

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER
September 16, 2013

HAPPENINGS

1st EARLY RELEASE DAY is this WEDNESDAY, September 18th!

One of the KPBSD goals for teachers is to collaborate together. In order to realize this goal this year, they have built in what are called "Early Release" days. On these days the school day ends at 1:30 PM, with bus kids departing at around 1:20 PM. On these afternoons, the teacher's work as members of a professional learning community begins. If your child is to be picked up at school, please plan a pick-up by 1:30 so that we can head right to work! This is a heads up, so you can plan accordingly! Thanks!

BURNING BASKET FIELD TRIP

It was a beautiful day at Mariner Park on Friday as we added our contribution to the Burning Basket Project. Despite a little doggie doo-doo on some kids and an adult or two or...it was an amazing trip. Beach combing, labyrinth exploration and embellishment and the adding of our written scrolls and tassels made it a very exciting, creative and productive trip. Thanks to all parents that were present to help us through lunch and the station rotations, and thanks to the weather for full cooperation!!

THEME GROUPS this week!

This is our final rotation for the first round of theme groups. Plant root studies, flower plant explorations and exploring our very own personal dreams and hopes for the future (our shoots) are in store as each group's final, first round experience. Next week new topics of exploration will emerge. Jon's group will be creating root prints and do some cooking with roots, Kim's group will look at family roots and the history of immigration of families to Ellis Island and Deb's group will...

PARENT AIDES IN THE CLASSROOM! We thank you!

You are indispensable! Thanks for all you do... our school climate revolves around community and volunteerism. Always more room for interested parents, especially during lunch and recess time.

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

SCHOOL TIMES 8:30 AM TO 3 PM!

Parents, please remember that, if possible, students should arrive between 8:15 and 8:30 in the morning. If there is a problem with your work schedule, we'll make allowances. The time prior is really teacher time in the classroom. Also, timely pickups in the afternoon are greatly appreciated.

BUS PROTOCOLS

- **Fill out Bus Notes** when necessary for your child to ride the bus to a stop other than their regular route OR stop. (Bus notes stored on desk by center door and in Kim's classroom.)
- Please post "end of the day plan" notes or notes about changes in bus schedule on the wall posters by the bus table. Thanks!
- For regular, every day bus riders, please let us know by phone, by note, by text, by passenger pigeon if your child will **NOT** be riding the bus. Otherwise... off they go on the bus.
- Please Note: Bus 62 leaves before the end of the day at 2:50 ish so if you are planning to spontaneously pick up your bus riding child... come early!

Once again, thank you parents for remembering to...

- Send in \$20 to classroom teachers for tactile and special projects. We have lots of them. If you write a check, make it out to the classroom teachers please.
- Stop for the bus drop offs and pick ups whenever red lights are flashing!
- Walk Side by Side or Hand in Hand when leaving the gate or the platform.
- Send daily morning snack **even** if your child is having hot lunch.
- Send money for hot lunch when your child is having hot lunch.
- Sign your child in if you arrive late or sign them out if you pick your child up early!
- Make sure your child knows their End of the Day Plan!

HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Field trip thanks go out to...Sonja, Sarah, Joey, Dani, Katie, Jolene, Kammie, Kara, Hannah,... hope we didn't forget any of you!
- To all our parent aides... Wow! Couldn't do it with out you.

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Weds. Sept. 18 th	Early Release Day at school.	Kids out at 1:30
Weds. Oct. 9 th	School Picture Day	Beginning at 9 AM
Friday Oct. 11 th	Salmon Egg Take at the Anchor River	12:30-2:30PM

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, then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.