

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

February 23rd, 2015

HAPPENINGS

EDDIE WOOD COMES TO ROCK THE YURT WITH MUSIC

This week we welcome Eddie Wood to Fireweed Academy as our Artist in the Schools to share his love of music. He is ushering in the world of story, beat and rhythm with his fabulous brand of percussion music. The kids will be shake, rattle and rolling this week! We are lucky to have him on board.



"Works in Progress" CELEBRATION OF MUSIC

THIS FRIDAY WITH EDDIE

Come join us in the yurt from 1:30-2:30ish for a works in progress sharing from our artist residency with musician Eddie Wood. All are welcome!

SWIM LESSONS NEXT WEEK - INFO NEEDED FROM YOU

Monday through Thursday of next week we will have swim lessons at the Homer High School Pool. These will take place each afternoon. We need to know your perceptions of your child's swim ability either: New Swimmer (no developed water skills), Beginning Swimmer (Early water skills - Keeps face out of water), Developing Swimmer (some skills - face and/or head under water), or Independent Swimmer (accomplished at moving through the water - side to side or length of pool). This will help us to create appropriate groupings for lessons. Please check in with your child's homeroom teacher about your child's level as soon as you can. Thank you!!

LOCKER ROOM/POOL HELP!

** We're also asking for parent volunteers that are willing to monitor the locker room and possibly get into the pool with the students. We will be going Monday through Thursday, as Friday is an In-service Day and NO SCHOOL! Take the *plunge* and join us!

Pool Times

- Group 1 swims from 1-1:45 (Leave school around 12:30 and return around 2:15)
- Group 2 swims from 1:45-2:30 (Leave school around 1:15 and return by 2:45)

DO YOU LOVE FIREWEED? SPREAD THE WORD!

It's Open Enrollment Month

*** Tell your friends and neighbors-its open enrollment time at Fireweed! Have them call Janet for more information and to arrange a visit to our school! Janet 235-9728
Grassroots sharing is the best way to spread the word about our exciting program!

*** ALL returning students must complete an 'Intent to Enroll' form. This holds your spot and lets us figure out how much space we will have for new students next year. Intent Enroll forms were emailed home last month and again today; hard copies are available at both schools.

*** DUE NO LATER THAN Feb 27th. That's Friday folks!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

FUNDRAISER FOR FWA 6TH GRADE FIELDTRIP

The 6th graders are selling raffle tickets that have two terrific prizes! One is Dinner for 2 at the Homestead Restaurant, www.homesteadrestaurant.net (\$150 value and donated by Rick and Sharlene Cline) and the other is a Halibut Charter for 1 from Ofishial Charters, www.ofishial.com (\$260 value and donated by Crisi and Chad Mathews). Each ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Friday, April 17 at noon in Big Fireweed's Room 102 (Kris Owens room) during our Soup Lunch Fundraiser (our last fundraiser). Winners need not be present to win. There are tickets available for purchase in Janet office and from the 6th graders themselves.

HEARTY THANK YOU

- Thank you to Sonja Martin-Young, Tom Young and Paula Kulhanek for

allowing us to explore Alaska Aquaponics' greenhouse and taste some of the fresh greens!! What a beautiful place to observe, write and draw!! It makes our mini classroom Aquaponics' greenhouse much more pertinent to us!

- Thanks to Ulmer's for donating numerous paint sticks for Miss Deb's projects. You have been very generous!
- Thanks to students at Small Pond and Miss Susie for joining us for a morning of President's Day activities! We enjoyed your visit and you were great!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

OPEN ENROLLMENT-LAST WEEK FOR TIMELY SUBMISSION

Week of Feb. 23 rd	Eddie Wood - Artist in the Schools: Rhythm, Beat and Movement
Feb 27 th 1:30-2:30	Works in progress Music Celebration w/Eddie Wood **ALL INVITED!**
Mar. 2 nd -5 th	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
March 4 th	The Invention Convention at Big Fireweed-9:30-11:30
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
March 18 th	APC meeting at Big Fireweed- All Invited!

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](#) webpage with survey link:
<http://bit.ly/2015SuperintendentSearch>

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.