

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

January 20th, 2015

HAPPENINGS



INVENTIONS

We are in our final week of this round of invention exploration. In Jon's theme group kids talked about yeast as living, gas-passing beings and have invented recipes that use this trait as well as baking soda and vinegar to create puffy delicacies. A taste testing of the final creation and an "Iron Chef" style judging/critiquing ended the week. Miss Deb's group enjoyed inventing their own combined animal shapes or animal/vehicle shapes. We are excited about having them fired and may be doing some writing to go along with our inventive creatures. 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.



What's for dinner?



SALMON DISSECTION

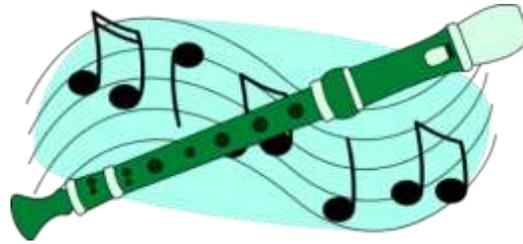


On Friday, a biologist from the AK Dept. Of Fish and Game, Holly Dixon, came in to lead our students through an internal exploration of a salmon. Body parts were identified as the smell of salmon permeated the air. The eyes and the heart seemed to be the high-light (eye-light) of the day! Initially some students were rather reluctant to 'dive-in', but toward the end most were **salmon savvy**.



That's a Spicy Meatball!

Friendly Friday! This Friday we will be joining the Big Fireweed Students for the 6th graders Spring Trip **fundraising** spaghetti feed. They are asking for a \$5.00 donation, but if this presents a problem, not to worry, **everyone** will be fed. There will be no other hot lunch delivered that day, so if you do not plan on eating spaghetti, be sure to bring a cold **sack lunch**. We look forward to our afternoon with Big Fireweed. It's always great to see our older Fireweed Family! You can bring your \$5.00 dollars at any time as there will be an envelope in each teacher's classroom. No doubt there is a large family discount rate as well!



Link Up Symphony Orchestra:

Fireweed Academy's 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students have been learning songs to sing and play on the recorder in preparation for the opportunity to participate in January 30th's evening Symphony Orchestra performance at the Mariner Theater. The performance is **free** to the public and will be held January 30th at 7pm in the Mariner Theater at Homer High.



Student Led Parent Teacher Conferences:

There is no school on Thursday and Friday, February 5th and 6th. These days are reserved for our student-led parent teacher conferences. Please call Janet at 235-9728 to sign up for your conference.

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

Parent aides are always welcomed! Whether you feel comfortable working in our elaborate teacher work room, aiding in the classroom, typing or simply cutting and pasting, you can find your place here!

Classroom aiding is most welcome, Mondays- Fridays 8:30-12:30!

Miss Deb is collecting large coffee cans! Do people even use those anymore? All I need are 10, but that is not a simple task I am finding out!

HEARTY THANK YOU

- Thank you to Brandy and Brian for fixing our library chairs.
- Thanks to Amber for our $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{2}$ treats in the hedgehog homeroom.
- 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 smoothly for all of us!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Friday, Jan 23 rd	Friendly Friday Lunch at Big Fireweed this Friday! Please bring your donation of \$5.00 ASAP if you can.
Wed. Jan 28 th	APC meeting-room 103 at Big Fireweed (WHE)
Friday, Jan. 30 th	Wynn Nature Field Trip in the am. Volunteers!
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 6th Teacher In-Service/ No School!
March 6th- 15th Spring Break- No School!
March 16th 1st 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.