

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

September 3, 2013

### HAPPENINGS

#### **ROOTED IN TRADITIONS: Low Tide Adventure with Big Fireweed!**

Thursday, we head off on a day field trip to the Halibut Campground at the Anchor Point Beach to join the Big Fireweed kids. In our annual fall expedition, we will explore low tide and have a picnic lunch with the Bigs. The bus will pick us up at 9:30 and take us to the beach. We will be back at school by 1:30. Please pack lots of warm layers, raingear, rubber boots and a hearty **SNACK and LUNCH!** Thanks for helping your child come prepared as a smart Alaskan kid! Permission slips and \$3 for the bus can be turned into your child's homeroom teacher.

#### **THEME GROUPS this week!**

Our first week long theme groups begin this week with mixed K-2 groupings. Roots and shoots of plants, a look at seeds, the roots they grow & the direction that 'living' things take. On that note, we'll be looking at people and their roots and the "shoots" of who they want to become. We'll also be lavished with leaves. We should be well 'seasoned' at the end of this one!

#### **PARENT VOLUNTEERS AND THE CLASSROOM AIDE SCHEDULE**

We sure are looking for parents to help fill in those blank spots in the aide schedule, especially Mondays and Wednesday. A few more folks have signed-up for volunteering. Ruth, Frida and Lukas' grandmother, has been a great help! Her time is limited, so rush right in to get your day! Friday at lunch and recess we had no one, plus some of our regulars were missing. Please try and help out at some point, even if it's just an hour or two for a morning or afternoon. We can certainly plug you in! Also thanks to our newbies, Dani, Sonja, Kammi, and Brandy. We love having you here and so do your kids!

### NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

#### **Thank you parents for remembering to...**

- Stop for the bus drop offs and pick ups whenever red lights are flashing!
- Walk Side by Side or Hand in Hand when leaving the gate or the platform.
- Send daily morning snack even if your child is having hot lunch.
- Send money for hot lunch when your child is having hot lunch.

- Sign your child in if you arrive late or sign them out if you pick your child up early!
- Making your child knows their End of the Day Plan!
- Filling out Bus Notes when necessary for your child to ride the bus to a new stop. (Bus notes stored by bus desk by center door.)

**FIRST DAY PACKETS:** We still have **several** First Day Packets out. PLEASE return those ASAP! Janet will be emailing you personally if you have not returned yours to your homeroom teacher.

**HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

We have a hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Milk is also available for purchase. The 'Student Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it is in your first day packet.

**HEARTY THANK YOU'S**

\*A huge THANKS to Edan Badajos for mowing our soccer field. It sure helps avoid lots of spills and makes for a smooth 'pass'. Also to our weed whacking man on the playground, Brian Burk! Miss Deb's class can now access their back door for a safe exit! We love your support!

**Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

Thurs. Sept. 5 <sup>th</sup>	Anchor Point Field Trip 9-1 @ Halibut Campground 9:30-1:30 PM
Friday Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Burning Basket Field Trip 12:30-2:30 PM (More info later.)
Weds. Sept. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Early Release Day at school. Kids out at 1:30 PM
Weds. Oct. 9 <sup>th</sup>	School Picture Day

**ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete the on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom!!!

**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.