

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

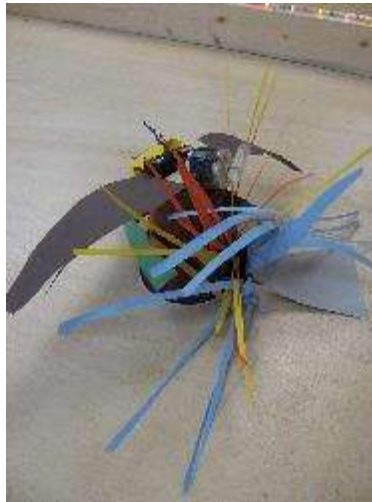
October 5, 2015

Thank you!

...to Chris Fontaine. Chris is a Registered Nurse and presented to Fireweed students on the medical field.

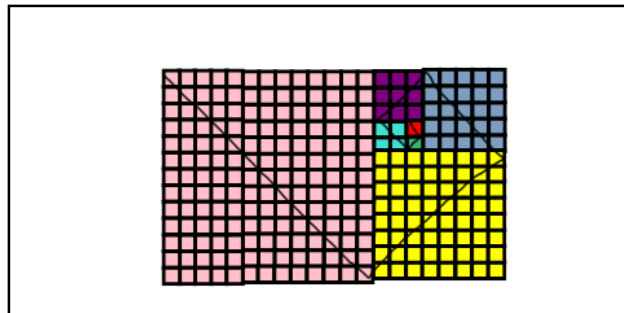
Cycles Theme News

Students in Stephanie's theme group have been studying plant and animal life cycles and species adaptations to seasonal changes in daylight temperature... We are testing variables such as sunlight, nutrient and water for plant life cycles. We are engineering adaptations in breeding plumages for motorized models of birds. Take a look! Come on in to see these BIRD BOTS in action on the Tinker Table.



Mathematical Cyclical and Spiral Patterns

In 3rd and 4th Math, student are modeling all kinds of patterns. We are learning about multiples, factors and more. We are discovering the power of patterns to make accurate predictions. Today we heightened our awareness of the amazing pattern of the Fibonacci sequence in many things around us.



School Photos

School photos will be this Wednesday on October 7th. They will be in the afternoon, starting at about 12:45. Siblings are welcome! Picture packets went home today

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.

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

From the District:

Title VII Indian Education meeting

Soldotna, October 2, 2015—The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District Title VII Advisory Committee will hold a public meeting on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

The Title VII Advisory Committee is comprised of parents and guardians of Title VII students who have been appointed by school site councils. Interested tribal elders, community members, students and parents are encouraged to participate.

Thursday, October 8, 2015 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Borough Assembly Chambers, Borough Administration Building

144 North Binkley Street, Soldotna, Alaska 99669

The KPBSD Title VII, Indian Education Program, supports Alaska Native-American Indian students for a successful experience throughout their K-12 schooling years. The Title VII Program is designed to assist and support students' academic achievements, social and emotional development, and cultural awareness in the classroom. KPBSD Native students will be supported and enabled to receive an educational foundation, and given the skills to respond successfully with adults, situations, circumstances, activities and opportunities in school and life. Over 114 Alaska Native Tribal affiliations are represented in the nearly 1,200 identified Native students in the KPBSD Title VII Program.

Agenda includes

- Outreach in schools to identify all students who qualify for Title VII services, [online form](#)

- Review of past priorities and outcomes in 2014-2015; Set 2015-2016 priorities
- Project Grad

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.

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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