

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
Early August 2015



Greetings Everyone!

We are getting excited to begin this new school year with you!

HAPPENINGS

ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE (APC) MEETING

Weds. August 12th

All are welcome to our monthly APC meetings. The APC is the governing body of the Fireweed Academy and is always open to the community. There is an opportunity to address the APC at the start of each meeting during the Public Comments period. This meeting will be held at 4:30 PM in Room 104 at Big Fireweed (located on the North end of West Homer Elementary).

Friendly School Visit

2 PM Tuesday August 18th

Come meet the teachers and visit the school and yard with your child. You are welcome to bring your child's cubby tote and school supplies this day if you would like. School Principal Kiki Abrahamson and Secretary Janet Bowen will be at this meeting to answer any questions.



1st Day of School

Wednesday, August 19th

School begins at 8:30am. Plan to arrive between 8:15 and 8:30 ready to launch into our first day.

Karen Hornaday Play Day and Potluck

Friday, August 21st

Come join the festivities at our annual sports and play day at Karen Hornaday Park. Fireweed provides the main course and we ask parents to bring side dishes, desserts and beverages. Noon-3 PM All are invited... parents and siblings!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We have a hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Milk is also available for purchase. The 'Student Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it will be in your first day packet. If your student was approved for free or reduced price meals at the close of the 2013/2014 school year, his/her meal benefits will be continued for UP to 30 days at the start of the 2014/20145 school year. This allows your student to receive meal benefits while a new application is processed.

The school district offers a hot breakfast program as well. If your student is on the free/Reduced program, there is no fee for breakfast, otherwise the cost is \$1.75.

NURSES AND IMMUNIZATION UPDATES:

VERY IMPORTANT*VERY IMPORTANT*VERY IMPORTANT

ALL STUDENTS must have current, up-to-date immunization records on file with Fireweed Academy or a current, notarized religious exemption PRIOR to the first day of school. Our Secretary, Janet Bowen, is a notary and has the exemption forms. Students without proper immunization documents will have to leave school and return when they have the proper documentation.

END OF THE DAY AND OR BUS PLANS

It is super important that you and your child have an end of the day pick-up.

If your child is riding the bus home from school, please call First Student at 235- 7513 to find out which bus number they need to take. Please send in a bus note with them so we can be sure to get them on the right bus.

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete this on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom!!!

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. 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.

SCHOOL SUPPLY LIST at the bottom of this email is the 2015-2016 School supply list for Little Fireweed. It is also available on our website schools.kpbsd.org/fireweed

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to the summer garden crew for keeping our beautiful garden blooming and thriving... Brandy and Rio, Amber and Keegan and sibs, Toy and Jenna, Kim and Robbie- the garden is beautiful because of YOU!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Weds. August 12 th	Fireweed APC Meeting	Room 104	4:30 PM @ Big Fireweed
Tuesday, August 18 th	School Visitation		2 PM
Wednesday, August 19 th	First Day of School		8:15-8:30 arrival
Friday, August 21 st	Karen Hornaday Play Day & Potluck		Noon-3 PM

K-2 FIREWEED SCHOOL SUPPLIES LIST

Individual Supplies:

(All individual supplies should be clearly marked with your child's name)

- Water Bottle
- Inside shoes (easy to get on and off!)
- 12 by 16 by 6-inch Rubbermaid style dishpan container for holding personal school supplies in child's cubby
- A sketchbook
- Package colored pencils
- Package of Colored Markers
- A pair of Friskars Scissors
- Set of Watercolor Paints
- 2"- 3 Ring Binder for Student Portfolio of work (NEW STUDENTS ONLY!)
- Large Ziploc bag with a set of extra clothes for your child. Labeled, please!!!!

Materials and Supplies to be Shared:

- 1 Dozen #2 pencils
- Box tissue
- Box of glue sticks
- Elmer's Glue
- 2 Containers of Clorox/generic disinfecting wipes
- Healthy packaged snacks for special needs/activities (One per each quarter)
- \$20 for edible supplies for literacy and cooking activities and printing photos for class books