



3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter October 24, 2016

Halloween Dress Up Announcement!

Big Fireweed will be hosting our dress up day on October 26th! This is an early release day before conferences. Students are invited to wear their costumes to school that day. ***NO PROPS OR MASKS!*** Dressing up is not mandatory. There will be a parade in the West Homer gym from 10:30-11:15. *Note: there will be no dressing up on October 31st.

STUDENT LED PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES!!

There is no school on October 27 and 28 - These days are set aside for our student conferences. If you have not already done so, call Janet to schedule a conference time for you and your child. 235-9728

BOOK FAIR NEWS

The Scholastic Book Fair is here at the West Homer Elementary Library! Open to the public Monday October 24 -Friday October 28th: The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day as well as during the student conferences.

Also join us on Tuesday October 25th from 4:30-6:30 for Family and Friends Fun Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!

First Lego League

Fireweed Academy will be sponsoring a team for this year's First Lego League Animal Allies Robotics challenge. This will be a parent volunteer monitored team. If your child is interested and you as the parent/guardian are able to commit to scheduling a day after school where you could monitor the team, then please contact Stephanie and get a permission slip for your child. All parent/guardian volunteers must be screened by the district. The goal is to have the team meet once a week (day to be determined) and then more often as the team sees necessary.



MATH HOMEWORK CLUB



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 have gone home this week, so sign and return them if you would like your child to participate. Pick-up should be promptly at 4:15.

The Annual McNeil Canyon Halloween Carnival will be next Friday, October 28th from 5:00 to 8:00 with fun for all and a BOUNCIE HOUSE!!!!



Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Wednesday Oct 26 th	Early Release Day - School out at 1:45 (Halloween Dress Up Day)
Thur./Fri., Oct 27 and 28	Student led parent teacher conferences
Thursday Nov. 3 rd	Fireweed Share the Spirit Movie Night at Homer Theater- featuring The Polar Express

Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough, Office of Emergency Management is pleased to announce that the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team training will be held beginning Tuesday November 1 through November 12 in Homer. This course is designed to prepare residents that do not have prior emergency response background on basic skills to keep themselves, their families, and their neighbors prepared for, and safe during, an emergency such as fire, flood, earthquake, or other incident.

The course covers skills such as fire and utility control, disaster medical skills, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster preparedness. Participants should expect a hands on course learning and practicing practical skills. Sessions are taught by emergency management professionals and other first responders, and will provide a comprehensive overview of these skills. CERT training is based on FEMA curriculum and is adapted for the unique conditions found on the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska

At the conclusion of the training, participants have the opportunity to join their local CERT team to be called upon to assist first responders during emergency or disaster conditions. CERT members have been used in the past to provide public information, staff telephone lines, perform evacuations, and many other functions.

Participants 13 and over are welcome in the class with parental consent. All materials will be provided, and there is no cost or obligation for the class. Exact class location in Homer will be announced. Class size is limited to 25 participants, and a minimum enrollment is required. Please see the detailed schedule below. Pre-registration is required, visit our website at <http://www.kpb.us/emergency-mgmt/cert/cert-home/cert-class-information> to register.

For additional questions contact Dan Nelson at [\(907\) 262-2098](tel:9072622098).

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.