

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

March 21, 2016



Tuesday March 22nd: Water Birds in Winter -3rd and 4th grade Field Trip!
3rd and 4th grade students will be participating in an Islands and Oceans Environmental Education Field Trip to the end of the Homer Spit to learn about seabirds that overwinter here in Alaska and about migration, bird identification and how scientists study these birds. We will be going in the morning - all students should have a warm coat, boots, hats and mittens as we will be outside for the entire program.

Friday March 25th: Tiglax Fieldtrip - 3rd - 6th grade.

We will be visiting the Tiglax vessel on Friday afternoon (12:30-2:30). They are providing us with activities and a great learning opportunity to launch our new theme of Exploration! Pictures and more information to come soon.



FRESH FRUIT FUNDRAISER

Order forms are due back today, Monday, March 21st... but if you got them to me first thing tomorrow morning, March 22 that would work as well. I have to turn my numbers in tomorrow afternoon. We are having a very low turnout for this fundraiser so if your order form is laying on the kitchen table, tomorrow is the absolute latest.

FY17 fall enrollment

**** Open Enrollment is complete and we do have more space-tell your friends****

Book Fair News at the West Homer Library

The Scholastic Book Fair is here at the West Homer Elementary Library! Open to the public Monday March 28th -Friday April 1st. The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day.

Also join us on Tuesday March 29th 4:30-6:30 for Family and Friends Fun Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!

There will be books, science kits, art kits, notebooks, posters and more—something for everyone! We will have lots of fun!!!!!!

See you there,

Lisa Whip, Cheryl Illg -West Homer Library

Upcoming Dates

Mar 22	3 rd and 4 th grade Fieldtrip to Mud Bay
Mar 25	Big Fireweed Field Trip M/V Tiglax
Mar 29	5 th and 5 th grade Fieldtrip-Mud Bay
April 1	Wonderheads Performance at the Mariner Theater and Early Release Day

FROM THE DISTRICT:

Dear KPBSD parents and guardians,

KPBSD Parent Survey: Do student early release days make a difference?

Please take a brief online four question survey, open March 11 – March 28, 2016, to share your perceptions and thoughts about the six early release days for students.

“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

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Read this...School District News... Mandatory Volunteer Screening
Anyone interested in being a school volunteer needs to complete an online form and agree to a background check; only criminal activity will be checked. All information will be kept confidential and information can only be accessed by a few members of

the Human Resources department. To complete the screening process, visit the District's web page at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us and click on Employment, then click on Volunteer, then on Volunteer All Vacancies, and find the location where you wish to volunteer. Click the 'Apply' button that corresponds to that location, then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.