

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

February 24, 2014

HAPPENINGS

Early Dismissal WEDNESDAY

We will be dismissing at 1:30 promptly!!!

Please make sure to have a pick-up plan!

We will be collaborative planning for our next theme, Journeys, and the end of the year (wow, huh?!)

Winter Play Afternoon at Kiki's

On Friday we will be joining Kiki and the Big Fireweeders for a winter playtime at Kiki's house. The bus will leave Little Fireweed at 10:30 and will arrive at Kiki's road at 11:00. We will leave Kiki's at 1:30 for a 2:00 bus back to school. Students should bring a hearty sack lunch, or school sack lunches can be purchased in the same way that hot lunches are purchased and we will take those with us for kids that desire one. **Please let us know NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY if you'd like your child to get a school sack lunch.**

We are in need of a pick-up or large SUV driver to take sleds, skis and extra clothes from school at 10:15 to Kiki's, and drivers that can shuttle LFW kids from the Northfork to Kiki's house and then back again at the end of our playtime. Times that shuttle drivers are needed are 10:55 at the Northfork and 1:20 at Kiki's. Let us know if you are able to help us out.

Finally, all students should have extra clothing should a change be needed. Please be certain that your child(ren) have a labelled bag of extra clothes at school. We will bring these with us to Kiki's.

NEXT WEEK IS SWIM WEEK

In-Pool Help & Chaperones Needed!!

Our first day of swimming will be next Monday with the goal of having all the kids develop a good comfort in the water, build trust with adults and challenge themselves to learn some new skills. These will continue thru Thursday, and a little

extra food (lunch and snack) is a good idea as many of them will be ravenous after leaving the water. We will need chaperones to help with the walk to the pool, to manage the locker rooms and a few adults to get in the pool for both the 12:30 and 1:30 sessions. If you can help us out, please let us know this week and plan to meet here to help kids get ready. Following the pool time, we will need locker room support for dressing and packing up gear. Swimmers should have a suit, towel and goggles.

Blues in the Schools: MUSICAL INSTRUMENT MAKING

With HAWKEYE HERMAN

Hawkeye Herman, last week's acoustic blues and slide guitar performer, will return on March 5th for a workshop with the kids. They will be making their own instruments. Your child(ren) will come home with their two choices and a materials list. Please hunt up the materials for their choices and send these to school in a bag labeled with their name.

NEW THEME NEXT QUARTER: JOURNEYS

Final week of Wind Currents, Body Currents, Electrical Currents!!!

This is our last week of theme groups for this quarter. Jon will do a final exploring of wind currents including launching helium balloons and making paper lanterns, Miss Deb will complete an exploration of the skeletal, digestive and respiratory systems and Kim leads her final group through an exploration of electrons, electrical current and electrical circuits. Then, starting after spring break, our final theme for this year will be 'Journeys'.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

<<< WE ARE IN NEED OF SOME SUPPLIES >>>

Our supplies of some items are dwindling and we could use some donations of materials to restock. If you can provide any of these we would greatly appreciate it:

- Glue Sticks
- Healthy school snacks (i.e.: nuts, cup of noodles, fruit leather...)
- Boxes of Kleenex Tissues
- Pencils
- 1 gallon ice cream buckets with lids

OPEN ENROLLMENT IS NOW!!

We are down to the wire and I am missing many 'Intent to Enroll' forms.

Current students will not go through the lottery; however, ALL returning students must complete an 'Intent to Enroll' form. This holds your spot and lets us figure out how much space we will have for new students next year. Forms were emailed home on Jan 31, 2014, and I will email the form again today. **Be sure to return them no later than Feb 28th -that's this Friday!** And tell your friends and neighbors-it open enrollment time at Fireweed!

From the District

Public Budget Meeting: The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District is holding a Public Budget Meeting on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 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.

Recruitment for Health Curriculum Review Committee: Are you interested in reviewing and developing the District's health curriculum? Community members, parents, teachers, or students—please complete and return this online application by March 7, 2014. If you have questions or need more information, please call Melissa Linton, KPBSD Curriculum and Assessment Coordinator at 714-8861 or email: mlinton@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- Thank you to Berkeley Davis for his help cleaning our building in Rhonda's absence.
- Thank you to Oma Ruth for her help at school during her visit!!
- I'd thank anyone who has large plastic ice cream containers for our crayon buckets. Ours seem to be falling apart, it would 'seem'.
- Also, there is a need for paper towel or toilet paper containers for our upcoming gadget skeleton projects...also to be used as scenery for our play.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

ALL February	Open Enrollment Month
Weds, Feb 26 th	Early Release Day (School out at 1:30 PM)
Fri., Feb. 28 th	Winter Play Afternoon at Kiki's
March 3-6 th	Swim Week at the Homer High Pool
Weds., March 5 th	Blues Music Workshop
Fri. March 7 th	Teacher In-Service/ No School!
March 7 th - 16 th	Spring Break- No School!
March 17 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.