

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

December 15th, 2014

HAPPENINGS

The Weather isn't the only 'mush-y' thing around here...



We were visited last week by Eric Pederson (Paul Banks principal), his daughter Addie and one of their sled dogs, Ozone, for an introduction to travel by dog sled. We learned about harnesses and leads, sleds, voice commands and stories of challenges using this form of transportation. The finale was a demonstration of sledding on our dry, snowless playground. Ozone impressed us with his power and personality. Addie also shared her knowledge of mushing. By the way, "mush!", far from being the command for a team to start pulling, actually means "go away". Instead, 'hike' means go, gee means go right and haw means go left. Thank you Eric, Addie and Ozone!

CALLING ALL BAKERS!!!

We need cookies, and this seems a good time of the year to ask!! On **THURSDAY** we are having a Pajama Day/Student Holiday Cookie Celebration. We could use some trays of cookies to go with our hot cocoa. If you are in the holiday baking spirit and could donate some for our pre-holiday celebration, please let a teacher know. We would like them in the morning that day. Thank you!

In-service Agenda for Teachers: December 19th.

- Report Cards: Plan Accommodating the new Alaska Standards
- AMP testing update
- Collaboration for 3rd quarter Invention planning
- Share Theme and Project topics
- Schedule Specials and PE

Lesson Plans

- Student Growth Maps
Making calibratable Assessments

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Please check your child's extra clothing supply at school to be certain that they have a full change available. Wet weather might mean a change is needed. Also, a quick check for seasonal appropriateness of clothing is a good idea!

THINGS WE NEED

- Silverware is needed...Our supply of flatware continues to dwindle...If you have a surplus at home or can thrift store shop for us we would appreciate it very much!
- Kindling please --LOTS AND LOTS-- for Kim's theme group. Just bring it in on or before Wednesday morning this week. Thank you!!

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Many thanks to Eric and Addie Pederson for sharing your love of mushing with us! Your presentation was very much appreciated!
- Thank you to Calamity Jane Chris for "moving west" with our Theme Groups. Life on the prairie can be a tough place!
- Thanks to our parent volunteers for all of the time you give to us! You are indispensable!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Thur., Dec. 18 th	Pajama Day and Student Cookie Celebration
Fri Dec 19 th	In-service Day/No School
Dec 19 th -Jan 4 th	Winter Break
Mon. Jan 5 th	1 st day back to school after Winter Break
Fri, Jan 9 th	Half-Way Day - 85 days past...85 days to go
Mon. Jan 19 th	MLK Jr. Holiday - No School

FROM THE DISTRICT

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.