

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 24, 2016

### HAPPENINGS!

#### STUDENT-PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES THIS WEEK

Bring your child with you for your conference this week...they lead the conference! We are working with the children to teach them how to showcase their learning with you. They have portfolios of work to share with you, an art gallery tour to show you, math demos to do with you. \*\* Because of conferences, there is no school on Thursday and Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

#### WAGON TRAIN DELIVERY TO THE FOOD PANTRY TODAY!

All the Kinders from the Swarming Dolphin and Wolf Pup homerooms, loaded all of our food drive food onto our green wagon and rolled it over to the Methodist church for delivery. What a sight to see 20 kinders pulling and pushing the wagon across the road. A veritable pioneer day parade or our very own Chilkoot trail across East End road. Once at the food pantry we got to take a tour of the place, visit with the volunteers, check out the cooks in the kitchen and have a pumpkin bread snack while we asked questions. Thanks to Donna for the great experience!



#### LITTLE FIREWEED HALLOWEEN NEWS

We will celebrate Halloween with the children on Monday afternoon Oct 31<sup>st</sup> with a costume parade and popcorn party. At 1:30, after lunch and recess, we will provide a separate boys and girls changing area where the children can put on their Halloween costumes for a parade. Sorry, but there will be no time or set up for makeup application. Dressing up is optional! PLEASE: No weapons of any kind!

**In other Halloween news...**

**The Annual McNeil Canyon Halloween Carnival will be next Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 with fun for all and a BOUNCIE HOUSE!!!! All welcome!**



During conferences....**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 28<sup>th</sup>: 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**

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

**Up for Grabs in the Bootroom...**

- The Round Table
- The TV and Stand

**Take 'em home or by Wednesday!!! Or off they go to the Salvage area at the dump.**

**\*\*\*\* Is someone available to haul them outta here on Weds at Early Release time if no one claims these items?**

## **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**

- Big thanks to Nurse Melisa our Health Screening parent volunteers: Aaron, Amber, and Robin for a successful health screening day.
- Thanks to Torie Gutschow and Megan Palma for helping with the food pantry delivery!
- Thanks to Eliza Mills for stepping up to help cover lunch and recess duties this week while Nancy is out. Preserving teacher lunch and prep is a great gift!
- Thanks to last week's classroom aides... Meghan, Robin, Aaron, Rebecca
- Cheers to Chris Fontaine over at Big who met with the Fireweed 6<sup>th</sup> graders to plan for the Nutcracker Faire in December.

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

Weds. Oct 26 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day/ <b>School out at 1:30 PM</b>
Thurs. & Fri. Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup>	Student Led Parent Conferences/ <b>NO SCHOOL!</b>
Thurs, Nov. 3      6pm	Fireweed "Share the Spirit" Movie night featuring The Polar Express

## **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](http://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.

## Community News

### Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)

The Kenai Peninsula Borough, Office of Emergency Management is pleased to announce that the next Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) team training will be held beginning Tuesday November 1 through November 12 in Homer. This course is designed to prepare residents that do not have prior emergency response background on basic skills to keep themselves, their families, and their neighbors prepared for, and safe during, an emergency such as fire, flood, earthquake, or other incident.

The course covers skills such as fire and utility control, disaster medical skills, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster preparedness. Participants should expect a hands on course learning and practicing practical skills. Sessions are taught by emergency management professionals and other first responders, and will provide a comprehensive overview of these skills. CERT training is based on FEMA curriculum and is adapted for the unique conditions found on the Kenai Peninsula and Alaska

At the conclusion of the training, participants have the opportunity to join their local CERT team to be called upon to assist first responders during emergency or disaster conditions. CERT

members have been used in the past to provide public information, staff telephone lines, perform evacuations, and many other functions.

Participants 13 and over are welcome in the class with parental consent. All materials will be provided, and there is no cost or obligation for the class. Exact class location in Homer will be announced. Class size is limited to 25 participants, and a minimum enrollment is required. Please see the detailed schedule below. Pre-registration is required, visit our website at <http://www.kpb.us/emergency-mgmt/cert/cert-home/cert-class-information> to register.

For additional questions contact Dan Nelson at [\(907\) 262-2098](tel:9072622098)