

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

December 16, 2013

HAPPENINGS

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION/COOKIE SHARING

Thursday, December 19th

We invite you to join us in a celebration of song and dance to culminate our first semester together! We will gather in the yurt for the "performance" and then share cookies and cider afterwards. Please bring a plate of cookies to share for your child's homeroom if you can. All are welcome!

THEME GROUPS

Festive greeting cards are nearing completion and ready to wrap. Be sure that you have sent in an address so that one may be sent to a special 'someone'. *Creative Cartographers have completed meaningful maps, be it a treasure, a special place, a fantasy escape or a reality. *From the 'sound of things' we're into good vibrations! Hello! Hello! Can you hear me now? Send in clean empty cans if you have some! Nothing like upcycling! *Don't be a Grinch! What was he like prior to 'finding' the true meaning of Christmas? How did he change? It's a character analysis through awesome adjectives!

GRINCH PARTY

Encourage your child to don their holiday green as we celebrate with a Grinch Party for students on Wed. the 18th. We will have green snacks and green drinks, crafty creations and will culminate with the animated classic movie "How the Grinch Stole Christmas". If you have something green to feast on, send it our way!



WET WEATHER WILES

With the warmer temps and melting ice/rain, children's outdoor clothing is getting wet during play. By the end of our day their items are in need of a good drying. Please take a 'feel' when your kids get home and try to dry their things so they are ready for the next day at school. Also, it would be wise to check/send in a fresh change of clothes. Many kids have used theirs after a wet recess or have none at school to change into. Send these in a labeled Ziploc and we will put them into our homeroom extra clothing tubs should your child need to make a change during the day. Baby it's **cold** outside...hmm, reminds me of a song! We're almost always out in it! Better to be overdressed than cold.



Farm fresh Oranges



WEATHER DELAYS!!!!!!

Sometimes we have the best of intentions..... the weather has gotten in the way of our **Orange** delivery. The truck got loaded in California on the 9th of December, but then I-5 in California closed due to snowfall and the drive was stuck for a while. They have had some very cold weather. The newest delivery date is now **Wednesday, the 18th**, time to be determined. I hope this will work for you all; it is a little out of our hands at this point. I will stay in touch with the exact time, via email as well as the School Messenger telephone program. Delivery will be at BIG Fireweed. The lucky part of this event is that our fruit was already picked and loaded on the truck when the cold snap hit California so our fruit was not harmed: should be delicious. Also, it seems there are extra cases on the truck so if you or anyone you know wants (more) oranges, just let me know-Janet 235-9728

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

IGLOO... COMING TO A SCHOOL NEAR YOU!

We are collecting **CLEAN,** empty $\frac{1}{2}$ gallon cardboard milk cartons. Please send in to Kim for storing. Need LOTS!

Parking: Don't forget, with the increasing dark and possibility of icy roads, that the church parking lot is also available for pick up, drop of and school celebration events. The little extra walk might alleviate safety issues in the parking lot.

Emergency Contacts

It is important that we have your updated information, phone contacts and people to call. Please keep Janet apprised of new contact info or changes. Thanks!

Parent Aide Support

Hi Folks! We are on the lookout for a Tuesday parent aide. If you can donate your time and support, we could certainly use your help! We've never had a problem putting people to work and aiding in the classroom and where needed.

FWA T-Shirts - A Great gift idea!!!

Kiki has created some awesome t-shirts for sale, \$12 each. They are tie-dyed in purple and white with specks of other colors and have a gryphon stamped on them. No two are alike!



HEARTY THANK YOU

*A huge THANK YOU to Patrick Henry for shoveling our pathway to the yurt this morning. It certainly made our lunch access and fire drill practice much easier and drier. Also, to the mystery person who shoveled our sidewalks!!!
*Nurse Denise for staying with us for those dreaded immunizations. They are now complete!!! Halleluiah! Thanks for the parental support as well.
*Katlyn, Aiyana, Laura, Cassidy, Ruby, Claire and Hannah for helping with Jon's greeting card printing project! You were fabulous!!!

Welcome to Barb Mollineaux!

*Barb is our new Title I support person. She has been helping with centers in Miss Deb's room and will be providing small group support for those needing a little boost. Say hi to Barb when you see her! Our kiddos **love** her!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Wednesday Dec. 18 th	Grinch Party for Students	1:00-2:30PM
Thursday, Dec 19 th	Community Celebration	1:30 PM
December 19 th	Last Day before Winter Break	
December 20 th	No School In-service Day	
Dec 20 th -Jan 6 th	Winter Break!!	
January 6 th	1 st Day back after Winter Break	

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 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, and then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.