



3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter December 12th, 2016



Last Week's Friendly Friday

Thank you to Little Fireweed for hosting last Friday's Fireweed Gathering. We sang winter songs, played together in the snow and explored creating crafts.

FRESH FRUIT FUNDRAISER UPDATE

While the fruit made it to (and departed from) Port Angeles, Washington as planned, the vessel ran into bad weather and then had mechanical problems and had to return to Port Angeles...twice! The current itinerary is to depart this evening and arrive in Anchorage on Wednesday, with deliveries starting Thursday in Anchorage. I hope we get our delivery on Friday, December 16th BUT if it does not come until the weekend, I am in town and will be available to receive the fruit. I'll send out an email and a ROBO call letting you know when you can pick up the fruit-the location will be at Little Fireweed. Thanks- Janet

Gift Exchange Next Week

Students are invited to bring in one wrapped gift between today and Wednesday Dec 21st for our annual Big Fireweed Gift Exchange on the afternoon of Dec 21st. Gifts can be a gently used toy, a handmade craft/artwork or a purchased item (\$5 or less in cost). Homeroom teachers will collect gifts this week and next in preparation for the Dec 21st gift exchange. **Please do not label gifts (to/from).** If you have extra potential

gifts, students may bring in more than one to accommodate for students who forget or cannot bring in a gift.

The Procrastinator's Fair" A FWA community opportunity

Saturday, December 17th is the Procrastinators Fair at Homer High. We have a free table and like last year Fireweed kids make cookie dough, cut it, and donate frosting, candy canes, cookie sprinkles etc. This is not a fundraiser, it is a fun table for kids to create their own decorated cookies. This is an easy PR event for the Fireweed community and the booth was very popular last year! It needs to be staffed with a parent/high school volunteer and another FWA student or two from 10-6 in 2-3 hour shifts (unless someone wants to be there all day.)

So here is what we have and need so far:

Baker	Gail Essex
Shift 1 Set up and 10am-12pm	Steve, Inca and Maya Shannon
Shift 2 12-2pm	
Shift 3 2-4pm	Nina and Ashton Coffey
Shift 4 4-6pm and teardown	

We need to fill the two empty shifts and we need donations of frosting, candy canes, edible decorations, etc. Call Janet to sign up-235-9728



Swimming and Skating Coming Up Next Week

In addition to the gift exchange on Wednesday of next week, we have two additional fun events for which to plan ahead. **Next MONDAY** we will be traveling to the Homer Pool for an open swim. The bus leaves school at 12 noon and the swim begins at 12:30. Volunteers are needed to help in both locker rooms, and **ALL VOLUNTEERS must have completed the district volunteer screening process. PLEASE remember that towels, swim suits and goggles should come to school on Monday morning.**

Next TUESDAY, the bus for ice skating at the Kevin Bell Arena will leave school at 1:00. Volunteers are also needed to help students don skates and skating support on the ice. Again, volunteers must complete the district screen

process prior to volunteering. **ALL STUDENTS** must have helmets for skating, and snow pants, coats and gloves are highly recommended.

If you have an extra helmet you are willing to loan, send it in with your student before or on Tuesday.

Little Shoppers Shop at Big FWA and WHE

This week, West Homer PTO is providing the "Little Shoppers Shoppe" opportunity in the Art Room. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to purchase inexpensive presents without family members knowing the details! When our class views items early in the week, students will have a chance to make a list of items to consider purchasing. Students will be able to purchase items when we visit the "Little Shoppers Shoppe" again on Wed/Thur.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Monday, Dec. 12th	APC meeting Room 104 at Big Fireweed 4:30-6pm
Monday, Dec. 19 th	Swimming at KKAC 12:30
Tuesday, Dec. 20 th	3 rd - 6 th Afternoon Skating - Kevin Bell Arena at 1:30
Wednesday Dec 21 st	Big Fireweed Gift Exchange (Afternoon)
Dec. 22nd - Jan. 6th	NO SCHOOL - Holiday Break
Jan. 9th	School Resumes
Monday, Jan. 16 th	No School - MLK Holiday