

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

August 23, 2016

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!



Great First day! Lots of learning, friends and a visit from the cast of the Little Red Hen Reader's Theaters Group!!

### **HAPPENINGS!**

Our theme this quarter is *COMMUNITY*... come join us. Share ideas.  
What kind of fun projects can we drum up together?

### FIRST DAY PACKETS

1<sup>st</sup> day packets will come home tomorrow with lots of info and paperwork to be looked at and dealt with. Grab a cup of coffee and have at it parents, and send it back to us completed. There will be a turn-in bin in each homeroom.

### Friendly Friday with Big Fireweed! Our motto... "No Child Left Inside!"

- **Big and Little together... in the morning!**  
\*\* Community Building Activities for the kids and joint staffs from 10-11:30. Bus leaves the K-2 at 10 AM

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- **KAREN HORNADAY PLAY DAY... in the afternoon!**

We invite you to come join us on our traditional first Friday afternoon field trip! Our K-2 kids will be taking a bus from Big Fireweed after our community building to Karen Hornaday Park for a picnic and play day. Meet us at the park anytime between Noon and 3 PM. Join us for lunch if you can, or stay the whole afternoon.

\*\*\*Fireweed is providing the main course and we are asking for parents to help provide the side dishes.

\*\*\* Please return all permission slips (coming home tomorrow) including your end of the day plan and special medical updates by THURSDAY afternoon.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Need Early Bird Parents (11 ish) to Start the Fire, begin cooking food and food table set-up. Call Kim ASAP if you can be one of those parents!

- End of Field Trip Plan: We have a bus scheduled to return any Little Fireweed kids to school in time for bus transfers but you are also welcome to take your child home from Karen Hornaday. Please let us know ahead of time on the field trip form whether your child will be returning to school on Friday to ride the bus or whether you will be taking them from the park.
- Protocol for Leaving a Field Trip: When you leave from a group field trip it is important that you check-in/sign out with your child's homeroom teacher before you go so that we know that your child left safely with you. Thanks... this keeps us teachers sane and happy knowing that your children are safe and happily with YOU!

## PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND THE CLASSROOM AIDE SCHEDULE

We welcome parents in the classroom! There is a classroom aide schedule posted in the hallway by the water fountain. We are looking for regular classroom aides on all days. More info on our volunteer opportunities coming home soon. Thanks!

## LUCKY US! GREAT STAFF ON BOARD THIS YEAR AT THE K-2!

A hearty and grand welcome to Todd Hindman our new principal! Welcome back to Betsy, Kim and Mo, who will be our new classroom teacher for the core 1<sup>st</sup> -2<sup>nd</sup> class. Welcome back to Sharlyn as our new Special Education Aide and Nancy as our ever trustworthy school aide. Welcome to Sally Burns our new Special Education Coordinator and Melissa Miller our new nurse.

## NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

### OUR DAILY SCHEDULE!!!

Reminder... School begins at 8:25 AM and ends at 3 PM. Thanks in advance for timely pick-ups in the afternoon!

### THE GATE and THE PLATFORM

The rule is "**Side by Side**" or "**Hand in Hand**" when you drop off and pick up your child from school. There are too many cars coming and going for children to be running to greet you in the parking lot or to be running ahead of you to the car. **Please be diligent about this!!!** Your child must be "side by side" or "hand in hand" when walking to or from the gate or from the platform at the side door. Thanks... we will sleep better at night if every family does this well!!!

### **DAILY MORNING SNACK**

We want to remind you to send a healthy morning snack with your child, **even if they are having hot lunch!** This mid-morning refueling time is important for school success. It can be packed in with your child's lunch, but it is nice for them to know ahead that "this is snack" and "this is lunch" so they don't eat all their main part of lunch at snack time.

### **BREAKFAST/HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

We have a breakfast/hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Milk is also available for purchase. In regard to breakfast.... If your student is on the free/Reduced program, there is no fee for breakfast, otherwise the cost is \$1.75. The 'Student Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it is in your first day packet.

### **HEARTY THANK YOUS**

- Huge and overwhelming gratitude to Rhonda Velsko for getting our school clean and sparkling and ready to go for the first week of school. She has worked above and beyond the call of duty and put a shine on the place. Be sure to thank her if you see her!!!
- Overflowing thanks to Sharlyn our aide for her bountiful energy and ever present support getting ready for school start up.
- Huge thanks to the summer garden crew: The garden is beautiful and we simply wouldn't be enjoying the flowers and garden veggies without your hard work and attention.
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### **Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

Fri., August 26<sup>th</sup> Morning Friendly Friday at Big Fireweed (kids only) Bus at 10 am  
Fri. August 26<sup>th</sup> Karen Hornaday Play Day and Potluck Picnic 12-3 All Welcome!!

Fri August 28<sup>th</sup> Wynn Nature Center "Cycles" Field Trip 12-3

**ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, 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!!!

**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](http://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.