



## 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Fireweed Academy Newsletter

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Theme: Habitats

We will be introducing our 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter theme this week...HABITATS. Students will be discovering the essential components that make up healthy habitats for living things. Today we read "The Lorax" by Dr. Seuss. We brainstormed on the major characteristics of all living things. Next we will brainstorm the basic needs of living things and learn how their habitat meets those needs. In the coming days we will differentiate between biomes, ecosystems and habitats. We will be studying the major Biomes, what makes them function, how they are connected and the potential threats that they face.

#### Whale Watching Field Trip

Tuesday afternoon, Big Fireweed will be taking our first field trip for our Habitats theme. (Pick up at 12:15 from WHE and Pick up at 2:30 sharp from the spit) We will be taking the Rainbow Connection into Kachemak Bay to hopefully witness the Humpback Whale extracting nutrients from its habitat. Please make sure your child has his/her permission slip turned in. Please have your child dress warmly (hat, gloves, coat, and appropriate footwear). Cameras are encouraged. Teachers are not responsible for lost cameras or phones. Photograph at your own risk.



#### Afterschool Offering ROBOTICS

Stephanie will be offering a Robotics Opportunity afterschool for this next quarter. The specific project is the First Lego League Challenge. It is open to the 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. We provide the Lego Robotic Kit for attempting the challenge. The cost is \$30 per student for 6 weeks. There will be a limit to the number of participants. Please contact Stephanie if your child is interested. We decided to go with Wednesday's from 3:15 - 4:30. We will start this week.




## Friendly Friday Taco Lunch

The sixth graders are hosting a taco and burrito lunch this Friday. Suggested minimum donations are \$3 for students and \$5 for adults. These donations will help to replenish the student activity fund. The taco lunch is from 12:00 - 12:30 and we hope to see everybody there!

## ORANGES in DECEMBER packets coming home this week!

We will be holding our Fresh fruit Fundraiser: **oranges**  and **pomegranates** 

and **Clementines**  in December again. (Sorry, no Asian Pears this time). Packets are coming home this week and the return date back to school is Nov 16<sup>th</sup>- delivery will be sometime during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December. Time to start thinking about Holiday Fruit Baskets! -Janet



*A photo of Fireweed students Elias Allen, Spencer Co, Iida-Becerrill, included in a feature Story on Mind A'Mazes at the KPBSD website.*

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### Upcoming Dates

Nov 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Whale Watching Trip
Nov 6 <sup>th</sup>	Friendly Friday Taco Lunch
Nov 7 <sup>th</sup>	Picture retakes
Nov 25 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release
Nov 26-27	No School (Thanksgiving)