

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2013

### HAPPENINGS

#### **SMILE!!!...SCHOOL PICTURE DAY-This Wednesday, OCTOBER 9<sup>th</sup>**

School Pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 9 AM at Little Fireweed. Order forms were sent home and are also available in the classrooms. Sibling pictures can be taken at the same time. **Also, we need a couple of parent helpers for this morning. Please give Janet a call if you are available to help.**

#### **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, and hats. We will leave here at 12:40 and return by 2:30. Please return the field trip permission slip as soon as you can.

#### **SAVE THE DATE!**

#### **ELLIS ISLAND SIMULATION, OCTOBER 23<sup>RD</sup> AT BIG FIREWEED**

We are looking forward to the celebratory highlight of our quarter study of ROOTS. Tentative date and time: Wednesday morning, October 23<sup>rd</sup>. 9-12am. The gym at West Homer Elementary will be converted to the Great Hall of Ellis Island. Immigrants will arrive with great hopes to pass through all the stations and gain entrance to America. Once we all get to America we will be celebrating with an Ethnic Foods potluck, music, stories and crafts. Our K-2 immigrants will be arriving here at school and "boating" aka busing over to Big Fireweed for the simulation. More information to follow. If you have questions, contact Kim.

#### **APC UPDATE: MEETING THIS WEEK!**

Academic Policy Committee meeting is this Wednesday, Oct 9th at 4:30 in Room 104. All are welcome! On the agenda for this week: Administrators report, FY15 proposed budget, FY15 Proposed enrollment, FY15 Proposed waiver or changes, Exit interviews, and APC Elections. There is a public comment period at the start of each meeting if you would like to address the APC board. We also encourage you to get in touch with any of the APC members if you have concerns, questions or kudos.

**CONFERENCE TIME coming soon...October 24 and 25.**

Fireweed **student-led** parent/teacher conferences are Thursday and Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to schedule your conference time.

**ELLIS ISLAND Theme Group!!**

Please remember to send in family roots information to Kim by Wednesday!

**An Invitation from West Homer!**

**Orca Invitational Fun Run** Friday, Oct 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013 3:30 PM

Come out and join the fun of this great run! **Open to all kids** Kindergarten - 6<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be a race for k-2 and a separate race for 3-6. New course this year! Meet on the field at WHE at 3:30 for walk through, race starts at 3:45. It's free!

**NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION**

**IT'S CAMPFIRE TIME!**

A part of the time during Friday's clean-up and tucking in of the playground and garden was spent revitalizing the campfire ring area. Following this we lit our first fire of the season and enjoyed some songs and dreamt of hot dogs and marshmallows. We could sure use some donations of firewood if you've any to spare. Just toss it over the fence near the fire ring and our small elves will stack it as it comes. Thanks!

**FALL IS HERE... WITH WIND AND COLD!**

It is cold and blustery on the playground these days and we are out in it every day. Send your child prepared with a warm coat **AND** hats and mittens. Yes folks... it's time!

**HEARTY THANK YOU'S**

- Huge congratulations to all the Fireweed kids and special thanks to Kammi for helping Friday to winterize the yard and garden. Tools and sheds were cleaned and organized, yard toys sorted and put away, gardens mostly tucked in for the winter.
- Thanks to Sharlene and Reba Temple for their presence, support and help this past week. Always awesome to have fabulous folks in working with us and

the kids!

- Continued thanks to our parent volunteers! Your help each week in the classrooms, providing dance classes and providing support with copying, etc. is indispensable!

<b>Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!</b>
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Weds. October 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Picture Day	Beginning at 9 AM
Weds. Oct 10 <sup>th</sup>	APC Meeting Room 104	4:30 @ Big Fireweed
Friday October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Salmon Egg Take at the Anchor River	12:30-2:30PM
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b> /Teacher Inservice Day	
Wednesday, Oct. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Ellis Island Simulation/Welcome to America Party	
Thurs/Fri Oct 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Weds, Oct 30 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day	School out at 1:30

**ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

**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.