

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
October 10, 2016

HAPPENINGS!

**** A HARVEST POTLUCK AND POTATO SUNDAE PARTY!! ****
Friday, October 14th 12:15-1:15 PM



- * Please plan to drop off potluck items in Betsy's and Mo's room.
- * Kim's room will have the potato "sundaes" table and some of the wolf pup parents are taking care of potato toppings.
- *Then we'll meet in the yard for a short tribute to the potato before we eat!

PICTURE RETAKE DAY... Friday, October 14th 9 AM

- If you missed picture day this is your opportunity to order pics.
- If you do not particularly like your child's photo, bring the WHOLE packet for a trade-in and re-do.

WYNN NATURE CENTER FIELD TRIP

Food, Water, Shelter, Space... and a little good air! We explored the bog, the willow thicket, the wildflower meadow and the spruce forest communities.



COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT with the FOOD PANTRY

Our students recorded Public Service Announcements for the food pantry when we were there a few weeks ago and they are airing this week. You can listen at 6AM or 7PM to hear their cute little voices.



Our food collection bins will be available until **Thursday, October 20!** Please continue to send in non-perishable items. Thanks so much!

STUDENT LED PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES!!

**Call Janet to schedule a conference time for you and your child. 235-9728

THEME STUDIES...

Community helper puppets, quilt squares for a school quilt, and symbiosis scientists all busy during afternoon theme group project time! This is the last week of our Theme rotations for this quarter! It has been great fun learning about all kinds of community! Human communities! Natural communities! Yahoo!

LITTLE FIREWEED HEALTH SCREENING DAY WITH NURSE MELISA

Tuesday, October 18th will be our health screening day at the K-2. Timely and on site kids are helpful for this morning!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

- **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 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>

- **NEED: Mr. Potato Heads!!!** If you have any Mr. Potato heads or there various and sundry parts can you please send them in to Kim's classroom!



Thanks!

- **FOOD DRIVE CONTINUES!** Food drive ends on Thursday, October 20.

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to this week's classroom aides... Torie, Meghan, Aaron, Robin, Rebecca and Emily. You rocked it.
- Thanks to our Wynn Nature Center parent naturalists... Aaron, Miranda (and Lila!), Torie, and Robin. If you ever want to experience some Golden Crowned Kinglet magic, just head to the forest with Aaron!
- Thanks also to Chris Fontaine over at Big for stepping up to organize the Fireweed fundraising booth at the Nutcracker!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Mon. Oct 10 th	APC Meeting- All Welcome-4:30 PM at Big Fireweed
Fri. Oct. 14 th	Picture Retake Day around 9 AM
Fri. Oct. 14 th	Harvest Potluck and Potato Sundae Party 12:15-1:30-ish
Tues. Oct 18 th	Health Screenings with Nurse Melisa
Fri. Oct. 21 st	End of Quarter/ NO SCHOOL!!
Weds. Oct 26 th	Early Release Day/ School out at 1:30 PM
Thurs. & Fri. Oct 27 th -28 th	Student Led Parent Conferences/ NO SCHOOL!

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

Volunteers-required screening

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.

*****NEW***** We are now using **Pre-employ, Inc.** as our background service company. Pre-employ will be conducting more thorough background checks which require DMV searches. **The background checks will take between 5 to 10 business days to receive a result. Please complete the volunteer application well in advance of when you would like to volunteer.** After a background check is started, the volunteer will receive an email from Pre-employ letting them know they are running a background check and it will contain a link to Pre-employ if the volunteer would like to know the status of the background check. They will also receive an email from KPBSD once their volunteer application is approved or notifying them if there are any conditions to their approval.

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.