

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

December 14, 2015



We have many exciting events scheduled for this week!

Monday... Talent Show! Tuesday... Holiday Crafts!

Wednesday... Ice Skating! Thursday... Gift Exchange!

December 14th Talent Show!

The Talent show was a great success! This school is so full talent and it's great to see the students showcasing that talent. The encouragement and support from their peers goes a long way too! Pictures will be posted soon. ☺



Ice Skating



Students should dress warmly and bring a helmet. Volunteers to help with getting skates on are welcome. Hopefully, they will stay and skate as well!

Annual Holiday Gift Exchange



On Thursday, December 17th students in 3rd-6th grade will participate in our annual Holiday Gift Exchange. This is a fun time to exchange gifts amongst the whole school. What happens is that each student is asked to bring in a gift. The gift should be a gently used toy, game, book, homemade item, OR cost less than \$5.00. It should be wrapped but with no writing on it. We then compile the gifts and through a drawing the kids are given a number. They then choose an item from the compiled presents OR "steal" a present from someone else (think White Elephant style). Usually this is a highly anticipated activity that the students greatly enjoy. Each student ends up with a gift to keep or donate in some way. We encourage the students to think of this activity as more of a fun experience rather than receiving a gift.

Procrastinator's Fair: December 19th -This is a great opportunity to raise funds for field trips, Artists in the schools and special student activities. A small group of students stayed after school last week, putting their artistic skills towards this fund-raising effort, creating items such as **Holiday Gift Tags** for the event. Crisi is looking for a few more parents/HS kids to help supervise the booth.

Healthy Holiday Hints



What's missing from these pictures?

Winter break is coming soon and it is a time to enjoy many fun outdoor activities. Every year, children and adults are seriously injured doing these fun activities.

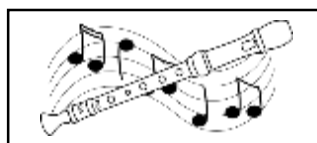
Wearing a helmet saves lives-just like wearing seatbelts and lifejackets. Not only is buying a helmet **a lot** cheaper than a trip to the emergency room, wearing it may just save a life.

Winter break is a time to spread good cheer, not germs. Washing your hands after using the bathroom and before eating is a great way to decrease the amount of germs passed around. Sneezing and coughing into your sleeve controls the spread of germs much better than sneezing and coughing into your hand. Getting enough sleep, spending time outside, and maintaining a balanced diet will help decrease the amount of time you and your family spend being ill over holiday break.

I hope these healthy holiday hints help. Wishing you a healthy and wonderful winter break.

Your school nurse-Laura Peek, RN

Link Up Orchestra

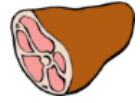


Once again we have the opportunity to participate in the Kenai Peninsula Orchestra's Link Up Program. Students in 3rd - 6th will be playing recorder during this quarter in

preparation for the Link Up performance in January. Sue Biggs came in last week as a guest teacher to give us some tips on how to prepare.



HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE



The Girl Scouts are organizing a holiday food drive in collaboration with the food pantry. They have identified Little Fireweed as the drop off spot and the collection box will be at the front desk at Little Fireweed. They will be accepting donations through Wednesday 12/16.

Big Fireweed and West Homer will be collecting food for the food pantry as well. A food train will be wrapped through the hallway starting at Ray Marshall's office. The kids will know where it is and if you want to donate, the kids can drop the donations off as they come into School.

THANK YOUS' are Due:

Guest Speakers - A big thanks to Joel Cooper from Kachemak Heritage Land Trust for coming and closing our theme of habitats. Joel presented how to be a good steward of the land in our area. The kids got to play a scavenger hunt game with pictures Joel posted and guessing where in the area it was located. Many thanks to Joel for coming in and sharing the exciting work he is doing!

Upcoming Dates

Dec 16	Ice skating fieldtrip
Dec 17	Gift Exchange
Dec 18	No School, teacher in-service day
Dec 19	Procrastinators Faire, HHS
Dec 21-Jan 1	Winter break