

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 14th, 2013

HAPPENINGS

POTATO SUNDAE PARTY

This spud's for you! (or rather for us!) Remember that the students will be consuming the last of this year's garden with a potato sundae party this Thursday afternoon. If you can donate to the 'feeding frenzy' there is a sign-up sheet on the doors to our school.

SAVE THE DATE!

ELLIS ISLAND SIMULATION, OCTOBER 23rd AT BIG FIREWEED

We are looking forward to the celebratory highlight of our quarter study of ROOTS. Tentative date and time: Wednesday morning, October 23rd. 9-12am. The gym at West Homer Elementary will be converted to the Great Hall of Ellis Island. Immigrants will arrive with great hopes to pass through all the stations and gain entrance to America. Once we all get to America we will be celebrating with an **ethnic foods** potluck, music, stories and crafts. Our K-2 **immigrants** will be arriving here at school and "boating" aka bussing over to Big Fireweed for the simulation. More information to follow. If you have questions, contact Kim.

3 Academic Policy Committee Seats are open Have you been looking for the perfect way to volunteer for your child's school? This may be it! Fireweed Academy is a community-driven school in which all members may participate in discussions which affect the school. The Academic Policy Committee (APC) uses the process of consensus in making major decisions regarding the operation of FWA. These decisions are made in regular monthly APC meetings, which are open to the public. The APC consists of parents, staff and community members who are committed to the mission of Fireweed Academy; it is a two year commitment. The seats that are available include a parent rep, a student rep and a community rep.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call Janet at 235-9728 or talk to any current member of Fireweed Academy's Academic Policy Committee. The elections will be Oct 24th and 25th, during the parent teacher conferences. We need to know if you are interested no later than October 21st.

CONFERENCE TIME coming soon...October 24th and 25th.

Fireweed **student-led** parent/teacher conferences are Thursday and Friday, October 24th and 25th. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to schedule your conference time.

Library News from the West Elementary Library

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon- Monday October 21st--Friday October 25. The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day as well as both days of Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Tuesday October 22nd 4:30-6:30 is Family and Friends Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library!

There will be books, science kits, notebooks, posters and more—something for everyone! The students help me run the Book Fair. There will be lots of books and we will have lots of fun!!!!!!

See you there-Lisa Whip and Cheryl Illg

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

IT'S CAMPFIRE TIME!

A part of the time during Friday's clean-up and tucking in of the playground and garden was spent revitalizing the campfire ring area. Following this we lit our first fire of the season and enjoyed some songs and dreamt of hot dogs and marshmallows. We could sure use some donations of firewood if you've any to spare. Just toss it over the fence near the fire ring and our small elves will stack it as it comes. Thanks!

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Continued thanks to our parent volunteers! Your help each week in the classrooms, providing dance classes and providing support with copying, etc. is indispensable!
- A huge THANK YOU to the department of Fish and Game for sponsoring the annual salmon smelt, melt, milk. It's always soooo fascinating to see the female with all those thousands of eggs and only 2 generally survive! We also witnessed the milking of the male (who knew???) as it fertilized the eggs. The tank is loaded with the roe and pecculating in Mr. Jon's room. It will be sooo exciting to witness their life cycle. Also, we appreciate those parents who came along and helped with the event.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Thursday October 17 th	Potato Sundae Party
Friday, October 18 th	<u>NO SCHOOL</u>/Teacher Inservice Day That's this Friday!
Wednesday, Oct. 23 rd	Ellis Island Simulation/Welcome to America Party
Thurs/Fri Oct 24 th /25 th	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Only 3 days of school this week as conferences are on Thursday and Friday. Make sure you have called Janet and made your appointment with your child's teacher!
Weds, Oct 30 th	Early Release Day School out at 1:30

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.