

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

April 20th 2015

HAPPENINGS

INDONESIA COMES TO LITTLE FIREWEED

Thanks to Emilie Springer for a fabulous "trip" to Indonesia and a look inside Indonesian culture. Gamelan orchestras, shadow puppets, food, music and dance all came alive in stories and slides today. We even got a chance to try on all the sarongs. Thank you Emilie, for a taste of a culture from a true anthropologist!

NEW THEME GROUPS START THIS WEEK

This week kicks off our final series of theme groups for this school year. In Jon's group the culture of team sports will be explored including sportsmanship, team work and rules that run games. In Deb's group kiddos will be making costumes and the backdrop for our year-end performance. And in Kim's group, a mystery awaits.

THE FROG PRINCE

This week culminated a very successful and enjoyable partnership with the Homer Youth String Orchestra Club and Lisa Shallock. Students presented the narrated story of The Frog Prince both at our very own yurt and at Islands and Ocean on Sunday. Thanks to Kara Clemens for bringing this opportunity into our midst. It was a wonderful experience. We also had several Fireweed Students performing in the Youth Orchestra! Job very well done! What a great *note* to end on!



SAVE THE DATE: May 15th End of the Year Closing Activities

Little Fireweed Play Performance and Potluck Picnic

2nd Grade Promotion and Closing Ceremony

ANNOUNCING THE WINNER OF THE 6TH GRADE RAFFLE

- Gift certificate for dinner at the Homestead, values at \$150 and donated by the Cline family.....Kiki Abrahamson!
- Gift Certificate for a halibut Chart trip for one with O'Fish'ial Charters, valued at \$260 and donated by the Mathews-Ceccarelli family.... Terry Gilliland!

The raffle made \$452.50, which will be used to help the 6th graders go on their fieldtrip. Congratulations to the winners, thank you to the donors and thanks to everyone who helped sell ticket.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

We are done with Open enrollment. However, **we are not full in every grade** so please continue to let our friends and neighbors know that we have space for the FY16 school year. Thanks-Janet 235-9728

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks again Emilie for a great cultural journey today.
- Thanks to the Homer Youth String Orchestra, Lisa Shallock and Kara Clemens for a great music and storytelling experience.
- Thanks also to Leeann and Ana, our fabulous substitute teachers, who have jumped in with both feet into our school learning.
- Thank you to Sheri Mattson for teaching the Dolphins a new math game
- Finn's Mom, Victoria for donating Kleenex and wipes.
- Jenna's Grandma, Tori, for donating snacks
- Robbie's Mom, Kim, for snacks

- Someone else in Miss Deb's room, for the box of Cup Noodles!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Fri, May 1 st	Early Release Day- School out at 1:30 PM
Mon. May 4 th	Step-up Day for 2 nd Graders - Leaving at 8:45 and returning after Big Fireweed Lunch and Recess
Fri, May 15 th	SAVE THE DATE: Performance, Promotion and Closing
Weds, May 20 th	Last Day of School/Play Date at Kiki's

FROM THE DISTRICT

EARLY RELEASE SURVEY

“Each school day, more than 1,200 KPBSD employees do all that they can to provide a quality education to our district’s students. A part of this work is our continuous improvement process that requires us to regularly evaluate our practices so that we can in turn, make the necessary changes to help our students find success. An intricate piece of our improvements is our professional development for our certified staff. With the need to do more for our staff in this area, for the past two school years we designated six school days as minimum days—with a 90 minute early release for students, while staff works a maximum day in order to deliberately devote time to collaborate and collectively address the learning needs of our students. Now that you are familiar with these shortened student school days, we want to receive your feedback on them. Please complete these questions, and provide your optional comments. Thank you very much for your time.” – Sean Dusek, Superintendent

The direct link is: <http://bit.ly/KPBSDParentSurveyMinimumDays> and a link will also be added to the community interest section on the KPBSD homepage and in the KPBSD website in section: Students/Parents > Surveys at some point Tuesday evening. This link will be available April 1-24, 2015.

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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 Volunteer Vacancies, and find the location where you wish to volunteer. Click the 'Apply' button that corresponds to that location, and then follow the instructions.