

# K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

April 6th 2015

## HAPPENINGS



### S.T.E.M. COMES TO FIREWEED

#### WELCOME TO SHERYL SOTELO

This week Fireweed Academy, with the inspired facilitation of Sheryl Sotelo, joins a national movement called STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). The kids will be engineering and building a 'wiggobot' that they will personalize by their choice of embellishments and construction materials. They will make their 'wiggobot' represent anything from our study of cultures...or it can represent themselves. Some poetry writing will also take place.

#### COMMUNITY ICONS IN OUR TOWN'S CULTURE

This week we travel town side again to learn about Clarence Poopdeck and his role in our town and how he got his name, of course. We will walk down to the Kachemak Heritage Land Trust to learn all about him and the town trail dedicated in his name.

### HYDROPONIC FOOD, GLORIOUS FOOD - SALAD BAR FRIDAY

#### PLEASE SEND IN PREPARED ITEMS TO SHARE!!

On Friday we will have a Salad Bar with greens harvested from our hydroponic towers to add to lunch for our students. If you could send in items to go with the greens such as: Salad dressings, chopped eggs, grated cheese, sliced carrots, crumbled bacon, green onion...really, the sky is the limit!! If you could have donations ready to uncover and serve, that would be wonderful!! Thanks in advance!!

### I-SAFE Internet Safety

This week we looked at internet web safety, cyberbullying, respect and community through the i-Safe curriculum provided by the district. Kids know about getting help from a trusted adult, keeping their personal information to themselves, 'X-ing' out of places that are unapproved, and being kind and respectful when venturing in the cyber-community. We've sang, we've talked, we've colored...Fun and informative!!

## APC MEETING THIS WEEK 4:30 pm @ Big Fireweed-All Welcome!

Agenda includes: Kiki's Administrator Report, Discuss of Fireweed's Core Values, Budget Committee report and other items. There is also a Public Comments period at the start of every meeting, so if you have something to share with the governing body of the school, by all means come and share it.

## SAVE THE DATE: May 15th End of the Year Closing Activities

Little Fireweed Play Performance and Potluck Picnic  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Promotion and Closing Ceremony

## NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

### OPEN ENROLLMENT

We are done with Open enrollment. However, **we are not full in every grade** so please continue to let our friends and neighbors know that we have space for the FY16 school year. Thanks-Janet 235-9728

### THINGS WE NEED

We are in need of disinfecting wipes for surfaces, boxes of Kleenex-type tissues and boxes of Cup o' Noodles. If you can help us out with a donation, it would be greatly appreciated!!

## FUNDRAISER FOR FWA 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE FIELDTRIP

Current Fundraisers: The 6<sup>th</sup> graders are selling raffle tickets that have two terrific prizes! One is Dinner for 2 at the Homestead Restaurant, [www.homesteadrestaurant.net](http://www.homesteadrestaurant.net) (\$150 Value and donated by Rick and Sharlene Cline) and the other is a Halibut Charter for 1 from Ofishial Charters, [www.ofishial.com](http://www.ofishial.com) (\$260 value and donated by Austin Ceccarelli's parents). Each ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Friday April 17 at noon in Big Fireweed's Room 102 (Kris Owens room) during our Soup Lunch Fundraiser (our last fundraiser). Winners need not be present to win. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders have tickets for sale and I have some in my office as well-Janet.

## HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to Joey for making our Memorials Project Scrapbooks.
- Thanks to Denise Jantz and Marie McCarty of the Kachemak Land Trust for sharing information with us about Clarence Poopdeck.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

April 6 <sup>th</sup> -10 <sup>th</sup>	STEM Workshop with Sheryl Sotelo
Weds April 8 <sup>th</sup>	APC Meeting at Big Fireweed at 4:30pm
Fri, April 10 <sup>th</sup>	Gallery Tour of Poetry and Wigglebots! Do Stay Tuned!
Fri, May 1 <sup>st</sup>	Early Release Day- School out at 1:30 PM
Fri, May 15 <sup>th</sup>	SAVE THE DATE: Performance, Promotion and Closing
Weds, May 20 <sup>th</sup>	Last Day of School/Play Date at Kiki's

### **FROM THE DISTRICT EARLY RELEASE SURVEY**

“Each school day, more than 1,200 KPBSD employees do all that they can to provide a quality education to our district’s students. A part of this work is our continuous improvement process that requires us to regularly evaluate our practices so that we can in turn, make the necessary changes to help our students find success. An intricate piece of our improvements is our professional development for our certified staff. With the need to do more for our staff in this area, for the past two school years we designated six school days as minimum days—with a 90 minute early release for students, while staff works a maximum day in order to deliberately devote time to collaborate and collectively address the learning needs of our students. Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments. Thank you very much for your time.” – Sean Dusek, Superintendent

The direct link is: <http://bit.ly/KPBSDParentSurveyMinimumDays> and a link will also be added to the community interest section on the KPBSD homepage and in the KPBSD website in section: Students/Parents > Surveys at some point Tuesday evening. This link will be available April 1-24, 2015.

### **ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

#### **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](http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us) and click on Employment, then click on Volunteer, then Volunteer Vacancies, and find the location where you wish to volunteer. Click the 'Apply' button that corresponds to that location, and then follow the instructions.