

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
September 12, 2016

HAPPENINGS!

PARTNERS IN COMMUNITY ART

Fireweed students participated in "Community Build Week" of the 2016 Burning Basket. On our field trip down to Mariner Park, we helped adorn and walk the labyrinth, went beach combing and attached our scrolls and nature springs to this year's burning basket. It is always enriching to join in community art endeavors. Thank you Mavis for including us year after year in your art experiences!

EARLY RELEASE DAY ON WEDNESDAY: SCHOOL OUT AT 1:30

This Wednesday is our very first Early Release Day. Early release days were started by the school district to provide teachers collaboration time together during the work day. School ends 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours earlier at 1:30 PM. Buses also run 1 and $\frac{1}{2}$ hours early as well. Plan ahead please! Timely pickups are essential so the teachers can begin their collaboration time right away.

Teachers at Little Fireweed will be collaborating on student data, and planning.

THEME STUDIES...2ND ROTATION THIS WEEK!

In theme studies this week we learned that ants have special community helpers just like human communities. New civilizations were created and maps drawn of these new civilizations...their clothes, food, sports and languages. A new community mural is being "stitched" together celebrating our very own Fireweed community and our global community. If you have an idea or a skill to share related to our Community theme, let us know! We love to have friends and families share ideas with us.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Thank you parents for:

- Joining us at the Burning Basket art installation field trip!



PARENT VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR NEEDED: Fireweed Academy is hoping to begin a new volunteer position...Volunteer Coordinator. This person would be the 'go to person' for teachers who need volunteers for certain activities and projects and for parents/community members who would like to volunteer for Fireweed in the schools and/or at home. Maybe this is one person for the whole school and maybe it is one person for each school.....Does this sound like something you would be interested in? Please call Janet at 235-9728.

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thank you to Susannah Webster for her assistance and preparations in launching our "Common Threads" mural and for being the best read-a-loud reader this side of East End Road!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Mon Sept 14 th	APC meeting at Big Fireweed room 104 at 4:30pm All welcome!
Mon Sept 12 th	KPBSD School Board meeting at Homer High at 6 PM
Weds. Sept 14 th	Early Release Day- School out at 1:30 PM/Prompt pickups please
Thurs. Sept 29 th	K-2 Student-Parent Open House 5:30-6:30 PM

SCHOOL DISTRICT INFORMATION

SCHOOL BOARD POSITION OPENING

Liz Downing is resigning from the KPBSD School Board. If there are any parents that might be interested in learning more about running for that position. Please contact Liz at eadowning@gmail.com The next School board meeting is September 12th at the Homer High School at 6pm. This position will be on the agenda.

Volunteer for the KPBSD calendar committee

The KPBSD is recruiting members to review the 2017-2018 school calendar and make recommendations to the Board of Education for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years. Details can be found here

http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/students_parents.aspx?id=688 Questions? Email Natalie bates at nbates@kpbsd.k12.ak.us or call 907-714-8858. Apply by October 3, 2016.

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.