

K-2 FIREWEED NEWSLETTER

March 23rd 2015

Welcome Back Everyone!

HAPPENINGS

NEW THEME...CULTURE

To Cultivate...

To Grow...

We began our study of culture today with a brief video introduction of cultures throughout the world. I included dance, clothing, food, music and the fact that though they vary, in essence we are all the same. We heard a story called, *Grandfather Gandhi*. In this beautiful story, written by Arun Gandhi and Bethany Hegedus, gives a portrait of an extraordinary man who taught the world to live in light. Gandhi taught his grandson, Arun, that anger can strike like lightning and be destructive. "*Or it can be channeled and transformed, it can shed light like a lamp.*" ... expressing how we might turn the darkness into light.

This week Jon will be digging into soil cultures and starting seedlings for the LFW gardens. Kim will be exploring the culture of scientists and diving into chromatography experiments to give the kids an active experience of being a member of a scientific culture. Miss Deb's group will be looking at the African American Culture and prominent woman throughout history and creating friendship quilts.

Well, Shake Your Shamrocks!

Miss Deb's Class were leapin' leprechauns when they entered their room on Tuesday morning only to find that it had been destroyed by those mischievous *Little People*. Why, there were even tiny little green footprints everywhere! Our Mighty Dragon Slayers, after recovering from the shock, went right to work and had it cleaned-up in no time. Our centers were Spudtacular as we weighed potatoes, measured in shamrocks, designed Leprechaun houses and magically had our painted hats transformed to the size of...a Leprechaun!

Green was Keen and we loved eating green potatoes and green shakes. What a fun week we had!



NITTY GRITTY INFORMATION

OPEN ENROLLMENT

We are done with Open enrollment. However, we are not full in every grade so please continue to let our friends and neighbors know that we have space for the FY16 school year. Thanks-Janet 235-9728

FUNDRAISER FOR FWA 6TH GRADE FIELDTRIP

Current Fundraisers: The 6th graders are selling raffle tickets that have two terrific prizes! One is Dinner for 2 at the Homestead Restaurant,

www.homesteadrestaurant.net (\$150 Value and donated by Rick and Sharlene Cline) and the other is a Halibut Charter for 1 from Ofishial Charters, www.ofishial.com (\$260 value and donated by Austin Ceccarelli's parents). Each ticket is \$5 or 5 tickets for \$20. The drawing will be held Friday April 17 at noon in Big Fireweed's Room 102 (Kris Owens room) during our Soup Lunch Fundraiser (our last fundraiser). Winners need not be present to win. The 6th graders have tickets for sale and I have some in my office as well-Janet.

HEARTY THANK YOU

- A huge THANK YOU to Sharlene for working with Kim and Jon's room in creating beautiful pandas and fish paintings using Chinese brush strokes. You are magical with our students!

Upcoming K-2 Dates: Mark your calendars!

March 27 th	THIS FRIDAY! Early Release Day/School out at 1:30-PLAN AHEAD!
March 27 th	Possible field trip in the morning to celebrate and honor some members of our town by visiting their memorials on the Spit. We'll keep you posted!
April 3 rd	NO SCHOOL
April 8 th	APC meeting at 4:30 PM at Big Fireweed

FROM THE DISTRICT

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, and then follow the instructions. Please contact the Human Resources department at 907-714-8888 if you have questions.