



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

Mind A'Mazes

Fireweed Academy was well represented by the team, "Nenonobo II" at the district-wide, problem-solving event, Mind A'Mazes. Elias Allen, Spencer Co, Zion Iida-Becerrill, and Lion Trejo applied their growing problem-solving skills at Soldotna Elementary on October 10th, and had a great 4th place finish (out of 28 teams) in the Spontaneous Problem. It was an exciting and fun day!



Theme Group Update:

Hannah's brother, Jon, has been visiting the past few weeks. Jon has worked at an environmental cleanup company for the past 5 years. Since the students have been talking about water and the water cycle, Jon came in and presented on his work with oil spills and the various bodies of water he's helped clean up. The students asked many insightful questions about oil spills, how they are cleaned up, and how they affect people, plants, and animals. They were also able to inquire about the differences and problems between an oil spill and chemical waste (acid rain).



With the first quarter over, the "Cycles" theme is coming to a close. Our theme during the 2nd quarter is "Habitat." If you have ideas for guests and/or field trips, or theme-related expertise that you would like to share, please let us know!



Students work together to build a circuit during the cycles theme.

Student Led 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. Students have started to prepare for these, by reflecting on their first quarter progress and accomplishments, selecting pieces to share, and setting goals for the next quarter. Please plan to have your student with you at conferences, so that they can share their accomplishments and challenges. If you haven't already done so, call Janet to set up your conference times. 235-9728

APC MEETING THIS WEDNESDAY

Our Academic Policy Committee meeting for the month of October will be on the 19th 4:30-6pm in room 103 at Big Fireweed. (Normally this meeting is held the 2nd Monday of the Month.)

Agenda Items include: Public Comments, Administrator's Report, Strategic Planning committee reports, Budget Committee Report, Principal transition and FWA expansion.

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.

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.

Upcoming Dates

October 16th: End of 1st Quarter

October 28th: Early Release

October 29th & 30th: Student led Conferences