

# 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Fireweed Academy Newsletter

April 11, 2016



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

## Spirit Week This Week!

Monday: Hippie/Hobo Day

Tuesday: 80's Day (big hair, ugly sweaters, neon colors)

Wednesday: Movie/TV character Day

Thursday: Twin Day (dress the same as a friend)

Friday: Opposite Gender Day (girls dress like boys/boys dress like girls)

## Exploration

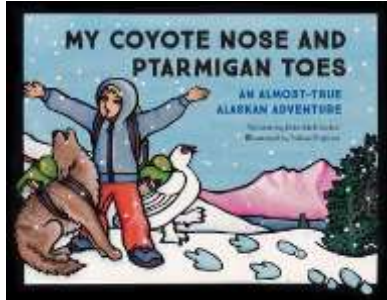
We are into our Third week of Exploration:

In Stephanie's Theme Group students are researching the preparation, obstacles, risks and rewards of Space Exploration and Underwater Exploration. Students are engineering and launching their own individual paper rockets. In groups students are engineering and testing motorized propelled underwater remotely operative vehicles (ROVs).



### Guests last week:

Author, explorer and co-founder of Ground Truth Trekking Erin McKittrick and Illustrator Valisa Higman joined us this week for two fabulous



presentations. First they gave an author and illustrator book talk to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade about their new children's book "My Coyote Nose and My Ptarmigan Toes" now available at the Homer Book Store.

The next day Erin shared her explorations of Alaska with her family by foot, ski and pack raft to very remote areas. Valisa shared her explorations of Turkey and made many connections to structures from our EXPO! Thank you both so much!



The sixth graders are hosting a spaghetti lunch Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, from 12:00 - 12:30. Come hungry and feast on spaghetti (several options of sauce will be available), salad, and bread. A suggested donation of \$5 for adults and \$3 for students will go towards upcoming spring field trips.

Thanks for your support and hope to see you there!

### \*\*Spring Field Trips:\*\*

The third - fifth graders are heading to Port Graham and the sixth grade has settled on Talkeetna. More information will be coming your way soon!

### \*\*SAVE THE DATE: Sunday May 1<sup>st</sup>

### May Day Celebration Noon-4 PM

Fireweed Academy is having a **school-wide** May Day celebration on...Mayday, Sunday, May 1<sup>st</sup> from 12noon to 4pm, held at Little Fireweed. This is a day of crafts, food, fun, music and dancing. EVERYONE is invited, Big Fireweed, Little Fireweed, friends, family, neighbors, grandmas and grandpas, alumni, everyone-oops, no dogs please! This is about generating good PR in our community as well as celebrating the arrival of spring! The event will be free for the whole family, of course donations will gladly be accepted.

We have a google docs sign up-it is very easy to use. Just click on the link below and sign up for whatever event you would like to participate in. No need to 'save' it is automatic!

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1jabPOCljDWrDJnLfIb0JTkhL9mm5j49xiLKBgKHqjpQ/edit?usp=sharing>

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 235-9728-Janet

## Upcoming Dates

April 11 APC meeting (WHE room 103) 4:30 pm  
April 21 Starlab  
April 22 Ray Troll performance and art class  
April 29 Mud Bay Field Trip  
May Spring Field Trips

### 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](http://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.