

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

February 2nd, 2015

HAPPENINGS

EARLY RELEASE DAY - WEDNESDAY

This Wednesday is an early release day @ 1:30 for Little Fireweed. Buses will be available. See you for an early pick-up that day!

WINTER WONDER at WYNN



We enjoyed a beautiful, sunny day at Wynn Nature Center on Friday of last week. The focus was on inventions inspired by nature. Snowshoes, insulation and winter clothing were among the list of items inspired by animal inhabitants. Many thanks to the Center for Alaskan Coastal Studies for putting together a great trip for us!

NEW INVENTION THEME GROUPS

Last week we launch our new rotation of theme groups. In Deb's room kids designed and built marble tunnels, in Kim's group students learned about social inventions and delved more deeply into the "GREEN DOT PROJECT" and the "Complaint System" and in Jon's group, kids invented the setting, the characters and a story that brought the two together. As this week is Student Led Conference, we will resume theme groups next week.

BAKE SALE FOR JAZZLINE PERFORMANCES THIS FRI./SAT.

On Friday evening and Saturday afternoon and Evening Fireweed is providing baked goods for sale with the money to benefit programs for our students. **Fireweed**

3rd-5th grade is providing goods and salespeople for the Friday night show, 6th grade is providing goods and salespeople for the Saturday night show, and **Little Fireweed is in charge of the Saturday afternoon performance goods and salespeople**. We are looking for individually wrapped items to be brought to the High School commons $\frac{1}{2}$ hour before each show. Evening shows are at 7pm and the matinee performance is at 3pm. Paula Kulhanek will pick them up from you before the performances if you are unable to get them to the high school. Please call Paula at 399-3329 to let her know of your willingness to provide baked goods or to work the table during the show. Thanks for helping us to fundraise for our students!!

USHERS NEEDED FOR THIS WEEKEND'S JAZZLINE SHOWS

Ushers are needed for all three Jazzline shows. Please contact Asia Freeman at Bunnell Street Gallery or email her at: asia@bunnellarts.org if you are interested.

Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences

There is no school this Thursday and Friday, February 5th and 6th. These days are reserved for our student-led parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to sign up for your conference.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

NEEDED! An organizer type person to help clean and organize in the yurt! ***Please see Kim if this project appeals to you.

From the District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School library. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

And even MORE From The District:

The KPBSD Board of Education seeks public input into its process to select a superintendent of schools. The school board invites input from everyone interested in schools, including parents, students, KPBSD staff, site councils, PTAs,

volunteers, business and community organizations that partner with schools, community groups, and the public. The school board has sole responsibility for the selection of candidates, final interviews, and selection of the superintendent, but would like to consider the views and interests of the public to help guide those decisions. Visit the district's website, www.KPBSD.org, and follow the link on the homepage to rank attributes of importance in the next superintendent, submit general comments, and for more information about further opportunities for input as the process progresses.

[Superintendent of Schools Search](http://www.KPBSD.org) webpage with survey link:
<http://bit.ly/2015SuperintendentSearch>

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- To Joe Loboy for helping us out on our fieldtrip to Wynn nature Center
- To the CACS for providing a great Wynn Nature Center Fieldtrip for our students.
- To Toby Wheeler for helping with art installation in the Hedgehog homeroom.
- Lukas Thoning, we sooo appreciate you taking our recycling!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Weds, Feb 4 th	Early Release Day (School out at 1:30 PM)
Th/F Feb, 5 th and 6 th	Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
Week of Feb. 23 rd	Eddie Wood - Artist in the Schools - Music
Mar. 2 nd -5 th	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
Fri. March 6 th	Teacher In-Service/ No School!
March 6 th - 15 th	Spring Break- No School!
March 16 th	1 st 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 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.