

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

October 12th, 2015



HAPPENINGS

Harvest Potluck & Cycles Celebration at Little Fireweed- Wednesday, Oct. 14th at 11:30

Harvest potluck and Cycles celebration of songs, dances and film! Beginning at **11:30** with a student-created Salmon Documentary in Jon's room, a Harvest Potluck will follow at 11:45ish. Please plan on bringing, potato toppings, main dishes and side dishes.

The celebration continues in the yurt around 12:30 with Circle dances, cycle songs and singing rounds. Hearty thanks to Kara for folk dancing with us and teaching the circle dances!

COMING UP SOON - OUR NEW THEME...HABITATS!!

Beginning next week, we will shift our focus from CYLES to HABITATS. If you have an related ideas, skills, hobbies, etc. that you would like to share with us,...we're all EARS!!

Great Alaska Shakedown Earthquake Drill: 10/15/2015 @ 10:15 am!

APC INFORMATION AND CHANGES

Our Academic Policy Committee meeting for the month of October will be on the 19th to accommodate some scheduling difficulties. From then on, starting in November, the meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month, 4:30-6pm in room 103 at Big Fireweed. All of our meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to participate in the governing of your child's school. We do have a parent rep seat open and if more than one person is interested, we will have a vote during the parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 if you are interested.

No School Friday: Inservice

Teachers will be meeting to complete their required training Student Growth Maps 101. Inservice Agenda: Friday October 16th.

8:30- 9:30 SGM 101 Module 3

9:30-10:00 Reflection and break

10-11:30 SGM Module 4

11:30-12: Reflection and Application to requirements.

12-1: Lunch

1-4 Collaboration teams: Evaluate Data tables, Calibrate assessments, Set targets

ORANGES in DECEMBER!

A little taste teaser-we will be holding our Fresh fruit Fundraiser: **oranges**



and **pomegranates**



and **Clementines**



in December again.

(Sorry, no Asian Pears this time). The order forms will be here in a few weeks, and delivery will be sometime during the 2nd week of December. Time to start thinking about Holiday Fruit Baskets! I will be sending out more information soon-Janet

Student-Led Parent Teacher Conferences

There is no school on October 29th and 30th (and remember that Wednesday, October 28th is an early release day) and instead we will have Student Led Parent teacher conferences. Some teachers will do a few conferences on Wednesday afternoon as well, after their collaboration time. Call Janet to set up your conference times. 235-9728

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to Pepper Martushev for helping us all look our best and stay 'focused' on picture day.
- Thank you Kara Clemens for helping teach circle dances during our theme group time.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!	
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Weds Oct. 14 th	Harvest Potluck and Cycles Celebration 11:30-1:30
October 15 th	Great Alaska Earthquake Shakedown: 10:15 am
October 28 th	Early Release Day - release time is 1:30. Buses will run as normal, just 90 minutes earlier.
Oct. 29 th -30 th	Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences- NO SCHOOL!

DISTRICT WIDE BUDGET MEETING: October 15th, Thursday @ 6pm at Homer Middle School. This meeting will be used to provide an overview of our budgeting process and our current plan for dealing with the fiscal realities we currently face. The purpose of the meeting is to gain feedback on areas of our budget that can be reduced, areas that should be expanded and suggestions for legislators about solutions to our shortfalls. This input will then be presented to the board at the November and December board meetings and work sessions. This meeting is open to the public.

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.