

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

January 19, 2016



HAPPENINGS

A BEAUTIFUL LINK-UP CONCERT!!



Thank you so much parents, students, and staff for a great Link Up experience. Here's to music and the arts!!

OPEN ENROLLMENT for FY17

Be sure to get your Intent to Enroll forms to Janet to ensure your student's place at Fireweed for next year. Forms were sent home via email last week. Our best advertisement for new students is word of mouth so let your friends and neighbors know about Fireweed. Call Janet if you have any questions.

STRUCTURES! Theme Groups!



In Kim's theme group, we exploring the mysteries of Pangea, continental drift, volcanism, gravity, ice and rushing water to learn about landforms and their creation. We are also making land mass models showing land forms using colored

salt dough. In Betsy's theme group, students are carrying their study of Greek columns to Roman arches by asking questions and testing answers about strength. A Roman aqueduct is in the plans for the rest of the week. In Jon's theme group students are turning their eyes to the sky to look for patterns and structures in the stars (a.k.a constellations). They have been learning Greek myths about the constellations, and then creating their own constellations complete with their own myths.

DISCOVERY LAB FIELD TRIP ON FRIDAY!

"Thinking Like a Salmon" with KBRR's Carmen Fields

We will be traveling to Islands and Ocean on Friday in two mixed groups. A morning group will be at the Discovery Lab from 9-11 and the afternoon group will be going from 12:30-2:30. We will have an early lunch all together at school on Friday at 11:45 AM. Sounds like fun, eh?!

STUDENT-LED PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

There will be no school on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 4-5, instead we will hold the student-led parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to schedule your conference.

Healthy Snacks Needed!

**Our reserves of healthy snacks to serve at snack time have been depleted!
Help! Help! Thank you!**

Coming in February! OUR AMAZING OCEAN!

Big Fireweed students have been invited by Jessica Shepherd to monitor the craft table at the next Discovery Lab at the Islands and Oceans visitor center from 3:00 -5:00 on Wednesday, February 3rd. The Subject of this Public Discovery Lab is *Our Amazing Ocean*. "At this family friendly Discovery Lab examine some of the remarkable creatures that inhabit the ocean, explore how currents, volcanoes and earthquakes shape our shorelines and learn why the ocean is so important to a habitable world."

We hope that the families of Little Fireweed students will attend!

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks for being great supporters and ambassadors for Fireweed Academy!
- Thank you to Tammy Vollom-Matturro for helping us to practice and prepare for Link-Up this Friday.
- Thank to Betsy at Little and Stephanie at Big for leading and facilitating our partnership with Sue Biggs and Tammy Vollom-Matturro and the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra. What an amazing experience for all our kids!

- And to Kiki for opening our eyes to the worlds of baby goats and Leatherback Sea Turtles.
- Thank you to Nomad Shelters folks for work on the little yurt.

FROM THE DISTRICT

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.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Friday Jan 22nd

"Think Like a Fish" Discovery Lab w/KBRR

Wednesday, Feb. 3

Early Release

Th/Fri, Feb. 4-5

Student-Led Conferences-no school: Call Janet to schedule at 235-9728

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.