

**K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER**  
September 23, 2013

**HAPPENINGS**

**THEME GROUPS this week!**

New topics of exploration will emerge this week during theme group time. Jon's group will be creating root prints and do some cooking with roots, Kim's group will look at family roots and the history of immigration of families to Ellis Island and Deb's group will be completing their plant/root observations and creating a stem instrument.

**NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION**

**FALL IS HERE... WITH WIND AND COLD!**

It is cold and blustery on the playground these days and we are out in it every day. Send your child prepared with a warm coat **AND** hats and mittens. Yes folks... it's time!

**BUS REMINDERS**

- **Fill out Bus Notes** when necessary for your child to ride the bus to a stop other than their regular route **OR** stop. (Bus notes stored on desk by center door and in Kim's classroom.)
- Please post "end of the day plan" notes or notes about changes in bus schedule on the wall posters by the bus table. Thanks!
- For regular, every day bus riders, please let us know by phone, by note, by text, by passenger pigeon if your child will **NOT** be riding the bus. Otherwise... off they go on the bus.
- Please Note: Bus 62 leaves before the end of the day at 2:50 ish so if you are planning to spontaneously pick up your bus riding child... come early!

**HEARTY THANK YOUS**

\*Thank you for remembering to send 'healthy snacks with your child. Fresh fruits, vegetables, proteins are highly appreciated. If you read the ingredients and the 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> ingredient is sugar, chances are that is NOT a healthy snack. We're trying to build on the 'brain' builders, not hype them up, but rather help them focus. Chips are generally pretty fatty as well.

\*We could certainly use some more spoons for our inside snacks. Every year we buy them and every year they disappear. Thank you!

\*Remember, we need inside and outside shoes!

<b>Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!</b>
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Weds. October 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Picture Day	Beginning at 9 AM
Friday October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Salmon Egg Take at the Anchor River	12:30-2:30PM
Friday, October 18 <sup>th</sup>	<b><u>NO SCHOOL</u></b> /Teacher Inservice Day	
Thurs/Fri October 24 <sup>th</sup> /25 <sup>th</sup>	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences	
Wednesday, October 30 <sup>th</sup>	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](http://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.