



## K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

January 26, 2016

### HAPPENINGS

#### 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.

#### THINKING LIKE A SALMON

##### At Kachemak Bay Research Reserve



#### EARTHQUAKES AND PREPAREDNESS

Our students were 'a-buzz' with stories of personal experiences or 'news' they acquired related to Sunday's earthquake. Not to miss a learning opportunity, we met together to build understanding of earthquakes from the standpoint of plate tectonics, and to re-visit earthquake preparedness involving duck-cover and hold, and evacuating the building until it is cleared for us to return. We watched a great 'kid-sized' video on the mechanics of an earthquake and the structures of the planet that make them happen, then we watched our own PSA on earthquake safety. Finally, we conducted an earthquake drill to build muscle-memory around ducking, covering, holding and then evacuating. We are prepared.

#### 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!!

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. 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 to parents and grandparents who are helping to spread the word about Fireweed Academy's enrollment period and friendly Friday week.
- Thanks to Brian Saunders for his help finishing up door stop installation on the little yurt!
- Thanks to families who have sent in new healthy snacks... we so appreciate it.
- Thank you to Carmen Field, and Carole and Susan for a great exploration of salmon and Islands and Ocean!

### **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!**

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](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.