

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

Sept 22nd, 2014

### HAPPENINGS

#### THEME GROUPS ARE UNDERWAY!

The first round in the exploration of 'the social systems of insects', ecosystems and the mechanical systems of electrical devices is nearly complete. Next week starts a new, three week rotation with more great looks at SYSTEMS. We'll keep you apprised of what is to come!!

**Needed for Jon's theme group:** Any defunct appliances, particularly those with gears (vcrs, cd/dvd players) and circuit boards - Tomorrow if possible ☺

#### SAYONARA TO KYOHEI

We have all enjoyed getting to know Kyohei and having him in our classrooms. He's been donating his time to work with us and has also shared his knowledge of origami folding with our students. *We wish you well Kyohei and hope to see you again one day. Safe travels our friend and Thank You!*

#### PICTURE DAY IS COMING....

Next Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be having Little Fireweed picture day. Keep that in mind when you send your child that morning. We are scheduled to begin at 9:15. We have one parent who has volunteered to help with the classes. We could use another if you are available.

#### WELCOME ABOARD TO KEVIN CO

Joining our Little Fireweed team this past week is our new afternoon aide, Kevin Co. No stranger to Fireweed Academy, he is on site in the afternoons to help with Lunch and Recess, Theme Groups and Explorations. He is on the playground at the end of the day supervising the yard during afternoon pickups. Be sure to say hello and thanks!

### NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Thanks to all who joined us for Open House last week! We hope

you found it beneficial and learned a few things about our cozy community of Little Fireweed. We know that your child was thrilled that you were able to attend and to show you their classrooms.

**CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!**

We could still use parent volunteers in the mornings. If you can only come for a math block or language arts block that would be great!

**HEARTY THANK YOUS**

- Thanks to Weatherly for early morning project help in the Midnight Blue Flying Hedgehog Homeroom! Even 20 minutes makes a big difference in keeping a classroom up and running!
- Thanks to all our aide support staff: David D., Kevin Co, Betsy Vanek! What a miraculous difference it makes having you all on board this year.
- Thanks to Pepper Martushev for volunteering to help out with Picture Day!
- A huge THANKS to Tonya T. and Chris A. for helping out in Miss Deb's room! Thanks to you our Young Dragon Slayers were 'on display' for our Open House and soooo proud!
- Thank you, thank you, Mavis Muhler for allowing us to participate and contribute to the burning basket project. We know and cherish your theme as we *GROW* together with pride.

**Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

Mon. Sept 29 <sup>th</sup>	Picture Day at Little Fireweed	9-11
Fri., Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Salmon Egg Take Field Trip - Anchor River	1-2:30

**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](http://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.