

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

September 14th, 2015

HAPPENINGS



BURNING BASKET 2015: REACH

Little Fireweed Students enjoyed the visit to Mariner Park on Friday to visit with artist Mavis Muller and interact with the labyrinth and Burning Basket, a community impermanent art project. Our kids had opportunities to scour the beach for natural treasures, add to and experience the maze, and to contribute to the basket with sprigs, notes and natural materials. Mavis was there to answer our many questions and to share the history of this project. And, we were treated to a delicious cookie baked by Florence, one of Homer's amazing elders who has been involved with the baskets for 10 years!! It was fun to see many of you at the basket's burning last night!



ANCHOR POINT FIELD TRIP SUCCESS!!

The weather cooperated for us on Thursday as we joined the Big Fireweed kids at Halibut Campground on the Anchor Point Beach. The tide was high, the weather

breezy but dry and the games of Capture the Flag, beach combing, rock painting and shelter building kept us all very busy!! Thanks to all our Big Fireweed friends for welcoming and letting us share part of their day!

SCHOOL PICTURES

School photos will be taken on October 7th this year. The photographer will begin about 9:15am. Siblings are welcome! Picture packets will be sent home a week prior to picture day.

FIRST EARLY RELEASE DAY THIS WEDNESDAY

Our first Early Release day is this Wednesday, September 16th. School pick up time is at **1:30PM prompt**. Buses run an hour and half early as well. Teachers will be collaborating on the student growth map creation process.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

WEATHER SMART KIDS PLEASE

The weather is changing and the seasons they go round and round. We go outside every day. Every day! Please send your child with weather smart clothes, layers and footwear.

HELP STILL NEEDED!! CALLING ALL CARPENTERS!!

We are looking for a handy person to construct a lean-to structure attached to our existing shed that will house our snowblower and weed whacker. If you have the time, creativity and skill to give to us, materials will be provided. Please let us know if you can be 'our hero'!!

GENTLE REMINDER

If you haven't brought in your \$20.00 supplies fee to your child's classroom teacher, it's not too late. Thank you!!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Please remember to do your volunteer screening so you can join us on field trips and have fun learning with us. See directions below on "how to" on the District website or call Janet at 235-9728 and she can help.

HEARTY THANK YOU

- Thanks to Katie Henry for aide help during Theme Groups and afternoon literacy time.
- Thanks to all the parents who jumped in and joined us for our time doing community art at the basket.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Weds. Sept 16 th	Early Release Day for Teacher Collaboration School Pick up is at 1:30/Buses Run 1 ½ hours early too!
Weds Oct. 7 th	School pictures starting at 9:15am
Weds. Oct. 7 th	Salmon Egg Take - Anchor River - 12:30-2:30

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.