

# K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

March 21, 2016



## HAPPENINGS

WELCOME BACK FROM SPRING BREAK! HERE'S HOPING ALL YOUR FAMILY TIME AND ADVENTURES WERE WONDERFUL!

### exploration

*The action of traveling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it.*

Join us as we embark on investigations and expeditions, studies and surveys, research and inspection, scrutiny and observation. Your ideas are always welcome!

### Matisse and Marble Painting: Explorations into Art!

Workshops this week include exploration into two art forms. Marble painting with colored shaving cream and the work of the artist Henri Matisse. Students are "Drawing with Scissors" and getting messy with color! Learning new art techniques is good fun.

### LAST DAY!



### FRESH FRUIT FUNDRAISER



Order forms are due back today, Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>... but if you got them to me first thing tomorrow morning, March 22 that would work as well. I have to turn my numbers in tomorrow afternoon. We are having a very low turnout for this fund raiser so if your order form is laying on the kitchen table, tomorrow is the absolute latest.

### FY17 Enrollment for fall

**\*\* Open Enrollment is complete and we do have more space-tell your friends\*\***

## **Book Fair News at the West Homer Library**

The Scholastic Book Fair is here at the West Homer Elementary Library! Open to the public Monday March 28<sup>th</sup> -Friday April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day.

**Also join us on Tuesday March 29th 4:30-6:30 for Family and Friends Fun Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!**

There will be books, science kits, art kits, notebooks, posters and more—something for everyone! We will have lots of fun!!!!!!

See you there,

Lisa Whip, Cheryl Illg -West Homer Library

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

- Thank you to Sharlene Cline and Ana Polit for jumping on board to fill in for Jon and Betsy this week. We are lucky to have such talented teachers to sub in our school! Lots of art and Spanish this week thanks to these two fine folks!

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

Fri. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wonderheads Performance at Homer High
Fri. April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Early Release day
Mon. April 4 <sup>th</sup>	Fireweed School Board Presentation in Soldotna
Fri. April 8 <sup>th</sup>	Tidepooling on Mud Bay -5 low tide!
Mon. April 11 <sup>th</sup>	APC Meeting @ Big Fireweed at 4:30 PM

### **FROM THE DISTRICT:**

Dear KPBSD parents and guardians,

KPBSD Parent Survey: Do student early release days make a difference?

**Please take a brief online four question survey, open March 11 – March 28, 2016,** to share your perceptions and thoughts about the six early release days for students.

“Each school day, more than 1,200 KPBSD employees do all that they can to provide a quality education to our district’s students. A part of this work is our continuous improvement process that requires us to regularly evaluate our practices so that we can in turn, make the necessary changes to help our students find success. An intricate piece of our improvements is our professional development for our certified staff. With the need to do more for our staff in this area, for the past two school years we designated six school days as minimum days—with a 90 minute early release for students, while staff works a maximum day in order to deliberately devote time to collaborate and collectively address the learning needs of our students. Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. [Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments.](#) Thank you very much for your time.” – Sean Dusek, Superintendent

## **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.