

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 21, 2015

School Photos

School photos will be on October 7th this year. They will be in the afternoon, starting at about 12:45. Siblings are welcome! Picture packets will be sent home a week prior to picture day.

Mind A'Mazes: "As the Pendulum Swings"

"Mind a-Mazes" is a district-wide, problem-solving competition, sponsored by the KPBSD Quest Program. Four (4) students per team work to design a solution to a hands-on "Long Term Problem" and are asked to solve a "Spontaneous Problem" on the day of the event. "Mind a-Mazes" is open to students in grades 4-12. The problem this year is to essentially construct a free-standing apparatus from which a pendulum can be suspended. Once set in motion, the pendulum will have two minutes in which to perform various tasks, such as ring a bell. **An in-depth description of the problem and event is attached to this newsletter.** Copies are also available through Kris, who facilitates Fireweed's participation in the event. Kris's classroom will be available on Monday afternoons (3:15 - 4:10) as a meeting/work-space for teams.



Team "Nenonobo" was one of 4 teams representing Fireweed in the MAM 2014. Fireweed teams took 1st place in the spontaneous problem (District 12, Lost Locos) and the Judges Choice award (Nenonobo).

American Sign Language Club

Chelsea Carpenter - a sign language interpreter at WHE - is offering a sign club after school on Mondays from 3:30-4:30, starting this week (9/14/15). This is a great opportunity for students to learn a new language and participate in a whole school (WHE and FWA) activity. Hannah will be the teacher representative, and participating with the students in this fun after school activity! The cost is \$10.00 and parents are welcome to join too!

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.

Busing information

If you have any questions regarding busing for your student, call First Student at 235-7513. They can tell you bus numbers, pick up and drop off times, etc.

Volunteers-required screening -This is required by the district if you want to be a volunteer in our school

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Mandatory Volunteer Screening

Anyone interested in being a school volunteer needs to complete an online form and agree to a background check; only criminal activity will be checked. All information will be kept confidential and information can only be accessed by a few members of the Human Resources department. To complete the screening process, visit the District's web page at www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us and click on Employment, then click on Volunteer, then on Volunteer All Vacancies, and find the location where you wish to volunteer. Click the 'Apply' button that corresponds to that location, then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.

Anchor Point Campout Lost and Found

Is your student missing something from the campout? There is a temporary campout lost-and-found under the table in the hallway. There are plates, cups, silverware, water bottles, clothing, etc. We are hopeful that most of this will get back to the folks who lost track of their items.

Upcoming Dates	
Open House	September 24
Harvest Festival	September 24
Picture Day	October 7
October 15 th : Great Alaska Earthquake Shakedown: 10:15 am	