

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
December 10, 2012

HAPPENINGS

LAST WEEK OF FORCES THEME GROUPS!!

This is the third week in our second rotation exploring magnetic forces, centrifugal forces and the force of heat. The next theme in the New Year is 'Change'.

NO SCHOOL DECEMBER 21ST - IN SERVICE DAY

Remember that there is no school on Friday, Dec. 21st to accommodate a teacher in-service day. Teachers will spend the morning looking at the new state curriculum standards in order to determine how we will implement them in the classroom. Then, in the afternoon, we will be preparing for semester narrative reports. Enjoy you winter break!

Recycled Book Exchange!: Looking for donated children's books!

Our K-2 campus will be holding a recycled book exchange on Friday, December 14, from 2:30 - 3:30 (during and after school). This is the last week to sort through your bookshelves and look for children's books that are no longer used or useful for your family. Please donate these books to our book exchange. Students and families can then go 'shopping' for 'new to them' books. Any questions? Please see Betsy Vanek.

KACHEMAK KIDS ELC FUNDRAISER AT THE HOMER THEATER 12/20

Come to the Homer Theater at 6PM this Thurs., Dec. 13th for a Holiday movie/music performance for a \$5. per person suggested donation. The original Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer will be followed by singing (including Ms. Deb's kids) and then a showing of Frosty the Snowman.

APC NEWS

There is an APC meeting this week on Wednesday, Dec. 12th at 4:30 at the Little Fireweed East Campus. ALL ARE INVITED. The agenda includes: Board Election Update, Board Development, budget evaluation and staff reductions and outreach.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

FROM THE DISTRICT:

We have just received an important notice for all KPBSD families—Beginning January 1, 2013, **Public Health must discontinue provision of all state supplied vaccine to fully insured children.** What does this mean for our school community?

- Students who have Denali Kid Care or who are Alaska Native/American Indian and those who are either uninsured or underinsured (insurance does not cover shots) **WILL** continue to be able to receive immunizations at Public Health.
- Anyone who has private insurance that covers vaccines or who does not know if their private insurance covers vaccines will be referred to their personal care provider and **WILL NOT** be able to get immunizations at Public Health.
- Until these changes take place, parents with insurance may still use Public Health for children's immunizations that are required for school entry. Please make sure to check your child's shot records and plan ahead. Remember, Public Health does not require you to verify insurance benefits or income in order to qualify. Please call now to schedule an appointment before the January 1 changes occur.

Friendly Reminders...

- Hot Lunch Count is taken first thing in the morning. If you want your kiddo to have hot lunch **AND** you are going to be late to school call us **BEFORE 10 AM.**

Needed:

- **Used Holiday cards:** Send in any you have to Deb for an upcoming project.
- **Gallon-Size Ice Cream Buckets Needed:** Please bring any you have to Deb. I know some have them, just remember to bring them!
- **Donated children's books** for Recycled Book Exchange - Dec. 14th

Thanks!!

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Joey for helping "light up" Kim's entryway!
- Sarah ___ for helping create the Good-Bye books for our departing K students.

- To the Houlihans for providing us with interesting science observation material; both last and this week.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Dec 12 th	APC meeting at Little Fireweed at 4:30pm
Dec 14 th	3:00 - 3:30 Family Recycled Book Exchange
Dec 18 th	Bowling from 10-12ish - More info to come re: \$, etc.
Dec 19 th	Salmon Dissection
Dec 20 th	Last Day of School before Winter Break
Dec 21 st	No School- Teacher In-service