

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
September 26th, 2016

HAPPENINGS!

LITTLE FIREWEED STUDENT-PARENT OPENHOUSE

Thursday, September 29th 5:30-6:30 PM

Plan to join us with your child on Early Thursday evening for a Family Open house at Little Fireweed. We are providing an opportunity for your child to share some of their work with you and meet with your child's core homeroom teacher about curriculum and other topics. We will close out our evening together with the first Live performance of the song Common Threads and a little This Land is Your Land!

Schedule looks like this:

5:30-5:50 Student sharing of work and room

5:50-6:15 Core Homeroom meetings with teachers

6:15-6:30 Song Fest in the yurt

FRIENDLY FRIDAY WITH BIG FIREWEED

What a great COMMUNITY!

The Big Fireweed kids came over for a friendly Friday extravaganza last Friday. They joined us on the playground for a whole school recess, a Song-fest in the yurt and Explorations. From playing game boards and building gnome homes to exploring centers, construction and art materials, it was a joy-filled afternoon! Always wonderful to be all together as a whole school!



THEME STUDIES...

Launching new round of theme groups this week! Kim's theme groups will be conducting a Community Census of neighborhood Green Spaces, looking at ecological community "jobs" or niches and also looking at Symbiosis and the interrelationships between organisms. Mo's theme group will begin working on a community quilt of our town. Betsy's theme will begin to explore community helpers.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

- **PICTURE RETAKE DAY... October 14th**

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 in for a trade in.

- **NEEDED... SOCCER GOAL REPAIRS!** Nothing a little seine twine can't fix. Anyone up for it?!? Check in w/Kim.
- **Needed...**We have two tables painted!! It would be lovely to have the others sanded on a sunny day so we can try and get them painted before winter. Check in w/Mo.

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thanks to Susannah Webster for jumping on board as our illustrious Parent Volunteer Coordinator. Watch out- her energy and enthusiasm is infectious. Best yet...cut to the chase and call her to set up your volunteerism. ☺

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Thurs. Sept 29 th	K-2 Student-Parent Open House 5:30-6:30 PM
Fri. Sept. 30 th	Field trip to KBBI and the library
Mon. Oct 10 th	APC Meeting- All Welcome-4:30 PM at Big Fireweed
Fri. Oct. 14 th	Picture Retake Day
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

[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.