

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

December 1st, 2014

HAPPENINGS

ADVENTURE TO HAITI and THE FLOWER OF HOPE SCHOOL



Fireweed Academy in Alaska has some new pen pals at the Flower of Hope School in Haiti! Letters, photos and illustrations sent with Sara Jackinsky to Haiti and were distributed and shared with the students there. Sara and Jacquelyn returned recently with an adventurous story to tell of a school very different than our own. They shared the story through a slide show and demonstrations to help our students understand life in a Haitian school. Served rice and beans on a narrow bench, washing their own plates and spoons for the next four children to eat, really drove home the idea of a country poorer than our own. The kids were engaged and interested and now hold a letter in their hands from one of the Haitian children. Time to write back and share more with some children far, far away. It was a rich and rewarding experience for our students. Thank you to Sara and Jacquelyn for the wonderful presentation.

Friendship Terrace SINGERS!



Thanks to all the Kindergarten for making Thanksgiving a time of sharing with the Friendship Center. The songs, dances and corny jokes were greatly appreciated! They also *loved* the turkey decorations that you made for them. We are thankful for such a great Kindergarten Class!

THE LITTLE FIREWEED GRAND PRIX!!



Monster Car Races!

It was an exciting day at Little Fireweed as we had our Monster Car Races. Students started their (hair dryer) engines and they were off! There were a few blow-outs along the way, but the track was full of enthusiastic racers and winners!

NEW THEME GROUP ROTATION

The next three weeks hold the last rotation for our look at Transportation. In Jon's group submarines will be explored, designed, and then a 'crawl-in' model will be constructed. Big boxes are still needed so bring 'em in! Miss Deb's group will be transporting to various parts of the world and looking at holiday traditions. Kim's theme group will study the Westward Movement, Wagon Trains and the Transcontinental Railroad as a part of our Transportation Theme.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

****NEW SNOW ON THE GROUND means snow boots, hats and gloves/ mittens for safe, fun outdoor play. Please make sure your child has these items at school. Thanks!****

THINGS WE NEED

BIG BOXES NEEDED NOW!!

Jon needs REALLY BIG BOXES for our next theme group (starting December 2nd). Appliance sized boxes are best and can be collapsed flat. We will store them in the Little Fireweed shed when they come in. Any large boxes will be helpful. Thanks for 'keeping your periscopes raised" and on the lookout!!

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thank you to Sara and Jacquelyn Jackinsky for sharing their adventure and work in Haiti!
- Thank you to Paula Kulhanek, Sharlene Cline & Sharlyn Young for their help with the Kinders trip to the Friendship Terrace.

- Thanks to Anders Gustafson for creating a hanging cubby place for extra coats, hats and mittens in the Hedgehog boot room.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!	
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Weds Dec 10 th	APC Meeting at Big Fireweed
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

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.