

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

November 11, 2013

HAPPENINGS

NEW THEME GROUPS BEGIN THIS WEEK

Echo locating bats in our belfry, signaling satellites in orbit, and facial and body language are all on the docket this week for our new theme group rotations. Mixed groups of k-1-2 kids will visit each teacher for a series of lessons and activities exploring our theme of communication.

Quilt Raffle: It's beautiful! It's marvelous! It wants to live in your home or the home of a friend. Last chances to buy and/or sell tickets. Fireweed parent Jo Dempsey will be at Safeway selling tickets on 12th and 19th from about 9:30 til 2:30. If you would like to help out, call her at 235-4759. She has the quilt and the tickets and is ready to sell you some or give you some to sell! Also if you still have tickets, please call Janet at 235-9728 and let her know the status.

Fresh Oranges Fundraiser: How goes the orange sales? Remember, forms are due back to me no later than November 18th. Also please remember all orders are pre-paid, when you hand in the order form, money must come with it! Checks would be best, written to Fireweed Academy Charter School. We are shooting for a December 4th delivery, give or take a day! If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 235-9728-Janet

Academic Policy Committee: The APC will meet Wednesday, Nov. 13th at 4:30pm in Kiki's room (103 at West Homer). These meetings are open to the public and we welcome your input. Agenda items include: Administrators report, exit interviews, APC election results, Staff APC seat, fundraising update/pupil activity account, executive session.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

***We're always looking for more parent support throughout our school day. We have no helpers on Tuesday. If you can donate your time and support, we could certainly use your help!

TUBING NEEDED!!

We'd like to 'wire up' a couple communication booths and need about 120 feet of flexible, $\frac{1}{2}$ " tubing. Let us know if you can help us out! Thanks!

CAST-OFFS NEEDED

We need tiny boxes, toilet paper and paper towel tubes, thread spools, wires of all kinds, and other interesting pieces usable to create model satellites for theme group next week. Please give anything you have to Jon. Thank you!!!

Communication in our school: NEWSLETTERS, etc.

Fireweed Academy communicates regularly with parents and families primarily through the use of e-mail. The weekly newsletter comes out Monday afternoon or Tuesday morning. There are also e-mails from Janet or Kiki with office or administrative information. There are posters on the doors about upcoming events! We are happy to provide hard copies of newsletter of information for those that need it.

Ways you can stay in the loop:

- Make sure Janet has your current e-mail or knows that you need hard copies. She will share that info with teachers.
- Let Janet know if you are not receiving e-mails.
- Read the newsletters when they come out!
- Check out the posters in the boot rooms or on the doors for upcoming events.

- Pick up a hard copy of the newsletter which will be in both boot rooms and available Tuesday morning. (The kids are not always reliable about getting the hard copies to you, though we will keep trying to build their self-reliance.)

HEARTY THANK YOU

- To Jack Dalton for a most wonderful storytelling residency! Our students loved their time with him and we had numerous positive comments about their presentation. Thanks to Bunnell Street Arts Center and Asia Freeman for their support in this residency.
- To Kammi Matson for her artistic assistance creating photo displays for our Artist in the Schools program

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, Nov 13th	APC meeting 4:30 in Kiki's room (103 West Homer Elementary)
Monday, Nov 18th	Fresh Oranges fundraising packet due back!
Weds, Nov. 20th	<u>Early Release Day</u> <u>School out at 1:30</u> This is next week, so make preparations!
Th/F. Nov. 28 & 29	No School -Thanksgiving
Dec. 20th-Jan. 3rd	No School - In-service Day & Holiday Break

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

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.