

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

August 31, 2015

Bear Presentation:

Last Friday Stephanie shared photos from a trip to the Alaska Peninsula and shared observations from the field. The Life cycles of the coastal brown bear.



Guest Speaker this Friday:

To expand on last Friday's photo presentation, Bear Biologist Derek Stonorov will be joining us this Friday at 1:30 to share with us his history and knowledge of the Alaska Peninsula's coastal brown bears. We will dive into the life cycle of the brown bear and sockeye salmon while exploring the limiting factors that affect these interconnected cycles.

Burning Basket - Community Art Project:

Next Wednesday, Sept 9th, Big Fireweed Students will be going to Mariner Park to participate in creating Mavis Muller's community impermanent art project. This year's basket theme is "Release". We are encouraging students to begin collecting spruce cones, discarded oyster shells, elder berries, leaves, sticks... to bring in Wednesday morning. These contributions will become part of the labyrinth or basket. Parent volunteers are welcome to join us there on Wednesday morning.

Fiber Arts meets LED:

Kiki will be teaching an after school Fiber Arts class on Thursdays starting September 17th from 3:15 - 5:15. A Flyer will be emailed and permission slips will be available at school.

Alice Training:

You may have heard child talk about the ALICE (Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate) drill that we conducted last Friday. This was in preparation for a safety closure which simulated evacuating the building. Kiki will be sending you information about emergency action plan drill shortly. This is in keeping with the latest district requirements

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.

Start of School Packets

Your student will be coming home shortly with their start of school packet from Janet. It will have a variety of paperwork (emergency contact list, field trip forms) to be filled out and returned promptly to homeroom teacher or Janet.

Volunteers-required screening

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be volunteering at the school or chaperoning on field trips, please take a moment to complete this on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom and on field trips!!!

Read this...School District News... 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.

Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- September 9th Burning Basket Building
- September 10-11th Anchor Point Camp Out
- September 16th Early Release Day