

K-2 FIREWEED ACADEMY NEWSLETTER
February 11th, 2013

Thanks for the great conferences!

HAPPENINGS

FRIENDLY VISIT WEEK AT LITTLE FIREWEED... THIS WEEK!

If you know of any folks who are interested in 'seeing' Fireweed in action, this week and next week is the time! We recommend that they come in the mornings and stay clear of Fridays, but...Come on in! It's also nice to know ahead of time, but not necessary. Just call the school, 235-5792 or Janet at 235-9728 and let us know!

Congratulations to our very own, Amanda Miller!

The Governor's Council on Disabilities and Special Education would like to commend Amanda Miller of Fireweed Academy for being nominated amongst the top 10 recipients of the Governor's 2013 Inclusive Practice Award. Way to go Amanda, we SOOO appreciate all the extra care you give to all our students and the work you do for Fireweed!

VALENTINE'S DAY

If your child would like to bring Valentines in to school on Thursday, we will make time for the children to open and enjoy them. Bringing valentines is optional, but if your child does bring valentines, we ask that they bring one for each child in their homeroom. Thanks!

NEW THEME GROUPS THIS WEEK

Ms. Deb will be poking around with penguins and their 'differences'. The students will be constructing their very own life size penguins that they have been studying and writing information about their findings. We'll add-on to our *schema* that we developed previously. We'll also take a scientific look at ways in which a penguin adapts to its very cold environment as well as 'changes' in ice forms. If we're lucky, and time permits, we'll compare penguins to puffins and fly on home to Alaska.

Kim will be moving from "Oh Dear, What Can This Matter Be?" looking at states of matter and their physical changes to exploring chemical changes in matter.

Jon will be exploring the metamorphosis of caterpillars, tadpoles and a dragonfly nymph through the creation of a mini-documentary describing the life cycle change of each of these marvelous 'morphers'.

APC NEWS

There will be an APC Meeting this week on Wednesday 4:30 PM at Little Fireweed. Agenda Items include: Intensive Needs Funding report back from Kiki, FY 13-14 Staffing, Outreach and Parent Meeting Updates. All are welcome. Each meeting has a public comment period if you would like to address the APC on any topic.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

SWIM WEEK COMING SOON! March 4th-March 7th

Splish! Splash! Help Needed:

- In the Water Swim Help is necessary so we can have small instructional groups
- Locker Room help is also a great bonus to a successful swim week.
- Ms. Deb needs small jewelry boxes this week, asap. Be a 'sweetheart' or and send one or two please!

Percussion in the Yurt!

This Friday our very own Ash, along with the assistance of Corey, will be giving us a live performance of percussion through time. He's quite amazing and we are looking forward to '*hearing*' all about it on Friday afternoon!

Musical Postponed to April!

Due to a change in venue, we will be postponing our musical until April and will be performing at the Homer Theater. **However**, we will still have the Student Art Opening at Bunnell on February 27th from 5:00 until 6:30. Students will sing at 6:00. The art display will be open that day as well for people to see.

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thanks to Beka, Susan, Janet, Carla, Kiki and Lisa, Lise Kirsis and Shay Hoffman ... for the great outreach and fundraiser at Jazzline

this weekend. Quilt Raffle tickets and bake sale items were sold and folks were able to enjoy the testimonial wall and learn more about why people LOVE Fireweed Academy.

- Thanks to all who brought in baked goods and sent in testimonials.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Mon. Feb 11 th -Fri Feb 15 th	Friendly Visit Week in the mornings
Weds. Feb 13 th	APC Meeting @ 4:30 at Little Fireweed
Fri. Feb 15 th	Percussion Instruments over Time w/Ash!
Wed. Feb. 27 th	Fireweed K-2 Student Art Show 5-6:30 pm
March 4 th -7 th	Swim Week for Little Fireweed
April (Date TBA)	"Around the World" Musical @Homer Theater
Fri. March 8 th	No School - Teacher In-Service
March 11 th - 15 th	No School - Spring Break