



# K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

February 15, 2016

## HAPPENINGS



### LOOK OUT YURT VILLAGE...HERE WE COME...ON FRIDAY!!

Aren't yurts interesting structures? We think so! Thus, we are heading out to the yurt village on Friday afternoon to learn about these cool buildings. We will leave after lunch and return in time for buses.



### FIREWEED FRIENDLY VISIT WEEK

We have learned that grass roots, word of mouth conversations about Fireweed Academy are our best advertisement. It is this authentic, person to person sharing that seems to motivate new families to come visit and check out our exciting school. Friendly Visit Week is this week -Feb 22-25- at Big Fireweed. Your friends can call Janet to schedule a visit date!

**Be a friendly ambassador of Fireweed Academy!**

[Box Tops](#)

A note from Gail Essex who organizes the Box Top fundraiser for Fireweed: "All box tops have to be postmarked before 3/1 to count towards this year's final check. Please get all box tops to Fireweed by this Friday (Feb 26<sup>th</sup>). We are 17 dollars short of our goal so any will help thank you." You can bring them to either school, Janet will stop by Little Fireweed first thing in the morning on Friday to collect them.



### WORKSHOPS

Last week's workshops were: Puzzle-solving, construction and flashlight-making.

This week: Crystal-growing, mandala creation and glitter slime making (attempt).

### OPEN ENROLLMENT for 2016-2017

- Be sure to get your Intent to Enroll forms to Janet to ensure your student's place at Fireweed for next year. Call Janet if you have any questions.
- Spread the word about Friendly Visit Week, February 15-19



### West Homer Principal Hiring

Principal Interviews for the WHE Principal are being held on Thursday, Feb 25<sup>th</sup>, at 4 pm in the West Homer Elementary Library. The public is invited and will be provided with an opportunity to give input.



## SWIM WEEK IS COMING...MAR. 7-10

While more details will be coming next week, you can help us out in two ways: Please let Jon know your young swimmer's ability level (Beginner - developing comfort in the water, Intermediate - can put face/head into or under water and blow bubbles, or Advanced - can swim the width of the pool or further without touching the bottom, or can 'bob across'), and check your schedule to see if you can help us out in the water or in the locker rooms. We will have two sessions each day at 1:00-1:45 and 1:45-2:30. We can't wait!!

### NEEDED for the Fireweed Carpenters!

- Assortment of user friendly nails, some longer than an inch
- Different sizes of wood... some smaller for hammering on to larger pieces
- Sign post kind of wood is fun too!

Got any of these things laying around your shop!?! Bring in to Kim's room... thanks!

### REMINDER - BUS NOTES

Just a friendly reminder - if your child has a change to their afternoon plans - bus, or no bus, etc., please either send a note to school with them, make a note when you drop them off, or let Sharlyn or Janet know. Any of these methods really helps us out when it comes time for end of the day planning. Please let us know if you ever have any questions regarding bus or end of the day plans. Thank you!

### **HEARTY THANK YOU'S**

- Thank you to Lukas' Grandma Ruth for helping us out last week...we LOVE having you at school with us!!
- Thanks to parents and grandparents who are helping to spread the word about Fireweed Academy's enrollment period and Friendly Friday week.

### **FROM THE DISTRICT**

**From Larissa Mika:** We are pleased to announce that we will be adding the option for those living in Homer to attend the upcoming Central Peninsula area

**Substitute Training** remotely. It is possible this is the last substitute training of the year, unless I receive a large number of calls, so if you know of anyone who is interested, please be sure to have them contact me at 718-8845 to pre-register.

**Wednesday, February 17th, 2016 10am – 12:30pm**

**Homer Middle - Professional Development Room**

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding **Public Budget Meetings** at the following locations:

- Tuesday, February 16, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Seward High School library
- Wednesday, February 17, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Soldotna High School library
- Tuesday, February 23, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library

Everyone interested is encouraged to attend one of the meetings. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

<b>Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!</b>
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M-Th Feb 22-25

Big Fireweed Friendly Visit Week- tell your friends!

Fri. March 4<sup>th</sup>

Structures Expo at Big Fireweed 1:30-2:30 PM

Mon-Thurs March 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>

Little Fireweed Swim Week

Fri., March 11<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL - Teacher In-service Day

Mar. 14<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>

NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

**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](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.