

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

February 9th, 2015

HAPPENINGS

100 Days and Valentine's Day

Never ones to miss a celebration or opportunity for good learning, we turn our attention to the fact that we've been in school for over 100 days and that it is also Valentine's Day this coming weekend! Literacy and math activities will abound with happy hearts and big numbers.

VALENTINES CARDS... We will make an opportunity on Friday to share valentines in our homeroom classes. Bringing valentine cards is optional, but if your child does decide to bring valentines, they should plan on bringing one to everyone in their homeroom. Homeroom lists will be made available from your child's teacher.

Open Enrollment:

February is our open enrollment month. Current students will not go through the lottery however **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. Be sure to return them no later than Feb 27th. And tell your friends and neighbors-it open enrollment time at Fireweed! Have them call me for more information and to arrange a visit to our school! Janet 235-9728

NEW INVENTION THEME GROUPS

Social, physical and literary inventions return this week. In Deb's room kids are designing and building marble tunnels, in Kim's group students are learning about social inventions and delving into the "**GREEN DOT PROJECT**" and the "Complaint System" and in Jon's group, kids are inventing the setting, the characters and a story that bring the two together.

FUNDRAISERS

1. JAZZLINE Fundraiser: The bake sale fundraiser was a great success over the weekend. K2 made \$371, 3-5 made \$319 and 6th made \$295 for a grand total \$985.00! Plus Kate Rich donating \$80 from making pet/id tags during the Saturday evening performance. A big thanks to all the parents for participating with donations and time, To Bunnell Street Art gallery for letting us have all the show to do treats, and a **huge** thanks to Paula Kulhanek for pulling this together for us.
2. Winter Carnival: The 6th graders will have hot chocolate and coffee booths at the winter carnival in front of Homers Jeans and in the parking lot at Bay Realty. When you need a warm-up....check them out!
3. The Feb 20th Soup Fundraiser is cancelled.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

NEEDED! Kim has an organizational job for the right person.

Is that you?

A huge THANKS to all the parents who came for their child's conference. We hope you gained a lot of information and found them to be informative! You can still schedule if you have not done yours. Thanks for taking the time for your child!

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>

HEARTY THANK YOU

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

OPEN ENROLLMENT-ALL MONTH!!!

Week of Feb. 23 rd	Eddie Wood - Artist in the Schools Rhythm, Beat and Movement
Mar. 2 nd -5 th	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
March 4 th	The Invention Convention at Big Fireweed-Do stay tuned!
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.