**3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter**

**November 24th, 2014**

**Transportation Theme:**

Last Friday students took a trip to the air traffic control tower, Maritime Helicopters and Smokey Bay Air. During the trip students got to take in the view from the control tower, view a partially disassembled helicopter, and view and sit in a plane at Smokey Bay Air. They asked many engaging questions and made the most of this short but sweet trip!

**Field Trip This Week:**

We are taking a field trip tomorrow (Tuesday from 12:15 - 3:00) to visit the Department of Transportation (Air transport Maintenance and Road Maintenance). Students will get to see first-hand the machinery and personnel responsible for keeping the obstacles to runways and road transportation to a minimum. Friction: Friend or Foe? Advancements in technology are always trying to decrease friction to make transportation more efficient. After this icy weekend we will see what strategies DOT puts into place to increase friction on our roads.



**Early Release:**

This Wednesday, students will be released early (1:45pm) for district wide staff collaboration. Please plan accordingly and enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday.

**Share the Spirit**

We will be participating in Share the spirit this year, collecting dry and canned foods for Holiday baskets. We encourage you and your student to participate in this event.

**Chaperones Needed for December Swim & Skate Parties**

This is early notice for events scheduled the week before winter break. The first is a skating party scheduled on December 16th at the Kevin Bell Arena. We will need parent chaperones who will help fit skate on kids and if you want to skate that would be wonderful as well! You need to be at the arena at 12:45pm. On December 18th we will be going Swimming at the High school pool, and need folks to help in the locker rooms and in the pool. You would need to be at the pool by 12:40pm. If you are interested in either of these activities, please call Janet and let her know. All chaperones need to have completed the volunteer screening process. It takes just a few minutes to complete, and all information gathered is confidential. Follow this link to get started on the screening: <http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=19556>

**Talent Show**

We have scheduled an opportunity for students to show off their talents on December 17th, from 2:00 – 3:00. Past talent shows have featured gymnastics, rhythm and song, mandolin, violin, keyboard, and vocal performances. The more, the merrier! Please encourage your student to participate.

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I am completing our fruit order today (Monday) and will submit the full order on Tuesday. So you have one day of wiggle room if you would like to still order some fresh fruit. Call me directly if you would like to do this. - Janet 235-9728

**Afterschool Monday Math Club**

Math club is on Mondays after school and all 3rd – 6th grade students with a permission slip are welcome.

**Upcoming 3-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

* Nov 25th Field Trip to Department of Transportation
* Nov 26th Early Release Day-1:45pm Buses will be available
* Nov 27th and 28th No School – Thanksgiving Break
* December 16th Skate party –Kevin Bell Arena 1:15-2:15pm
* Dec 17th Talent Show 2-3pm
* December 18th Swim Party Kate Kuhns Aquatic Center 1-2pm
* Dec 19th No School End of 2nd Quarter
* Dec 19th – Jan 3rd Winter Break