

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
Sept 2nd, 2014

HAPPENINGS

ANCHOR POINT FIELD TRIP THIS THURSDAY!

Lucky us... we get to join the Big Fireweed students on part of their camping trip at the Halibut Campground in Anchor Point. Beach exploring, tide pooling, rock art... we plan on spending lunch and part of the afternoon with our "Bigs". The bus will pick us up at school at 10:45 and we will be back at school in time for buses. **Please send in permission slips and \$3 to help cover bus transportation costs.** Should be a grand day.

CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

Parents, thank you for remembering:

- School drop-offs between 8:15-8:30 AM and timely pick-ups at 3 PM.
- To have an End of the Day Plan with your child!
- Side by side or Hand in Hand when leaving the school or yard. That parking lot is a BUSY place at pick-up!!!
- To send healthy lunches AND MORNING SNACK for your child, even if they are having hot lunch.
- To sign up for a morning or afternoon to help out as a classroom aide. It sure makes a difference and the kids LOOOOOVE having you around.
- Bringing in your \$20 for homeroom supplies for math and literacy.
- Bringing ice cream buckets for Ms. Deb.

MISSING: Stainless steel bowl and spoon from Karen Hornaday Picnic & wooden bowl.

It belongs to Amber at Little Fireweed if you have it. (Kim's Homeroom)
Wooden bowl, w/ a crack in it, please bring in to Ms. Deb's for a parent who brought it for our picnic.

BREAKFAST/HOT LUNCH PROGRAM

We have a breakfast/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. In regard to breakfast.... If your student is on the free/Reduced program, there is no fee for breakfast, otherwise the cost is \$1.75. 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 YOUS

- Thank you to Sarah Banks for filling in last Friday for Kiki and for signing up for Friday afternoons in the future! You're the first to come through for us and sign up!!!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Thurs. Sept 4 th	Anchor Point Field Trip 10:45-2:30 @ Halibut Campground
Wed., Sept. 17 th	Early Release Day School Ends at 1:30 PM
Wed. Sept 17 th	Little Fireweed Open House 5-6:30

ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete this 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 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.

**Preparing for the 2014/2015
Kenai Peninsula Borough School District**

STUDENT NUTRITION SERVICES - FREE & REDUCED MEAL PROGRAM (NSLP)

STUDENT PROGRAMS APPLICATIONS FOR 2014-2015 SY

Households with income: Households with income are encouraged to submit a KPBSD Student Programs Application (even if income is over the Income Eligibility Guidelines), because certain Federal programs base funding on the total number of students applying for benefits. Parents can submit an application (one application per household) for their household **BEFORE** school starts - Please allow 10 working days for processing by the Student Nutrition Services Office.

2014/2015 STUDENT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS (cream with blue printing) will be available for pick-up by August 06, 2014 at all Kenai Peninsula Borough Schools, Public Assistance / Job Service and KPBSD Central Office.

Households receiving Public Assistance Benefits: Households receiving Public Assistance benefits (Food Stamps or Temporary Assistance) **DO NOT** need to fill out a Student Programs Application IF they have received and turned in a School Meals/Direct Certification Notice from Public Assistance. The Department of Education and Public Assistance will coordinate efforts to implement the Categorical Eligibility Process by also sending names of qualifying households directly to KPBSD / Student Nutrition Services (SNS). Once your student's name has been received and processed, SNS will send you a letter notifying you that benefits are available.

30-DAY GRACE MEAL BENEFITS: Students qualifying for free or reduced meal benefits on the last serving day of the 2013-2014 School Year (May 21, 2014) may receive meal benefits for up to the first 30 school days of the 2014/2015 school year (August 19 – September 30, 2014). The 30 day grace period allows students to qualify for school meals while their new application, School Meals or Categorical Eligibility Direct Certification Notice is being processed. **NOTE:** If a student changes schools, a delay in receiving 30 day benefit may occur.

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