

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
Sept 8th, 2014

HAPPENINGS

FRIDAY FIELD TRIP TO THE BURNING BASKET

Mavis Muller has once again invited Fireweed Students to participate in helping with the Community Art Project "Burning Basket". This year's theme is "GROW". We will be taking a bus to Mariner Park on Friday at 12:30. The bus will pick us up 2:00 so that we will be back at school for regular afternoon pick up and buses. ***We request that students collect any of the following to contribute to the basket and labyrinth: *Spruce Cones, Goldenrod flowers, Wild Yarrow, Elderberries, Oyster shells, Fireweed leaves on the stalks, grasses and anything other natural item that we can use to create our sprigs to tie onto the basket.*

APC MEETING THIS WEEK: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 4:30 PM

All invited to attend. There's a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting if you have something to share with the governing body of the school. Meetings are held at Big Fireweed in room 103.

Agenda items include: APC vacancies, Emergency Action Plan, School Improvement Plan, APC Goals, School Surveys, Budget Committee Reports, Differential Learning, and Executive Session (This part is not open to the public.)

THEME GROUP START UP THIS WEEK!

The social systems of insects, ecosystems and the mechanical systems of electrical devices all coming to a school near you!

Needed for Jon's theme group: Jon would like to borrow screwdrivers and pliers for his theme group project. All sizes, all kinds! If you have any you could loan him for a few weeks that would be great!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

NOTE FROM KIKI

TACKLING THE TARDIES; NEW ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Fireweed Academy is committed to providing opportunities for students to grow in six learner outcome areas: Self-reliance, Reasoning Ability, Cooperation, Creativity, Personal

Growth and Academic Achievement. Although we understand there are certain unavoidable situations which make attendance impossible, I think it is important for you to understand what a negative effect missing school has on your child. The process of education requires instruction that is based on skill building, class participation, learning experiences, and consistency along a continuum of learning goals and objectives.

At Fireweed, morning is one of the most important times of the day; teachers are laying out their plans, goals are reviewed and the tone of the day is set! Frequent tardies and absences affect not only your child's learning opportunities but others as well since the teacher has to stop what they are doing to bring the late or absent student up to speed. Excessive tardiness and absences put your student at a disadvantage, interrupt the flow of classroom activities, goals and objectives, and interfere with the learning environment for all students.

Fireweed Academy's school day begins at 8:30am; students should be in their rooms at that time. If they are not, they are tardy. If you arrive after 8:30 PLEASE SIGN YOUR CHILD IN ON THE SIGN IN SHEET! If your student is not going to be in school, you need to call Janet at 235-9728 and let her know.

Having expressed this with a sense of urgency, we need to make it clear that we don't want kids coming to school sick! We are trying to deal with chronic tardies and absences due to the inability to get moving and to school in the morning. Thank you so much for your support in your child's education.

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!

Somehow we have been surviving without you this year, but barely! We sure do love having you join us in the classroom and working with kids, especially in the mornings. There are also early morning short projects if you can just stay for 15 or 20 minutes, in addition to take home projects. Something for everyone! Don't be shy! Thanks to Sarah Banks for her Friday afternoon help!

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.

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

*A huge THANKS to Holly for all your support in our classrooms!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Weds. Sept. 10 th	APC Meeting @ 4:30 at Big Fireweed All invited to attend.
Fri. Sept. 12 th	Burning Basket Field Trip 12:45-2
Wed., Sept. 17 th	Early Release Day School Ends at 1:30 PM
Wed. Sept 17 th	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.