

# 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Fireweed Academy Newsletter

## September 8, 2014

We are sending the newsletter out a couple days early due to the campout being rescheduled for Monday and Tuesday.

### FALL CAMPOUT

Here we go on Try #2! Thank you for all of your patience. It was a great call on Kiki's part to call it off. What a wet couple of days. The campout has been rescheduled for Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday September 9<sup>th</sup>. Students need to bring in the permission slip that we sent out today (Friday) with a guardian's signature. Please bring in gear and we will load up Kiki's horse trailer. We are going to do some academics in the morning and then leave Homer at 11:30 headed for Anchor Point. Our plan is to have a bus pick us up at Anchor Point at 1:45. Any families wanting to pick up students in Anchor Point need to do so before that time. We should arrive at Fireweed by 2:30. If you are picking up your child you may want to be there early for when we arrive to avoid the afternoon bus train and parking lot chaos. Students cannot bring camping gear home on the buses. Please pick up all gear and tents Tuesday afternoon. We do not have storage space. If we have a wet pack up day tents will need to be set up at home to dry.

### BURNIG BASKET

Mavis Muller has once again invited Fireweed Students to participate in helping with the Community Art Project "Burning Basket". This year's theme is "GROW". We will be taking a bus to Mariner Park on Wednesday after lunch at 12:10. The bus will pick us up 2:45 so that we will be back at school for regular afternoon pick up and buses. We request that students collect any of the following to contribute to the basket and labyrinth.

Spruce Cones, Goldenrod flowers, Wild Yarrow, Elderberries, Oyster shells, Fireweed leaves on the stalks, grasses and anything other natural item that we can use to decorate the basket.

### FIRST WEEK PACKETS

If you did not complete and return all of the forms in the packet, please do so. Packets can be returned to homeroom teachers or to Janet's office.

### Afterschool Monday Math Club

The start of Math Club will be pushed to September 15<sup>th</sup> from 3:15 to 4:15. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are welcome. I promise permission slips will go out next Wednesday.

### Hot Lunch Program

We have a hot lunch program here at the school. If you would like your child to have hot lunch, they will sign up first thing in the morning! Hot lunch is \$.40 if you qualify for reduced or \$2.85 full price. Breakfast is also available for \$1.75. Milk is also available for purchase. The 'Student

Programs' application is what you fill out to see if you are qualified for free/reduced meals-it is in your first day packet.

If you are sending money to be placed on your students account, please give it to our secretary, Janet Bowen (or have your student give it to Janet) and she will give it to Marilyn, the "lunch lady". Janet's office is at West Homer, room 213.

### **Enrollment**

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

### **Volunteers**

If you plan on being a school volunteer you will need to 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.

### **Upcoming 2-6 Dates: Mark your calendars!**

- **Sept 8<sup>th</sup>- 9<sup>th</sup>** 'Big Fireweed' Anchor Point Campout Thursday & Friday Park
- **Sept 10<sup>th</sup>** 'Big Fireweed' helps create/decorate Burning Basket: Mariner Park
- **Sept 17<sup>th</sup>** Early Release Day (Student are dismissed at 1:45)