



3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

October 10, 2016

6th Grade Spaghetti Fundraiser!

What a great fundraiser! It was so fun watching the 6th grade students plan, prepare, and serve for this lunch! A BIG thank you to all of the 6th grade families for supporting and contributing. Without them, we wouldn't have been able to accomplish this. Our lunch raised about \$363.00 - one of the most successful lunches we have had! We will begin planning and preparing for our trip shortly. Reminder that our next fundraiser is going to be The Nutcracker Faire. Chris Fontaine and Susannah Webster have offered to co-run this. Be on the lookout, 6th grade families, on how you can support.

Salmon in the Schools

Thank you to Jenny Cope and staff of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Last Thursday students participated in ADFG Salmon in the Classroom Program on the banks of the Anchor River. The fertilized eggs are in the tank in Jon's room. "This innovative, science-based program allows schools to raise salmon from the egg to fry stage in the classroom incubators. Through participation in the project, students learn about the life cycle and biology of Pacific salmon species, their habitat requirements, responsible angling techniques for catching them, and ways to protect Alaska's valuable wild salmon stocks for future generations." -ADFG



Green Down and Leaf Pounding

As part of our Community Citizen's Science participation with GLOBE, students are keeping track of an adopted tree. They are taking data on when the tree loses its leaves. We also did a leaf pounding activity where students chose a leaf and pounded the pigment onto some muslin cloth. Students were given a choice of what to do with the finished impression (take it home as is, make it into a pillow or flag...) Here is an example of one student's finished product with a little help from home!



Mind-A-Mazes

Teams have been working hard afterschool on their "Rodent Racer". Thank you to parent volunteers (Kevin Co and Crisi Matthews) for supervising our teams. The registration deadline is tomorrow (Tuesday October 11th). Teams who plan to travel to Soldotna for the Mind-A-Mazes district competition need to have the names of their team members and a team name to Stephanie by tomorrow morning. Todd has requested that the parent drivers be volunteer screened and that their vehicles be checked out by Janet.

Registration for Junior Division Teams begins at 11:00 - 11:30 at Soldotna Prep (462 West Redoubt in Soldotna). At 12:15 all students should proceed to and remain in the gym for the long term competition, spontaneous problem... All students need to be supervised by an adult. Unsupervised students may result in disqualification. Please contact Stephanie if you have any questions.

Guest Speaker: Kiki Abrahamson - Oct 13th

Travels in Kyrgyzstan



MATH HOMEWORK CLUB STARTS NEXT WEEK

On Thursdays, starting Oct. 20th, from 3:15-4:15, students are welcome to stay for after-school math homework club. This is an opportunity for them to log onto ALEKS.COM or work on homework/Problem of the Week. This first session will run for six weeks (Oct. 20th, Nov. 3rd, 10th, 17th, Dec. 1st and 8th). Permission slips will go home this week, so sign and return them if you would like your child to participate. Pick-up should be promptly at 4:15.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY... October 14th

If you missed picture day this is your opportunity to order pics.

If you do not particularly like your child's photo, bring the **WHOLE** packet in for a trade in.



BUSING INFORMATION

If you have any questions regarding busing for your student, call First Student at 235-7513. They can tell you bus numbers, pick up and drop off times, etc.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

October 10 th	APC meeting 4:30 pm at Big Fireweed room 104
October 13 th	Guest Speaker: Kiki Abrahamson - Kyrgyzstan
October 14 th	Guest Speaker: Matt Steffy on our Natural Community
October 14 th	Picture Retakes
Friday Oct 21 st	End of The Quarter - No School - Teacher In service Day
Wednesday Oct 26 th	Early Release Day - School out at 1:45
Thur./Fri., Oct 27 and 28	Student led parent teacher conferences

VOLUNTEER INFO.

There are as many ways to volunteer as there are Fireweed families and we welcome you to contact our volunteer coordinator to find out how you can contribute. We'll work hard to match parents (or grandparents, aunts or uncles!) with work that fits their schedule, time and talents. Please consider joining our volunteer pool today in order to make this process more efficient.

To learn more, email fireweedvolunteer@gmail.com or call/text Susannah at 907-299-4317

And don't forget to complete the online volunteer screening. Start here:

<https://www.applitrack.com/kpbsd/onlineapp/application.aspx?starting=true>

Volunteers-required screening

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.

*****NEW***** We are now using **Pre-employ, Inc.** as our background service company. Pre-employ will be conducting more thorough background checks which require DMV searches. **The background checks will take between 5 to 10 business days to receive a result.** **Please complete the volunteer application well in advance of when you would like to volunteer.** After a background check is started, the volunteer will receive an email from Pre-employ letting them know they are running a background check and it will contain a link to Pre-employ if the volunteer would like to know the status of the background check. They will also receive an email from KPBSD once their volunteer application is approved or notifying them if there are any conditions to their approval.

To complete the screening process, visit the District's web page at 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.