

## K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

Sept 29th, 2014

### HAPPENINGS

#### NEW THEME GROUPS ROTATION

This week begins our final three weeks of looking at SYSTEMS. Ms. Deb's group will continue to 'bug out'. Kids will complete work on their insect sculptures from the previous session, and a diorama of their natural habitat will be created to house them. Six-pack soda box flats are needed for this (see below). Kim's group will explore renewable energy and experiment with wind, water and solar energy systems. Jon's group will be designing mechanical systems using gears, circuit boards, wires and many other parts from our disassembly process in the previous theme groups to plan, design and create their own 'systems' while adhering to the definition of a system as a collection of parts or components working together to create an integrated 'whole'.

### NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

#### STUDENT-LED PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

Coming on October 30 and 31<sup>st</sup>.

Please Call Janet for a conference time. 235-9728

#### CALLING ALL PARENT VOLUNTEERS!!!

We could still use parent volunteers in the mornings. If you can only come for a math block or language arts block that would be great!

### THINGS WE NEED

- Ms. Deb needs flat, soda six-pack boxes for her theme groups. Please bring in any you have or find! Thanks.
- We need silverware for use during snack-time at school. Metal spoons and forks would be very helpful, and thrift store purchase are just fine!! A big load of them sure would help.

## HEARTY THANK YOUS

- Thanks to Brian Burk for weed whacking the front of the school. It looks so much better and we have a clearer safer view on the driveway approaches.
- Cheers to Maygen for her support in the classroom during reading and her additional help with classroom organization of supplies.
- Thanks to Fiona's parents Pat and Chris for their help in the classroom.
- Thank you to Sonja, Mylissa, Pepper, and Shawna for their help during picture day.
- Thanks to Robbi Mixon for her help as a sub in the classrooms last week.
- Thanks for Tanya Trejo and Sarah Banks for their in-class assistance!
- Thanks to Nicky for classroom library organization and clean up.

### Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

Fri., Oct. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Salmon 'Egg Take' Field Trip to the Anchor River 1-2:30
Fri., Oct 17 <sup>th</sup>	NO SCHOOL - End of Quarter Staff Inservice Day
October 30-31	Student-led Parent/Teacher conferences- NO SCHOOL

### ALL INTERESTED PARENT VOLUNTEERS

If you would like to be volunteering at the school, please take a moment to complete this on line volunteer screening. It's easy! So... take care of it quickly and join us in the classroom!!!

#### **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](http://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.