



K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
January 23, 2017

HAPPENINGS!

ARTIST IN THE SCHOOL RESIDENCY AT LITTLE FIREWEED

Welcome this week to artist, teacher and ceramicist **JEFF SZARZI** for a residency entitled **"MYTHS AND LEGENDS IN CLAY"**. We begin with a teacher training on Monday and then launch into workshops with the kids Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week. We will continue our residency next week with a RAKU firing in the yard and a culminating celebration of our residency with parents (TBA) to share our creations. [SEE RESIDENCY NEEDS BELOW!](#)

LINK UP CONCERT A WONDERFUL SUCCESS!

An opportunity to sing and play with a live orchestra does not come along every day. Thank you for supporting your students in this endeavor. It was a lovely evening.



Student Led Parent-Teacher 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 set up your conference.

CHANGE

Exploring ideas about change this quarter...

*Observing change

*Predicting change

*Adapting to change

*Creating change

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

CLAY RESIDENCY NEEDS! By Wednesday! In a bag with your child's name!

- To prepare for the ceramics workshops, kids are being asked to collect and gather small "found" objects for their project. Found objects can include small buttons, shells, gems, grasses, lace, etc. Anything that can be used to create a pattern on clay. These pattern objects help the children claim/"own" their pendant! "This is Mine!"
- ALSO NEEDED: A variety of different textured mat materials such as pieces of seine web, table mats, raised fabrics, gill net, lace etc to roll clay out on to achieve different artist slab results. Please send in scraps of different materials that you think might be effective. Thanks everyone!

 **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. 

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thanks to Betsy and Mo for "lead dogging" this wonderful experience with the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. Lots of time and energy and planning led to an awesome result!
- Thanks also to Sue Biggs and Tammy Vollum-Maturo for their time, energy and expertise in helping to prepare our students for the show.
- 3 cheers to De Patch for her expert and genuine teaching and care of the Wolf Pup homeroom during Kim's absence. Thanks also for her sharing of the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday with all of our students. We are lucky to have her at our school as a sub extraordinaire!
- Thanks to classroom aides this week: Rebecca, Meghan, Torie, Eliza, and Steve.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Week of Jan 23-27	"Myths and Legends in Clay" w/ artist Jeff Szarzi
Fri Jan 27 th	Climate Change w/ Bob Shavelson of Cook Inlet Keeper
Week of Jan 30-Feb 2	Raku Firing and Artist Celebration (Time/Day TBA)
Wed. Feb. 8	Early Release Day
Thurs/Fri Feb. 9-10	Student-Led Conferences
Feb 13-17	Friendly Visit week at Little Fireweed 8:30-11 AM
March 6-9	K-2 Swim Week at Homer High Pool
March 10 th	No School/Teacher In service
March 10-19 th	Spring Break

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