

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
January 5th, 2014
HAPPY NEW YEAR AND WELCOME BACK!

HAPPENINGS

INVENTIONS

"The role of the teacher is to create the conditions for invention rather than provide ready-made knowledge." - Seymour Papert

The theme of **Inventions** this quarter will provide each of us an opportunity to shine as we explore the history and process of inventing. Along with a look at past innovations, we will tap into our creativity as we look at new ways to enhance and improve our lives. Sounds like fun, huh? Constructivism at its very best!! If you have ideas to share with us, we will welcome them!

Invent a Creature with Sharlene

We are lucky enough to have Sharlene back with us these next few weeks as a mini artist in residence to help us launch our new theme! She'll be working with clay as a medium to make pinch pots that the kids transform into an invented creature. What will these creative minds come up with?

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 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

- A **HUGE** THANK YOU to Rhonda Velsko, our esteemed custodian, for the above and beyond the call of duty clean-up over the break. The rugs are scrubbed and smelling fresh! We are so thankful to have Rhonda who really cares about our school and the health of our kids!
- Thank you to all the cookie bakers who supplied our holiday cookie social before the break. The kids happily entertained each other with jokes, skits, reader's theaters and songs. Then we all enjoyed cookies together, thanks to you.
- **Two Sisters Restaurant** has been **MOST generous** with their hot chocolate donations on several occasions. Thank you **so much** for taking such great care of us.
- A big THANKS to Toy Bairamis for contributing a second time to the school utensils. They seem to disappear and we **DO** appreciate your donations.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

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| Jan.5 th -Jan 20 th | Invent a Creature with Artist Sharlene Cline |
| Monday, Jan. 19 th | No School- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| 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 |
| TBA | 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.