

3rd-6th Fireweed Academy Newsletter

September 8, 2014 Part Two-from Janet

Hi Parents! The big fireweed kids are off camping. I hope they are dry and having a blast (it is so quiet here!). While they are gone I am getting caught up, entering and updating all the data from the first day packets (still have yours? I really need it😊).

Below are a few items I would like to highlight.

NOTE FROM KIKI

TACKLING THE TARDIES: NEW ATTENDANCE PROTOCOL

Fireweed Academy is committed to providing opportunities for students to grow in six learner outcome areas: Self-reliance, Reasoning Ability, Cooperation, Creativity, Personal Growth and Academic Achievement. Although we understand there are certain unavoidable situations which make attendance impossible, I think it is important for you to understand what a negative effect missing school has on your child. The process of education requires instruction that is based on skill building, class participation, learning experiences, and consistency along a continuum of learning goals and objectives.

At Fireweed, morning is one of the most important times of the day; teachers are laying out their plans, goals are reviewed and the tone of the day is set! Frequent tardies and absences affect not only your child's learning opportunities but others as well since the teacher has to stop what they are doing to bring the late or absent student up to speed. Excessive tardiness and absences put your student at a disadvantage, interrupt the flow of classroom activities, goals and objectives, and interfere with the learning environment for all students.

Fireweed Academy's school day begins at 8:30am; students should be in their rooms at that time. If they are not, they are tardy. If your student is not going to in school, you need to call Janet at 235-9728 and let her know.

Having expressed this with a sense of urgency, we need to make it clear that we don't want kids coming to school sick! We are trying to deal with chronic tardies and absences due to the inability to get moving and to school in the morning. Thank you so much for your support in your child's education

APC MEETING THIS WEEK: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH @ 4:30 PM

All invited to attend. There's a public comment period at the beginning of each meeting if you have something to share with the governing body of the school. Meetings are held at Big Fireweed in room 103.

Agenda items include: APC vacancies, Emergency Action Plan, School Improvement Plan, APC Goals, School Surveys, Budget Committee Reports, Differential Learning, and Executive Session (This part is not open to the public.)

Enrollment-a reminder

Fireweed Academy still has room for more students in all grades THIS year. While we continue to advertise, word of mouth is often the best method of letting folks know. Please, if any of your friends or colleagues are interested, have them call Janet Bowen at 235-9728

Volunteer Screening-a reminder

If you plan on being a school volunteer you **MUST** complete the volunteer screening process (<http://www.kpbsd.k12.ak.us/departments.aspx?id=19556>). The process takes a few minutes to complete, and all information gathered is confidential. Volunteers include anyone who will be in the school on a regular basis, and field trip chaperones. School visitors do not need to complete the process. Visitors include guest speakers, those attending large group functions, and parents visiting just their own student, for instance to have lunch with them. Also, it is never too early to get your vehicle checked so that it can be used as a support vehicle or for small group field trips.

Well, that's about it for now. I hope the school year is going well for everyone, if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me anytime.

Thanks

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