

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 6th, 2014

### HAPPENINGS

#### Anchor River Salmon Egg Collection Trip This Friday

On Friday afternoon we will be traveling to the Anchor River to collect fertilized Coho Salmon eggs with the AK Dept. of Fish and Game. These will be brought back to our 'incubation tank' in Jon's Homeroom to reside, hatch and live until May. Dry footwear is a necessity!! Also, suggested clothing includes warm coats, gloves, rain gear (if rainy) and hats. We will leave here at 12:45 and return by 2:30. Please return the pink field trip permission slip as soon as you can.

#### Heading to Soldotna??

If you are heading to Soldotna soon we are in need a some items from Fred Meyers. Give Janet a call if you are and are willing to help us out with this!!

#### IT'S HERE!!

The colder weather has arrived and with it the need for warm, outdoor gear. Please send your child with warmer coats, hats, gloves and footwear. We go out most early mornings for movement and then a mid-morning, early and late afternoon recess. Please be sure to have those cozy clothes on hand to make this outdoor time pleasant.

#### TWO WEEKS OF SYSTEMS THEME GROUPS REMAIN

There is just two weeks left of the first quarter and 2 sets of theme groups as well. Ms. Deb's group will continue to 'bug out'. Kids will complete work on their insect sculptures from the previous session, and a diorama of their natural habitat will be created to house them. Kim has changed her mind (again!) and her group is now reinforcing the learning about ecosystems by doing a photo shoot of a nearby ecosystem and exploring in more depth how the living and non-living things interact to create a healthy and balanced ecosystem. Their photo posters are on display in the yurt if you would like to take a look. Warm clothes and good footwear are a must for this theme group. Jon's group will be designing mechanical systems using gears, circuit boards, wires and many other parts from our disassembly process in

the previous theme groups to plan, design and create their own 'systems' while adhering to the definition of a system as a collection of parts or components working together to create an integrated 'whole'.

## THE ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE IS A GREAT PLACE TO SUPPORT FIREWEED ACADEMY!

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. Join us at 4:30 this Wednesday, the 8<sup>th</sup>, in Hannah's room at Big Fireweed. We hope to see you there!

### NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

#### STUDENT-LED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Coming on October 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please Call Janet for a conference time. 235-9728

#### CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!

We could still use parent volunteers in the mornings. If you can only come for a math block or language arts block that would be great!

### THINGS WE NEED

- We still need broken electronics for our final week of theme groups. If you have anything to donate to this cause, please send it in to Jon. Avoiding printers is a discovery we've made as they use a different variety of screw driver and so much lock-tite that they verge of indestructible. Anything else seems to be fair game. Thanks!

### HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thank you to Sarah and Sonja for your great help decoding and typing

student writing.

- Great to have help in the classroom! Cheers to Melissa Black, Sonja and Sarah for your morning time in our classes! Your time spent reading, writing and doing math with our children is a tremendous support.

<b>Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!</b>	
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Wed., Oct. 8 <sup>th</sup>	APC Meeting - 4:30 at Big Fireweed - Room 103
Fri., Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Salmon 'Egg Take' Field Trip to the Anchor River 1-2:30
Weds. Oct 15 <sup>th</sup>	APC Meeting- Big Fireweed at 4:30 PM <b><u>OCTOBER ELECTIONS</u></b>
Fri., Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL - End of Quarter Staff Inservice Day
October 30-31	Student-led Parent/Teacher conferences- NO SCHOOL

**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.