

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

August 25, 2014

HAPPENINGS

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

FIRST DAY PACKETS

1st day packets went home last week with lots of info and paperwork to be looked at and dealt with. If you have not yet completed the paperwork and returned this to school, please take a moment to complete this soon. Thanks!

LUCKY US! GREAT TEACHERS AND AIDES ON BOARD THIS YEAR!

Welcome Back to Betsy Vanek as our Interventionist, Title One teacher and instructional aide. She will be teaching and supporting reading programs in our school and assisting teachers in the classroom. Welcome also to David Davoudlarian who will be assisting teachers as an aide and during theme groups. We are lucky to have these folks on board.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND THE CLASSROOM AIDE SCHEDULE

Thanks to folks who have jumped into the wonderful fray to help this first week! There is a classroom aide schedule posted in the hallway by the water fountain. We are looking for regular classroom aides on all days. Thanks!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

\$20 DONATIONS FOR SUPPLIES

If you have not yet done so, an envelope is available in your child's homeroom for this donation. These funds are used for math and literacy consumable items. Thanks for helping us out!

RECYCLING ELF NEEDED

We are looking for a parent volunteer to empty our bins and transport our recycling once a week. If you are willing, please let us know!

Ice Cream Buckets Needed

We are looking for ice cream buckets. If you have any, please bring them to Ms.

Deb.

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE!!!

Reminder... School begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3 PM. You can plan to arrive around 8:15ish in the morning to help settle your child for the school day. 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

- Thank you to Louie Flora for the perfect salmon grilling, to Sarah Banks and Brandy for food set-up, and all others that helped to make our Hornaday get-together a success.
- Thank you to Kiki, the APC and the stars above for the wonderful aide

support this year. It will make a big difference!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!	
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Mon., Sept. 1	No School - Labor Day Holiday
Thurs. Sept 4 th	Anchor Point Field Trip 9-1 @ Halibut Campground
Wed., Sept. 17	Early Release Day and Little Fireweed Open House 5-6:30

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 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.

**Preparing for the 2014/2015
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES - FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM (NSLP)

STUDENT PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2014-2015 SY

Households with income: Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application (even if income is over the Income Eligibility Guidelines), because certain Federal programs base funding on the total number of students applying for benefits. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their household **BEFORE** school starts - Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

2014/2015 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (cream with blue printing) will be available for pick-up by August 06, 2014 at all Kenai Peninsula Borough Schools, Public Assistance / Job Service and KPBSD Central Office.

Households receiving Public Assistance Benefits: Households receiving Public Assistance benefits (Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance) DO NOT need to fill out a Student Programs Application IF they have received and turned in a School Meals/Direct Certification Notice from Public Assistance. The Department of Education and Public Assistance will coordinate efforts to implement the Categorical Eligibility Process by also sending names of qualifying households directly to KPBSD / Student Nutrition Services (SNS). Once your student's name has been received and processed, SNS will send you a letter notifying you that benefits are available.

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2013-2014 School Year (May 21, 2014) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2014/2015 school year (August 19 – September 30, 2014). The 30 day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed. **NOTE:** If a student changes schools, a delay in receiving 30 day benefit may occur.

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