



## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER November 14, 2016

### HAPPENINGS!

#### FORCES THEME GROUPS

Theme Studies about Forces are underway with Mo's theme group exploring gravity by building marble rollers, Betsy's theme group investigating kinetic forces by using simple machines and Kim's theme group using social forces to solve a problem at our school.

Kids are forces as we work to make our school road crossing safer for our school community. We have begun research recording safety measures at school crossings at Little Fireweed and other Homer schools. A trip to Paul Seaton's office at the Legislative Information Office to meet with former Fireweed alumni Taneeka Hansen yielded a productive conversation about the process and working with State D.O.T. to bring our school safety concerns to the state level. The kids are exploring ideas, mapping these ideas out on bird's eye view maps of our school and neighboring intersections and writing letters to the Alaska state D.O.T. office.



#### LAST WEEK

#### FOR SELLING FRESH FRUIT

All packets are due back to Janet on Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, with the money. The delivery will be sometime during the week of December 5-9. Feel free to call me if you have any questions- Janet-235-9728

## NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

**STILL COLLECTING...** Thanks to everyone who has brought in supplies!

**Mo's theme group...** Toilet Paper Rolls, cardboard tubes, marbles, plastic plates, anything for cool marble runs!



**Jon's Theme Group...**

**MAGAZINES NEEDED**



Better Homes and Gardens, Sports magazines, children's toys magazines, and others with lots of ads that depict the social forces of advertising. No National Geographic please. These can be dropped off here at school and will be used at Big Fireweed. A pre-screen for appropriate content would be appreciated. Thank you!

### **VOLUNTEER INFO!**

There are as many ways to volunteer as there are Fireweed families and we welcome you to contact our volunteer coordinator to find out how you can contribute. We'll work hard to match parents (or grandparents, aunts or uncles!) with work that fits their schedule, time and talents. Please consider joining our volunteer pool today in order to make this process more efficient.

- \*\* To learn more, email [fireweedvolunteer@gmail.com](mailto:fireweedvolunteer@gmail.com) or call/text Susannah at 907-299-4317
- \*\* And don't forget to complete the online volunteer screening. Start here: <https://www.applitrack.com/kpbsd/onlineapp/application.aspx?starting=true>

## HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Huge Thanks to Julie Engebretson at Homer City Hall for the area maps and taking time to help launch our safety project.
- Thanks to Taneeka Hansen of Paul Seaton's office for listening to our concerns about our school and for bringing those concerns to the DOT folks.
- Thanks to our classroom aides... Meghan, Torie and Rebecca
- Thanks to all families who have donated paper towel rolls, egg cartons, etc...we are having so much fun!

### **Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

Mon. Nov 14 <sup>th</sup>	4:30 PM	APC meeting at Big Fireweed
Fri. Nov 18 <sup>th</sup>		Fruit Fundraiser Packets Due
Weds. Nov 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:30 PM	Early Release Day/ <b>School out at 1:30</b>
Thurs/Fri Nov 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup>		Thanksgiving Holiday Break/No School
Fri. Dec 16 <sup>th</sup>	1:30 PM	Celebration of Dance and Song