

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Dec 14, 2015



HAPPENINGS

Habitats Showcase and Celebration!

This Thursday Dec. 17th from 1:30-2:30 PM

Join us this Thursday from 1:30-2:30 for a showcase of our habitat work for the quarter. We will begin with a "Gallery Walk" of project work created in our investigation of habitats from 1:30 - 1:50, and will conclude with some habitat-themed Reader's Theaters and a song or two from 1:50 - 2:30. Hot cider and cookies will be on hand, and we look forward to seeing you here!!

PAJAMA DAY! POPCORN AND MOVIES!

Tomorrow (Tuesday) is the long-awaited PAJAMA DAY!! Students may come dressed in their bed-time finery, and we will have a holiday movie and popcorn in the afternoon!!

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY!

In-service Day for teachers

Community Opportunity with Bunnell Street Art Center

Lantern Making and Lantern Walk Sunday, December 20th

Lantern Making begins at 2 PM

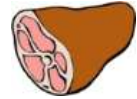
Walk Begins at 5 PM from the gallery and will return for Cider!

Procrastinator's Fair: December 19th.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for field trips, Artists in the schools and special student activities. A small group of students stayed after school last week, putting their artistic skills towards this fund-raising effort, creating items such as **Holiday Gift Tags** for the event. Crisi is looking for a few more parents/HS kids to help supervise the booth.

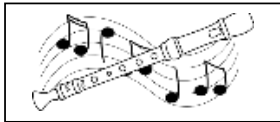


HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

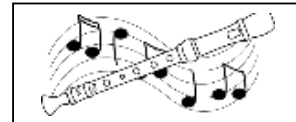


The Girl Scouts are organizing a holiday food drive in collaboration with the food pantry. They have identified Little Fireweed as the drop off spot and the collection box will be at the front desk at Little Fireweed. They will be accepting donations through Wednesday 12/16.

Big Fireweed and West Homer will be collecting food for the food pantry as well. A food train will be wrapped through the hallway starting at Ray Marshall's office. The kids will know where it is and if you want to donate, the kids can drop the donations off as they come into School.



Link Up Orchestra



This year we have the opportunity to participate in the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Link Up Program. Students in 2nd - 6th will be playing recorder during this quarter in preparation for the Link Up performance on Fri., January 15th at 7pm at Mariner Theater. Our K-2 students will also be adding their vocal talent to the mix for this performance.



What are these winter enthusiasts forgetting??...

Winter break is coming soon and it is a time to enjoy many fun outdoor activities. Every year, children and adults are seriously injured doing these fun activities. Wearing a helmet saves lives-just like wearing seatbelts and lifejackets. Not only is buying a helmet **a lot** cheaper than a trip to the emergency room, wearing it may just save a life.

Winter break is a time to spread good cheer, not germs. Washing your hands after using the bathroom and before eating is a great way to decrease the amount of germs passed around. Sneezing and coughing into your sleeve controls the spread of germs much better than sneezing and coughing into your hand. Getting enough sleep, spending time outside, and maintaining a balanced diet will help decrease the amount of time you and your family spend being ill over holiday break.

I hope these healthy holiday hints help. Wishing you a healthy and wonderful winter break.

School Nurse-Laura Peek, RN

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to all the fabulous folks who baked and worked the bake sale fundraiser at the Nutcracker Show on Wednesday night!
- Thanks to Janet for organizing a most fabulous influx of fresh fruit for us!
- Thank you to Kayla Spaan for the most wonderful yoga experiences!
- Thank you to Melissa Gagnon and Mark Tanksi for sharing their photographs of and experiences in India. Learning first-hand about habitats found on other continents is always a great thing!
- Thank you to Holli Elkington for baking cookies for us all to decorate on Pajama Day!
- Thank you to Sue Biggs for the excellent recorder lesson! All of our playing skills took a great leap!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Tuesday Dec 15 th	Pajama Day! Popcorn and Movies!
Thursday Dec 17 th	Habitat Showcase and Celebration 1:30-2:30 PM
Friday Dec 18 th	NO SCHOOL! Teacher in-Service
Sunday Dec 20 th	Bunnell Street Lantern Making and Lantern Walk
Dec. 18 th -Jan. 3 rd	End of Quarter -Winter Break- No School
Monday Jan 4 th	1 st Day Back after Winter break
Monday Jan 18 th	MLK Day - No School

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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.