

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
January 12th, 2015
HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!

HAPPENINGS



INVENTIONS



We are 'full steam ahead' on invention exploration. In Jon's theme group kitchen chemistry informed an inventing of three recipes using a plethora of ingredients. A taste testing of the final creation and an "Iron Chef" style judging/critiquing ended the week. In Deb's group, Sharlene (subbing for Kiki this week and last) led kids through the design process for inventing and creating a creature. Using clay as a medium, kids transform pinch pots into their invented creature. In Kim's group, students identified a problem to solve, designed an invention to address the need, created their invention and ended with a visit to the 'Patent Office'. All kids will rotate through these groups during these first three weeks of theme groups.



SALMON DISSECTION



On Friday, a biologist from the AK Dept. Of Fish and Game will be in to lead our students through an internal exploration of a salmon. Body parts identification is the focus with a nod to the functions organs et al. perform. This begins at 12:30 and finishes up by 2:40; encompassing two, one-hour sessions.

From the District

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget Meeting on Tuesday, February 24, 2015 at 5:30 p.m. in the Homer High School

library. Everyone interested is encouraged to attend. If there are questions, please contact Lassie Nelson at 714-8838.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

PARENT VOLUNTEER AIDE SCHEDULE

MORNING SUPPORT

With the 'New Year' upon us, we have lots of openings in our parent aide schedule. **Classroom aiding is most welcome, Mondays- Fridays 8:30-12:30! Please say "Yes!"**

2nd Semester SNACKS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED!

We are, once again, getting low on healthy food items for those who are in need. Energy bars, nuts, dried fruits, fresh apples, veggies etc. We are also getting low on Kleenex and disinfecting wipes. Any help is appreciated. Remember, if your child is having a hot lunch, they still need to provide their own snack.

HEARTY THANK YOU

- Thank you to Sharlene for filling in beautifully for Kiki and providing a clay sculpture art exploration for our Little Fireweed students!
- Thank you to those of you that brought in snacks and supplies for us! You are really helping to keep things running cleaning and smoothly for all of us!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Jan.12 th -Jan 20 th	Invent a Creature with Artist Sharlene Cline
Monday, Jan. 19 th	No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
Friday, Jan 23 rd	Friendly Friday Lunch at Big Fireweed
Weds, Feb 4 th	Early Release Day (School out at 1:30 PM)
Th/F Feb, 5 th and 6 th	Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences
Week of Feb. 23 rd	Eddie Wood - Artist in the Schools - Music

Mar. 2 nd -5 th	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
Fri. March 6 th	Teacher In-Service/ No School!
March 6 th - 15 th	Spring Break- No School!
March 16 th	1 st day back after Spring 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, and then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.