

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

February 15, 2016



## **STRUCTURES THEME**

Students have each selected a human made structure to research and create a model of for the Structures Expo. Students will work on research and presentation boards here at school, but structure models are expected to be made at home. Structures and presentation boards will be shared at a Structures Expo on March 4<sup>th</sup>. Please let your child's homeroom teacher know if you have any questions or concerns.

## **GUEST SPEAKER**

David Lefton will share his experience studying architecture in college and working in the field of architectural design to help students understand basic design principles and the processes of architecture and building.

## **DISCOVERY LAB**

This past Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students took a field trip to Islands and Oceans to participate in a discovery lab "Our Amazing Oceans" This Lab builds on the 7 Ocean Literacy Principles. Students completed three stations in the two hour lab. With their background knowledge during the cycles and habitats theme students were able to contribute and be a part of this learning community. They played a board game discussing the various layers in the ocean, they completed a shot mini study on explorers and their relationship to currents, and they pretended to be plankton. It was a great learning experience!



## FIREWEED FRIENDLY VISIT WEEK

We have learned that grass roots, word of mouth conversations about Fireweed Academy are our best advertisement. It is this authentic, person to person sharing that seems to motivate new families to come visit and check out our exciting school. Friendly Visit Week is coming right up - February 22-25 at Big fireweed and Feb 15-19 at little Fireweed. Your friends can call Janet to schedule a visit date!

**Be a friendly ambassador of Fireweed Academy!**

### OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2016-2017

- Current students...be sure to get your Intent to Enroll forms to Janet to ensure your student's place at Fireweed for next year. Call Janet if you have any questions
- Spread the word about Friendly Friday Week

### FROM THE DISTRICT

**From Larissa Mika:** We are pleased to announce that we will be adding the option for those living in Homer to attend the upcoming central peninsula area substitute training remotely. It is possible this is the last substitute training of the year, unless I receive a large number of calls, so if you know of anyone who is interested, please be sure to have them contact me at 718-8845 to pre-register.

**Wednesday, February 17th , 2016**

**10am – 12:30pm**

**Homer Middle - Professional Development Room**

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

<b>Mar 4</b>	<b>Structures Exposition</b>
<b>Mar 11</b>	<b>End of Quarter</b>
<b>March 14 -18</b>	<b>No School: Spring Break</b>