

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

January 11, 2016



Guest: Sue Biggs

A HUGE thank you to Sue Biggs for coming in last Thursday to give our students performance tips for this Friday's Orchestra performance.

Third Quarter Theme: STRUCTURES

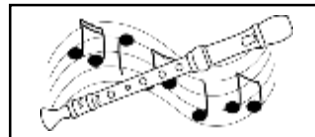
Last week we launched our Structures Theme. Throughout the quarter will continue exploring, researching, constructing and experimenting as we immerse ourselves in the concept of structures. Towards the end of the quarter students will be preparing a project for our culminating event "STRUCTURES EXPO". Be on the lookout for more information as the quarter gets underway. We will email and send hard copies home of the project's time line, expectations, and responsibilities.

Guest: Maestro- Tammy Vollom-Matturro

Kenai Peninsula Orchestra Conductor, Tammy Vollom-Matturro will be visiting Big Fireweed on Tuesday to prepare us with the final touches for our participation in Friday's Link Up Performance.

Link Up Orchestra Performance: This Friday!

- Rehearsal: 5:30 Friday January 15th
- Concert: 7:00 Friday January 15th



This Friday Fireweed Students will be given the opportunity to participate in the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Link Up Performance at the Mariner Theatre at the High School. Students in 3rd - 6th have spent weeks preparing and will be playing recorder, singing and dancing this Friday night. It is the responsibility of families' to get students to the rehearsal before the performance on time. It is a free performance. Please come! Students can go directly to the Theater where Stephanie, Hannah and Kiki will meet them for directions. There is no particular dress code, but please come clean and groomed (no hats).



Sea Turtles of Troncones

On Friday, January 8th, Kiki presented a powerpoint on the capture and release of sea turtle eggs in Troncones, Mexico. The slide show demonstrated how this year's themes of Cycles, Habitats and Structures are connected and inter-related. The video clips of the baby turtles heading for the sea and being engulfed by the waves brought lots of oohs and ahs from students, as well as predictions and inferences about their survival.

Jessica Ryan Shepherd from the Kachemak Bay Research Reserve will be in on Friday, January 15th to do a presentation on the Seven Ocean Principles and the recent severe die-off of murrelets and otters in our ocean environment. Jessica was our contact and mentor in creating the Exxon Valdez Memorial Discovery Lab two years ago. She will also be leading the students in a craft project of miniature shadow boxes in preparation for student monitoring of the craft table at the Discovery Lab at Islands and Oceans in February.

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.

Upcoming Dates

Jan 15	Link Up Orchestra 7pm Mariner Theater
Jan 15	Jessica Sheppard guest speaker
Jan 18	School closed in observance of MLK Holiday
Jan 29	Adam Sevi Guest speaker
Feb 4-5	Parent Teacher Conferences - no school