

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
October 17, 2016

HAPPENINGS!

LITTLE FIREWEED HEALTH SCREENING DAY
WITH NURSE MELISA

Tuesday, October 18th will be our health screening day at the K-2 from 9-11 AM. Hearing and vision, heights and weights are on the docket. Melisa will be coordinating the screenings using both the yurts! Health screenings are all about academic success and support. Healthy children are successful students.

STUDENT LED PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES!!

There is no school on Thursday and Friday, October 27 and 28 - These days are set aside for our student led conferences. If you have not already done so, call Janet to schedule a conference time for you and your child. 235-9728.

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECT with the FOOD PANTRY

Last day for food collection is Thursday, October 20! Please continue to send in non-perishable items. We love helping and being part of our community! Thanks so much! Betsy and Mo's classrooms have both visited the food pantry and helped make bags of rice and oats. We are thinking of making this a monthly routine. Kim's students will help deliver our collected food on Monday, October 24!



**DID YOU HEAR THE NEW FOOD PANTRY PSA ON KBBI?!!! Super cool, eh?
Attached to this newsletter in case you missed them on KBBI**

**Now that we have a bit of winter, please remember hats, gloves,
snowpants, boots and warm clothes!!!!**

NO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY OCTOBER 21ST/TEACHER INSERVICE!

**HARVEST POTLUCK AND POTATO SUNDAE PARTY
WAS FUN AND YUMMY**



BOOK FAIR AT WEST HOMER LIBRARY

The Scholastic Book Fair is held at the West Homer Elementary Library and is open to the public Monday October 24 -Friday October 28th: The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day as well as during the student conferences.

****Also join in on Tuesday October 25th from 4:30-6:30 for Family and Friends Fun Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!**

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>

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Special thanks to Amber Niebuhr for her fabric contributions and awesome ironing and sewing skills for our 3 community quilts!
- Thanks to Susannah Webster for accompanying us to the food pantry.
- Thanks to all for the yummy potluck contributions!
- And to Crisi Matthews, Nancy Shrag and Kristen Wright for potluck cleanup help!
- Thank you to Megan Palma for art project prep for a special project this week.
- Thanks to our Potato Cookers... Megan Palma, Kate Henry and Kristen Wright
- Thanks also to Crisi Matthews for organizing the Procrastinator's Faire in December.
- Thanks once again to this week's classroom aides... Torie, Meghan, Aaron, Robin, Rebecca and Steve.
- Thanks To Tori Hirsch, Crisi Mathews, Robin and Theresa for muffins for the Wolf Pup Literacy Circle

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Tues. Oct 18 th	Health Screenings with Nurse Melisa 9-11 AM
Fri. Oct. 21 st	End of Quarter/Teacher In-service/ NO SCHOOL!!
Weds. Oct 26 th	Early Release Day/ School out at 1:30 PM

Thurs. & Fri. Oct 27th-28th

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.