

# K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## HAPPENINGS

### CURRENTS: Theme Groups

New theme groups begin this week with "currents" as the guiding topic. In Deb's group, kids will embody the systems of the body as they create a working model of the human body's systems. Jon's group will prepare to explore our relevant, current events in preparation for writing their own school newspaper. Reporters from the Trib and News are slated to come in to share their experiences as reporters/writers. Kim's group will be diving deep into deep water ocean currents for a closer look at this phenomenon and the force driving these currents!

### Salmon Dissection Friday

On Friday afternoon we will welcome biologist Tim Blackmon from Alaska Department of Fish and Game. Tim will be conducting a salmon dissection with our kids to support the hatching of our Coho fry. This will run in two groups: 12:30-1:30 and 1:40-2:40. Please feel free to participate if you'd like.

### Student-Led Parent Teacher Conference

There is no school on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> and I am now scheduling conferences for these dates. Please call me at 235-9728 to arrange your student's conference. Thanks-Janet

## NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

### WE NEED SILVERWARE - CAN YOU HELP?

Our supply of silverware has dwindled to dangerously low levels and is in need of restocking. Could you check at home for any school silverware that made its way to

your kitchen? And, if thrift store shopping is in your future and you're able, fork and spoon donations are readily accepted here!

## PARENT VOLUNTEER AIDE SCHEDULE

### \*MORNINGS AND LUNCH TIME SUPPORT NEEDED\*

With the new year, we have several openings in our parent aide schedule.

- **Classroom aiding... Tuesday and Wednesday mornings: 8:30-12:30**
- **Lunchtimes... Tuesday and Friday: 12:25-1:30.** It makes a huge difference having morning aides to assist during our core teaching times and to assist with supervision and clean-up during our lunch periods.

### SNACKS WELCOMED!

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! Lots of good snacks coming in!  
Remember, if your child is having a hot lunch, they still need to provide their own snack.

## HEARTY THANK YOUS

\*A **HUGE** THANK YOU to Sharlene for a fabulous week of Sumi-e painting!!

\* Thanks to Joe O'Malley and the crew of Frigid North for plowing and clearing sidewalks for us!!

\* Many thanks to Joey Kraszeski for shoveling her way to the yurt for us.

\* Thank you to all our volunteers!! You enrich our lives and make things much easier for us!!

## Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Fri. Jan 17<sup>th</sup>

Salmon Dissection Activity

**Monday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>**

**No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Wed. Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Early Release Day (School out at 1:30 PM) -**

**Plan Ahead!!!**

Th/F Feb, 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup>	Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
Weds, Feb 26 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day (School out at 1:30 PM)
TBA	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
Fri. March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Teacher In-Service/ No School!
March 7 <sup>th</sup> - 16 <sup>th</sup>	Spring Break- No School!
March 17 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> day back after Spring 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](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, and then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.