

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

August 29, 2016

HAPPENINGS!

KAREN HORNADAY!!

THANKS FOR THE FUN AND FOOD!!



COMMUNITY THEME STUDIES... COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

Social communities and natural communities- theme intro afternoons this week.

SCHOOL PICTURES THIS FRIDAY MORNING!

Looking for a parent volunteer to help the photographer with children coming and going, starting at about 9:00.

NEW TO Little FIREWEED STAFF!

Welcome to Michelle, Sally and Melissa! Michelle our new Speech and Language Teacher, Sally our Special Education Coordinator and Melissa our nurse. We are happy to have you on board!

ARE YOU A PARENT WHO LOVES TO HELP WITH OUTSIDE PROJECTS?

Have we got a project (or two) for you! Looking for families to help scrape, sand, and paint our lovely picnic tables, and turn them back into tables we can be proud of and actually use! This job can be done at any point during these lovely, sunny days. (Also - we're still looking for a yard-care person to whack a few of the weeds we have growing around the building.) Let us know if you'd like to help!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Thank you parents for remembering to:

- Arrive at school on time, by 8:30 in the morning AND for timely afternoon pick-ups at 3 PM!
- Send your child with a nutritious morning snack
- Walk "Side by Side" or Hand in Hand" when leaving the gate or yard or door. Thanks for diligence about this!!
- Return your child's school packet.
- Send your child with "Right Clothes" for the weather!

Start of School Packets

Don't forget to turn in the required forms your students teacher or directly to Janet from the packet your student brought home on the 2nd day of school. There will be a turn-in bin in each homeroom.

Change of End-Of-Day Plans?

If you have a change of your end-of-day plan on the day of the change, please contact Janet at 235-9728 as soon as possible or by 1:30 at the latest. Often, if there are busses involved, we need to be able to contact the bus barn to let them know of changes.

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND THE CLASSROOM AIDE SCHEDULE

We welcome parents in the classroom! *Please see the information at the end of this newsletter about volunteer screening-a new company is being used to complete the screening and it can take up to 10 days!!!* 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!

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 Naomi and Scott for taking all our old furniture up to the salvage area... you are the best!
- Thanks to Paula and Jon Kulhanek for the most delicious salmon, to the Big Fireweed 6th graders for marinating it and to Leo for being our grill master and cooking it up!
- Thanks to Susannah for her classroom volunteering today. Reading with the kids and doing needed school projects. What a treat to have that kind of help!



Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Fri. Sept 2 nd	School Picture Day
Mon. Sept 5 th	Labor Day, NO SCHOOL!
Thurs. Sept 8 th	Anchor Point Beach Trip- More info later
Fri. Sept 9 th	Field Trip to Community Build of the Burning Basket
Mon Sept 12 th	KPBSD School Board meeting 6pm at Homer High

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

SCHOOL BOARD POSITION OPENING

Liz Downing is resigning from the KPBSD School Board. If there are any parents that might be interested in learning more about running for that position. Please contact Liz at eadowning@gmail.com The next School board meeting is September 12th at the Homer High School at 6pm. This position will be on the agenda.

Volunteer for the KPBSD calendar committee

The KPBSD is recruiting members to review the 2017-2018 school calendar and make recommendations to the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Details can be found here

http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=688 Questions? Email Natalie bates at nbates@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or call 907-714-8858. Apply by October 3, 2016.

Volunteers-required screening

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.

*****NEW***** We are now using **Pre-employ, Inc.** as our background service company. Pre-employ will be conducting more thorough background checks which require DMV searches. **The background checks will take between 5 to 10 business days to receive a result. Please complete the volunteer application well in advance of when you would like to volunteer.** After a background check is started, the volunteer will receive an email from Pre-employ letting them know they are running a background check and it will contain a link to Pre-employ if the volunteer would like to know the status of the background check. They will also receive an email

from KPBSD once their volunteer application is approved or notifying them if there are any conditions to their approval.

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.