

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

November 2, 2015



HAPPENINGS

HABITATS Theme Launches This Week!

As we dive into theme groups this week, we will have the opportunity to learn about how habitats affect the organisms, including people and animals who live in and around them, and visa versa! Jon's theme group will be exploring different habitats and the animals who reside there, Betsy's theme group will be looking at different habitats and how people have adapted to living in those habitats, and Kim's theme group will take a closer look at the micro-habitat of a single tree and all the living things found there. Habitats, here we come!!

CONFERENCES WERE YOUR STUDENT'S CHANCE TO SHINE!! And Shine They Did!

Students and families! Thanks for coming! We all really enjoyed meeting up with you and having the chance to share what we've all taught and learned!



And by the way...we STILL have a long wooden table of 'up-for-grabs' education materials in the yurt. Please stop in to take a look and pick out anything that interests you.

WORKSHOP MONDAYS AND FRIDAYS!!

Explorations time on Monday and Friday afternoons has evolved into a more focused time, with **workshops!** Each homeroom will plan a concrete exploration of a topic, whether art, building, STEM projects, or ? Students choose their top three choices, and, depending on numbers, will be able to engage in an activity they are interested in. So far, student feedback is positive. While we love the 'old' explorations model, this gives us the opportunity to provide a more focused exploration time.

ORANGES in DECEMBER packets coming home this week!

We will be holding our Fresh fruit Fundraiser:  oranges and  pomegranates

 and **Clementines**  in December again. (Sorry, no Asian Pears this time).
delivery will be sometime during the 2nd week of December. Time to start thinking
about Holiday Fruit Baskets! -Janet

HEARTY THANK YOU

- Melissa Gagnon - for bringing tumbling/circus arts to the Camouflage Wolves homeroom this week!
- Kayla for making Yoga come alive during morning movement with the Cheetah Cub homeroom.
- Thank you to Rebecca for bring pumpkin pie to the Cheetah Cub's late autumn and Halloween Literacy Circle. It was delicious!
- Thank you to Dylan Braund for cranking out the new path to the yurt. Mud be gone!!!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- Fri Nov 6th Picture retakes in the yurt- **Bring your whole packet if you want your child to have a retake!**
- Fri Nov 6th Friendly Friday at Big Fireweed- Taco Lunch Fundraiser for the 6th grade Spring Field Trip! **Send your child with \$3-5 dollars if you can to support the cause!**
- Nov. 25 Early Release Day
- Nov. 26th-27th No School - Thanksgiving
- Dec. 18th-Jan. 3rd No School - Holiday Break - School resumes Jan. 4th

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.