

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

October 21st, 2013

HAPPENINGS

ELLIS ISLAND SIMULATION, Morning of OCTOBER 23rd

It's time for the fun! Starting Wednesday morning at arrival, we will be enjoying our Ellis Island experience here and with Big Fireweed! No stress... only excitement and the culmination of some great learning together about the roots of our families and our country. See below to help get prepared. Call Kim with questions or if you can help with needs below!! 399-5356 or 235-5796 at school.

WAYS TO HELP BEFORE THE SIMULATION:

- Help your child choose and prepare clothing for the simulation.
- Help your child pack their "bag" for their travels to the "new land".
- Plan some ethnic food to bring to the snacks potluck at Big Fireweed.

WAYS TO PARTICIPATE ON THE DAY OF THE SIMULATION:

- Feed your "immigrant" a good breakfast and come on time, because the ship "sails" at 8:45! Late arrivals should "barge" their children to Big Fireweed.
- Come dressed as an immigrant your self and join in the fun!
- Bring an ethnic food item for the potluck.
- Plan a simple activity to do in "America". (Finger weaving, sewing, etc)
- Bring your musical instrument to play.

- NEED:**
- 1) 3 "Officials" to help check immigrants in the morning of the simulation.
 - 2) A few parents to do simple activities in "America". (See above)
 - 3) Bring ethnic foods to the classrooms at Big Fireweed by 10:30-10:45

We welcome you to join us for any and all of this morning's activities celebrating ROOTS. Join us as an immigrant!

Bring foods for the potluck!

Student-Led Parent/Teacher Conferences

There is no school this Thursday and Friday due to Student/ Parent/Teacher Conferences. Call Janet if you have not made your appointment! 235-9728

Library News from the West Elementary Library

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming soon- Monday October 21st--Friday October 25. The Book Fair will be open all week during the school day as well as both days of Parent/Teacher Conferences. There will be books, science kits, notebooks, posters and more—something for everyone! The students help me run the Book Fair. There will be lots of books and we will have lots of fun!!!!!!

*****Tuesday October 22th 4:30-6:30 is Family and Friends Night at the Book Fair with door prizes and refreshments. Come one and all and help support the library! See you there-Lisa Whip and Cheryl Illg**

NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

WHERE DID ALL YOUR KIDS SOCKS GO!?!?

Please take a moment before this long weekend to clean our your child's boot room space... wet socks, old lunches, "science" experiments, extra clothes. Thanks!

HEARTY THANK YOU'S

- **Potato Sundae Thanks** to Beka Thoning for cooking all the potatoes and to all potato topping providers...Kathy, Tania, Nicky, Sarah and Sarah, Jo, Emily, Jennifer, Margi, Amber, Lisa, Hannah, Sonja, Angela, Teresa and...!!!! Our garden potatoes were delicious!
- Thanks to Jennifer Dixon for classroom clean up help! What a miracle can happen with a little TLC!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Wednesday, Oct. 23 rd	Ellis Island Simulation/Welcome to America Party
Thurs/Fri Oct 24 th /25 th	Student/Parent/Teacher Conferences Only 3 days of school this week as conferences are on Thursday and Friday. Make sure you have called Janet and made your appointment with your child's teacher!
Weds, Oct 30 th	Early Release Day School out at 1:30

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.