

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

March 28, 2016



HAPPENINGS

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!

THEME GROUPS

New theme groups begin tomorrow and will explore exciting aspects of exploration through arts, tools and the natural world. Stay tuned for exciting things coming your way!!

WONDERHEADS on FRIDAY!!

We will be attending a performance of Wonderheads at Mariner Theater this Friday. We will begin our walk to the high school at 9AM for the 9:30 performance and will head back to school following the show.

Early Release Day - This Friday

Early Release day is this Friday, April 1st. School pick up time is at **1:30PM prompt**. Buses run an hour and half early as well. Teachers will be collaborating on planning for exploration theme groups.

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 28th -Friday April 1st. 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

- Thank you to all our parents for the support you show your child, the teachers and the school!!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

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