

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

May 4th, 2015

Soup Bowl Fundraiser May 8th

The 6th graders have made and completed their bowls for our last fundraiser. We are in need of donations from 6th grade families of soups, bread, butter, salad and paper goods. Come join us for soup and power point presentations by the 6th graders on different cultures. This is their final opportunity to raise funds in support of their upcoming trip to McCarthy.

Step Up Day

Step up day was today, Little Fireweed 2nd graders came over to visit Big Fireweed in a fun filled event. Students got to visit with the third graders, the teachers and tour around the campus. They got to share lunch with the 3rd and 4th grades in the cafeteria and experience the playground during recess.

Solar Emergency

This afternoon (Monday) we took advantage of the beautiful day before the weather changes to rain.



3rd-5th Grade Field Trip

A permission slip was sent home last week for our field trip to Kasitsna Bay! Please thoroughly read the permission form, sign, date, and send it back with your student by Friday May 1, 2015. Attached there is also a photo release form for The Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies. We are in active correspondence with Coastal Studies and they have an exciting itinerary planned for us! Some of these activities are: a forest ecology hike, Native American cultures, geology,

tide pooling, and scientific sketching!



Stem Club

Calling all students! Math club resumes in Stephanie's room on Mondays from 3:15-4:15, however... Stephanie is transforming Math Club into Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Club. Students are invited to work on and get help on homework for the week. Also we will have materials available for building ROVs, Hovercraft, and battery operated wiggle bots, robotics and more!

Class Notes

The culture theme offers up some interesting and potentially delicious avenues for investigation. Fifth grade math class will be baking bread next week and 5th/6th is on the lookout for expert advice and supplies for making root beer or ginger ale. We may also make yogurt as part of our science explorations. Drop off or send in supplies in Kris's 5th/6th classroom (102).

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/KPBSParentSurveyMinimumDays> 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.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- May 4th Step up day for 2nd graders
- May 13th - 15th 3rd - 5th grade field trip to Kasitsna Bay.
- May 14-19 6th grade fieldtrip to McCarthy
- May 20th End of school picnic and promotion at Kiki's house