

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 20th, 2014

HAPPENINGS

OUR NEXT THEME...TRANSPORTATION

With the start of this new quarter comes a new theme to explore...Transportation. We will be introducing this theme in the first week of November. If you have things or ideas to share related to transportation, talk to us. We'd love to hear your thoughts!

HARVEST CELEBRATION POTLUCK AND SPUD-TACULAR COMING SOON

We welcome you to come celebrate the season and the end of the first quarter with our most wonderful Fireweed Community!

Plan on joining us *next* **Wednesday, October 29th** from **12-1:30 PM** for a harvest potluck and a few songs. We will begin in the yurt with a few welcoming songs and then move into the classrooms for a potluck celebrating harvest foods. We will be making Potato Sundaes in Ms. Deb's "Spud-tacular" room. Jon's and Kim's homerooms will house all other potluck contributions.

Ms. Deb's Homeroom Parents: Check in w/ Deb to sign up for "Potato Sundae" Toppings!

EARLY RELEASE DAY NEXT WEDS AT 1:30 pm AFTER OUR HARVEST POTLUCK

STUDENT-LED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Coming on October 30 and 31st

Fireweed is famous for its student led conferences. The children learn how to share and represent their own works and how to articulate what they are learning. It is a great process. Soooo, don't forget to bring the most important person with you when you come for conferences: your child!

Please Call Janet for a conference time if you haven't already 235-9728

32 degrees in the Yard this Morning!!! No Child Left Inside!

HATS, GLOVES, WARM COATS, SNOW PANTS... IT'S PAST TIME! Please help send your child prepared to enjoy the outside on these cold "fall turning towards winter" days. We go outside everyday... just because we are that kind of school!

THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE OCTOBER ELECTIONS

October is Election Month for the Fireweed APC. There are several vacancies open for the next term: student rep, community rep and parent rep. Please take a moment to think about if this is a good way for you to be part of our Learning Community. It is an active and important way to be at the grassroots level of governing and guiding our school community; working together with Kiki and other APC members to keep it a healthy and balanced system. Call Janet for more information or to let her know you are interested no later than Wednesday, October 22. Parents will be voting for the parent representative position, the APC will appoint interested folks to the other positions. Voting will take place at both school during the week of October 27th. Janet - 235-9728.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

WATCH FOR IT-FRESH FRUIT FUNDRAISER



We will be participating the fresh fruit fundraiser again this year. You will hear more from me (Janet) in a separate email about how this works but I wanted to give you a heads up that it is happening! Included this year, besides oranges will be pear apples and Pomegranates. I expect to receive the order forms sometime this week.

THINGS WE NEED

MIRACLES DO HAPPEN!!

A miracle happened on Friday and we have begun the great clean-up and moving things to the shed. It is, of course, a works in progress, but we are happy to have begun. As part of this effort we are on the lookout for...

PARENTS WHO LOVE TO ORGANIZE

We have some cupboards that need a little TLC and organization. If you would be willing to tackle one of these cupboards, let us know and we can set you up. This organization can happen on your time schedule or in the mornings at drop off or if

you want to come early for an end of the day pick-up. All options are good and move us in the right direction.

RECYCLING HELP NEEDED

We are looking for someone to take our recycling to the recycling facility once every week or two. Please let us know if you would be willing to help us out with this vital job!!

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to Joe O'Malley for the great job grading our parking lot. Sure will cut down on car alignment problems!!!
- Thanks to Weatherly for jumping in for some classroom maintenance sharpening pencils.al
- Thanks to Beka, Sonja, Akin, Sarah, Chris, Sheri and all our other volunteers for your help in the classrooms. We sure appreciate the time you give us.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

- Monday, Oct 27 **Marvelous Monday** Visit at Big Fireweed. Buddy Reading, and a Dance Sharing by the 3rd-6th Graders is in store. The "Bigs" will perform hip-hop and the Brain dance.
- Weds Oct. 29th **Harvest Celebration Potluck and "Spud"-tacular at 12 and EARLY RELEASE AT 1:30 pm**
- October 30-31 Student-led Parent/Teacher conferences- NO SCHOOL

FROM THE DISTRICT

SUB TRAINING: The next sub training for the school district will be held Thursday, October 23rd from 10-12pm in the upstairs District Office Conference room in Soldotna. The training is free but you need to call and reserve a seat. Talk to Randi-714-8888

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.