

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

August 20, 2013

Welcome Everyone!
We so enjoyed your kids on the first day!

HAPPENINGS

Our theme this quarter is ROOTS... come join us. Share ideas.
What kind of fun projects can we drum up together?

FIRST DAY PACKETS

1st day packets came home today with lots of info and paperwork to be looked at and dealt with. Have at it parents, and send it back to us completed. There will be a turn-in bin in each homeroom. We need these sooner rather than later so tonight is a great time to take care of this.

KAREN HORNADAY PLAY DAY... this Friday!

We invite you to come join us on our traditional first Friday field trip! Our K-2 kids will be taking a bus over to Karen Hornaday Park to join the Fireweed 2nd-6th Grades for a picnic and sports day. Meet us at the park anytime between Noon and 3 PM. Join us for lunch if you can, or stay the whole afternoon. Fireweed is providing the main course and we are asking for parents to help provide the side dishes.

***** Please return all permission slips (coming home tomorrow) including your end of the day plan and special medical updates by THURSDAY *****

*****Need Early Bird Parents (11:30) to Start the Fire, begin cooking food and food table set-up. Call Kim ASAP if you can be one of those parents!**

- **Rainy Day Plan:** Janet will send out an email informing our families around 10:00 on Friday if the trip must be cancelled due to weather. If the weather looks dicey in the morning, please send your child with a lunch.
- **End of Field Trip Plan:** We have a bus scheduled to return any Little Fireweed kids to school in time for bus transfers but you are also welcome to take your child home from Karen Hornaday if you want. Please let us know ahead of time on the field trip form or in person whether your child will be returning to school on Friday to ride the bus.

- **Leaving a Field Trip Protocol:** When you leave from a group field trip it is important that you check-in/sign out with your child's homeroom teacher before you go so that we know that your child left safely with you. Thanks... this keeps us teachers sane and happy knowing that your children are safe and happily with YOU!

PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND THE CLASSROOM AIDE SCHEDULE

Thanks to folks who have jumped into the wonderful fray to help this first week! Remember to take a moment to fill out the parent volunteer surveys. We will be collating that survey information shortly so we can do our 'darndest' to match you up with the right jobs. There is a classroom aide schedule posted in the hallway by the water fountain. We are looking for regular classroom aides on all days. Thanks!

Here is a little fun thing happening:

"Celebrate Soccer, the Family Game" will be hosted by the Soccer Association of Homer at West Homer Elementary this Saturday (8/24), 1pm -5pm. All families are invited to an afternoon of fun with soccer-related activities and prizes. Please bring a potluck item to share and wear active shoes (Mom and Dad too!).

NETTY GRITTY INFORMATION

OUR DAILY SCHEDULE!!!

Reminder... School begins at 8:30 AM and ends at 3 PM. You can plan to arrive around 8:15ish in the morning to help settle your child for the school day. Thanks in advance for timely pick-ups in the afternoon!

THE GATE and THE PLATFORM

The rule is "**Side by Side**" or "**Hand in Hand**" when you drop off and pick up your child from school. There are too many cars coming and going for children to be running to greet you in the parking lot or to be running ahead of you to the car. Please be diligent about this!!! Your child must be "side by side" or "hand in hand" when walking to or from the gate or from the platform at the side door. Thanks... we will sleep better at night if every family does this well!!!

DAILY MORNING SNACK

We want to remind you to send a healthy morning snack with your child, even if they are having hot lunch! This mid-morning refueling time is important for school success. It can be packed in with your child's lunch, but it is nice for them to know

ahead that "this is snack" and "this is lunch" so they don't eat all their main part of lunch at snack time.

HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We have a hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Milk is also available for purchase. The 'Student Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it is in your first day packet.

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thanks to Edan Badajos, Oma Ruth, Jalee Martushev, Kammi Madsen and Maygen Jannetta for first day help in the classroom, the yurt and in the yard. We truly couldn't do it with out ya!!
- Huge and overwhelming gratitude to Rhonda Velsko for getting our school clean and sparkling and ready to go for the first week of school. She has worked above and beyond the call of duty and put a shine on the place. Be sure to thank her if you see her!!!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Fri., August 23rd Karen Hornaday Play Day and Potluck Picnic Noon-3
Thurs. Sept 5th Anchor Point Field Trip 9-1 @ Halibut Campground

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete this on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom!!!

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. 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.