

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

December 7, 2015



Share the Spirit Spaghetti Fundraiser: Tuesday December 8th.

Once again we have been asked to participate in the Share the Spirit Spaghetti Fundraiser by providing rolls. The 5th and 6th grade students will be making rolls Tuesday morning and baking them in the school oven. We are looking for large baskets with cloth liners to transport and serve the rolls. Please send them in on Monday if you can help out with that. Our goal is 35 dozen... that's 420 rolls we'll be cranking out. Students who have not completed their literature study book and guide will be working on that instead of participating so I strongly encourage them to complete their books and note-taking guides this weekend!

Nutcracker Bake Sale is Wednesday night, December 9th. Please bring those items in to school by 3:30 on Wednesday if you can't make it to the High School Wednesday night.

Procrastinator's Fair: December 19th.

This is a great opportunity to raise funds for field trips, Artists in the schools and special student activities. Remember Kiki and Crisi will be working with students after school Tuesday and Wednesday for the next two weeks. Extra parent help is always appreciated. Maybe you have a creative idea for a stocking stuffer you could facilitate. Also Crisi is looking for a few more parents/HS kids to help supervise the booth.

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.

Healthy Holiday Hints



What's missing from

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

2nd Quarter Theme: Habitats

We continue building up our different habitats. We are looking at the nutrient content in different zones. We are specifically studying the influence of salinity, pressure, sunlight within Ocean Biomes. We are creating woven anemones and jellyfish with yarn and paper mache fish. Come in and see our mural!

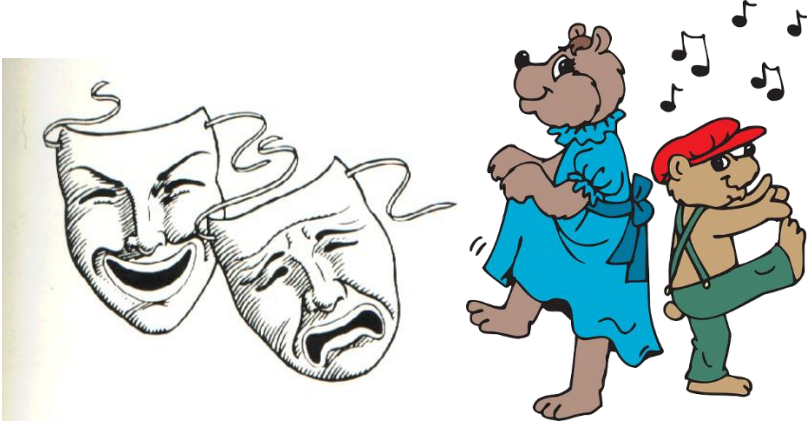


Robotics on Wednesday afterschool

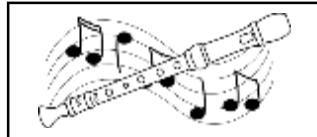
Robotic will continue this week from 3:15 - 4:15. There will be no afterschool robotics the week of November 14th.

December 14th Talent Show!

On December 14th we will be having a talent show in the WHE gym from 1:15-2:15 (tentatively). Students can sign up outside of Hannah's room. Please talk with your student at home, and encourage them to showcase one of their many talents during this performance. It can be anything from dancing to performing a skit with friends.



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.

Guest Speakers

Joel Cooper Stewardship Director of Kachemak Heritage Land Trust- Thursday Dec 10, 2015



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:

Representing both Big and Little Fireweed, Ori, Elena, and Jai Badajos and Kara, David, and Cylda Clemens worked a SOLD OUT crazy Nutcracker Ballet show yesterday and did a phenomenal job!!! They earned \$300 for Fireweed Academy- 3 cheers for them!

How about those great speakers we have been having during our habitat theme...

- Carmen Fields, from Islands & Oceans, talking about the Kachemak Bay Watershed, salmon habitat and life cycles and how to age fish.
- FWA parents Matt Steffy from Homer Soil and Water conservation District, talking about invasive species...
- local gardener Lori Jenkins talking about local habitat resources for wild and domestically grown food...
- and Joel Cooper, Stewardship Director with Kachemak Heritage Land Trust who is coming in this week to talk about the habitats of the Land Trust

Upcoming Dates	
TBA	Joel Cooper, guest speaker
Dec 9	Fruit delivery hopefully☺
Dec 9	Intermission bake sale fundraiser- 7pm Nutcracker performance
Dec 14	Talent show
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