

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

February 1, 2016



STRUCTURES THEME

Students were introduced to a culminating project for the Structures theme last week and have had time to select a significant structure to begin researching. Structures will be shared at a Structures Expo on March 4th. Mark your calendars and keep your eyes open for more information on the project.

We have been exploring the theme in a variety of ways, notably through experiments, recounting of personal experiences and through guest speakers. Last Friday we were pleased to have Adam Sevi speak to the students at Big Fireweed. He was able to draw on his expertise and connect to recent events in order to teach the students how buildings are designed to withstand earthquakes. Adam discussed structural elements of buildings such as cross bracing and dampening systems to minimize the impacts of seismic events. A hearty thank you to Adam for taking the time to share with the students.



OPEN ENROLLEMNT for FY17

Be sure to get your Intent to Enroll forms to Janet to ensure your student's place at Fireweed for next year. Forms were sent home via email last week. Our best advertisement for new students is word of mouth so let your friends and neighbors know about Fireweed. Call Janet if you have any questions.

DISCOVERY LAB

Kiki will be selecting students who have demonstrated exemplary behavior and effort to serve as monitors and run a craft table at the Our Amazing Ocean Discovery Lab station on February 3rd from 3-5 pm. This is an early release day so students will need to have transportation arranged to and from Oceans and Islands. Those students will bring home permission slips on Tuesday.

EARLY RELEASE WEDNESDAY

There will be an early release day on Wednesday preceding conferences for staff collaboration and development, please plan accordingly.

STUDENT-LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4-5, instead we will hold the student-led parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to schedule your conference.

FROM THE DISTRICT

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding Public Budget Meetings at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seward High School library
- Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Soldotna High School library
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend one of the meetings. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838

Upcoming Dates

Feb 3	Early Release/ Our Amazing Ocean Discovery Lab
Feb 4-5	Parent Teacher Conferences - no school
Mar 4	Structures Exposition