



3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter October 12, 2015

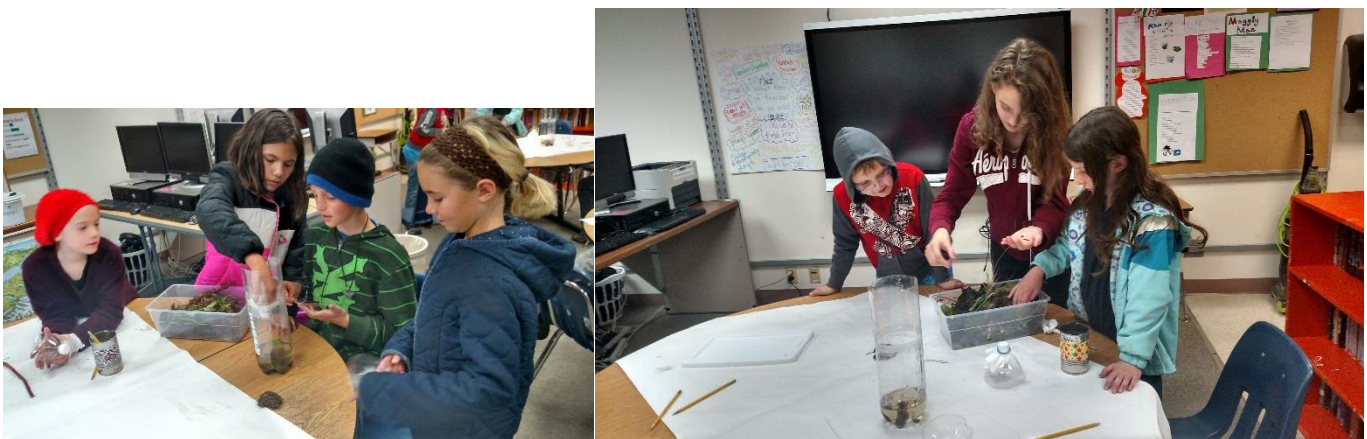
Great Alaska Shakedown Earthquake Drill: 10/15/2015 @ 10:15 am!

Loopy Lupine Field Trip

We had the privilege of going to the Loopy Lupine production sight last Thursday. We were able to take a tour of the facility and see all that they distribute and produce. We got to see all the parts of the "cycle" of their cup making business. It was a great trip!

Cycles Theme News

Students in Hannah's Theme Group have been learning about the water cycle. Students were split into groups and made a "pop bottle" ecosystem. Within this ecosystem they were able to observe most steps in the water cycle process. They kept journals and observation reports. Students also completed research and had a seminar about how water affects people around the world. They compared and contrasted the idea that there is "too much" water (ice caps melting) and also "not enough" water (pollution). We now have 9 pop bottle ecosystems going on in our classroom. It's fun to compare the differences and similarities between them. Let's see how long they last!



Realtors Conference and Performance

On September 30th the students went on a brief field trip to Lands End for the Realtors Conference. Fireweed Academy was invited to come and perform a few nautical songs and lead the conference in the pledge of allegiance. The students were a hit and had the conference goers laughing and cheering to their humorous nautical songs. A few students

even dressed up for the occasion such as an octopus, pirates, a plastic bag (to symbolize debris in our ocean), water etc. Thank you, Stephanie, for leading the students and accompanying them with your guitar!



APC INFORMATION AND CHANGES

Our Academic Policy Committee meeting for the month of October will be on the 19th to accommodate some scheduling difficulties. From then on, starting in November, the meetings will be on the 2nd Monday of each month, 4:30-6pm in room 103 at Big Fireweed. All of our meetings are open to the public and we encourage you to participate in the governing of your child's school. We do have a parent rep seat open and if more than one person is interested, we will have a vote during the parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 if you are interested.

No School Friday: Inservice

Teachers will be meeting to complete their required training Student Growth Maps 101. Inservice Agenda: Friday October 16th.

8:30- 9:30 SGM 101 Module 3

9:30-10:00 Reflection and break

10-11:30 SGM Module 4

11:30-12: Reflection and Application to requirements.

12-1: Lunch

1-4 Collaboration teams: Evaluate Data tables, Calibrate assessments, Set targets,

Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences

There is no school on October 29 and 30th (and remember that Wednesday, October 28th is an early release day) and instead we will have Student Led Parent teacher conferences. Some teachers will do a few conferences on Wednesday afternoon as well, after their collaboration time. Call Janet to set up your conference times. 235-9728

ORANGES in DECEMBER!

A little taste teaser - we will be holding our Fresh fruit Fundraiser: **oranges**  and **pomegranates**  and **Clementines**  in December again. (Sorry, no Asian Pears this time). The order forms will be here in a few weeks, and delivery will be sometime during the 2nd week of December. Time to start thinking about Holiday Fruit Baskets! I will be sending out more information soon -Janet.

DISTRICT WIDE BUDGET MEETING:

October 15th, Thursday @ 6pm at Homer Middle School.

This meeting will be used to provide an overview of our budgeting process and our current plan for dealing with the fiscal realities we currently face. The purpose of the meeting is to gain feedback on areas of our budget that can be reduced, areas that should be expanded and suggestions for legislators about solutions to our shortfalls. This input will then be presented to the board at the November and December board meetings and work sessions.

Upcoming Dates

Picture Day

October 7

October 15th: Great Alaska Earthquake Shakedown:
10:15 am

October 16th: End of 1st Quarter

October 29th & 30th: Student led Conferences