



K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
January 9, 2017

HAPPENINGS!

[Happy New Year! - Welcome Back to School!](#)

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

- **LINK UP CONCERT, COMING SOON!** We've been practicing songs and recorders in preparation for participation in the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Link up Concert. All students are welcome to participate! The Homer performance is **Friday, January 20th**. Students can be dropped off at the Homer Mariner Theater at 5:30 - teachers will be there to greet students. The concert starts at 7:00. Concert dress is solid color shirt. This is a great opportunity to participate in a musical experience with other singers and an orchestra!



- **New theme this quarter - CHANGES!** We're introducing some concepts of Change this week, with theme groups to follow, shortly.

-  **LOOKING FOR PHOTOS!!** Please send in copies of photos of your student(s) when they were babies, toddlers, younger, etc. We'd like to put together a school-wide timeline that show the **CHANGES** that happen over time. You can also e-mail them to us digitally and we will print here.



- Coming soon to a school near you...
- Artist in the School at Little Fireweed
- Next week we begin a ceramics residency with potter Jeff Szarzi. To prepare for the ceramics workshops, kids are being asked to collect and gather "found" objects for their project. Found objects can include small buttons, shells, gems, crystals, feathers, etc. We won't need these objects until next week sometime, but wanted to give you the heads up to start collecting/gathering now with your child. Save until next week.
- **ALSO NEEDED:**
- A variety of different textured mat materials such as pieces of seine web, table mats, raised fabrics, gill net, etc to roll clay out on to achieve different slab results. Please send in scraps of different materials that you think might be effective. Thanks everyone!

Student Led Conferences

Student led conferences are Thursday and Friday, Feb 9 and 10, 2017 (there is no school on those days.) Please call Janet at 235-9728 to make your conference appointment.

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to our De for taking good care of Kim's class this week while Kim is back East!
- Thanks to Eliza and Steve for helping in the classroom!

- Thanks to Hale and Zane for coming in and reading to and playing with the kids!



Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Mon. Jan 16 th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday - NO SCHOOL
Fri. Jan. 20	Link - up Concert, Student drop off at 5:30, Concert - 7:00
Wed., Feb. 8	Early Release Day
Thurs/Fri Feb. 9-10	Student-Led Conferences

From Student Nutritional Service

Reapplying for Meal Benefits

Due to the reduced 2016 PFD, KPBSD Student Nutrition Services would like to encourage families that may have applied and were denied for Free lunches or qualified for reduced lunches but think they may qualify for free lunches to reapply after January 1, 2017.

If you have not applied for Free or reduced meal benefits for this school year and would like to know if you qualify, please fill out the application and submit.

Meal benefits applications may be applied for online at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us. The application is located on the Students/Parents page then scroll down to **online meal application** or you may pick up an application at any of the KPBSD schools or the Student Nutrition office at 139 E. Park Ave. Soldotna.

VOLUNTEER INFO – It's not too late !!

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>