got an exciting opportunity to experience "Gumby" or survival suits that are used in boats on the bay. They got to put the suits on and wade in the shallow area of the bay. The students and teachers had a blast! Most students stated something like, "This was a great trip!" It was a great time of learning and community building.

Stem Club

Today (5/18/15) is the last Math Club. Thank you to all participants!

Open Enrollment

We are done with Open enrollment. However, I am still missing a few form for student who I suspect are indeed coming back to our school. If you have completed a form, please call me at 235-9728. That said, we are not full in every grade so please continue to let our friends and neighbors know that we have space for the FY16 school year. Thanks-Janet

FROM THE DISTRICT

"Each school day, more than 1,200 KPBSD employees do all that they can to provide a quality education to our district's students. A part of this work is our continuous improvement process that requires us to regularly evaluate our practices so that we can in turn, make the necessary changes to help our students find success. An intricate piece of our improvements is our professional development for our certified staff. With the need to do more for our staff in this area, for the past two school years we designated six school days as minimum days—with a 90 minute early release for students, while staff works a maximum day in order to deliberately devote time to collaborate and collectively address the learning needs of our students. Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments. Thank you very much for your time." - Sean Dusek, Superintendent

The direct link is: <http://bit.ly/KPBSDParentSurveyMinimumDays> and a link will also be added to the community interest section on the KPBSD homepage and in the KPBSD website in section: Students/Parents > Surveys at some point Tuesday evening.

This link will be available April 1-24, 2015.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• May 20th | <p>Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!
End of school picnic and promotion at Kiki's house</p> |
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