

Fireweed Academy's Gryphon Gazette

February 7, 2022

Report Card to the Public

Each year, the Alaska Department of Education publishes a report for each public school in the state called the Report Card to the Public. This report includes an overview of each school, attendance rate, information about teacher experience, state assessment data, and financial data. You may find this information at [Report Card to the Public](#). - Todd



Things You Need to Know !

February

11th: Early Release Day LFW 12:50 / BFW 1:15

17th: Student Led Conference: Call Sharlyn to schedule an appointment @ 235-9728

18th: Student Led Conference: Call Sharlyn to schedule an appointment @ 235-9728

25th: Early Release Day LFW 12:50 / BFW 1:15

March

4th: In-Service / Work Day: No School

7th - 11th: Spring Break: No School

14th: First Day of the 4th Quarter



When I Turn 100 !

This is one of my favorite activities for 100 Day. Mo's and Becky's class complete watercolor self-portraits based on a photograph of how they may look when they reach 100 years old



Academic Policy Committee (APC) Meeting

When

Monday, Feb. 7th, 4pm

Where

This is an online event.

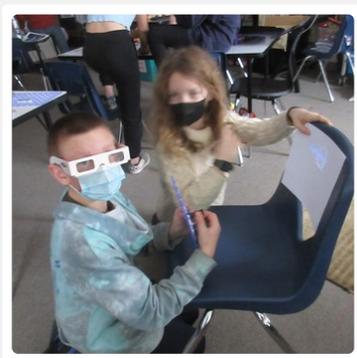
More information

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) will hold this monthly meeting at the WHE Library at 4 PM.

For the meeting on February 28th and April 4th, the APC will be holding its meetings at 6 PM to see if a later time will increase parent involvement.

A Zoom option is available, request the link from Todd.

The Fireweed Academy Academic Policy Committee is comprised of staff, parents and community members who oversee the mission of the school, insuring the integrity of the charter is maintained. Generally, Fireweed's APC meets 4:00 pm on the 1st Monday of every month at Little Fireweed Academy at 813 East End Road. All meetings are open to the public. For more information and contact information for APC members, call Sharlyn Young at 235-9728.



Current Events

The 5th and 6th grade cohort is exploring electrical currents in Jon's theme class.

School Climate and Mindfulness Survey

Over the past six years, 3rd through 6th graders at Fireweed Academy has been participating in the Hanover School Climate and Mindset Survey each year. The survey seeks to measure each school's student climate, culture, and mindset in specific topic areas by grouping batteries of related items together in a scale.

These scales/topic areas are:

- Scale 1: Community and Connectedness
- Scale 2: School Climate
- Scale 3: Social-Emotional Learning
- Scale 4: Student Mindset Scale 5: Instructional Depth (Grades 6-12 only)

Fireweed has been using and tracking this data to help us develop and evaluate one of the goals we set in our School Improvement Plan, specifically improving the school's overall climate.

Parental permission is required, so if you have not filled out a permission slip for your child(ren), please do so ASAP and send it in to Sharlyn or I. Thanks.

[Student Climate Survey Permission Form](#)

Fireweed Frescoes Thank You !

Kudos to Scott Bartlett for being our winter concert videographer. Stay tuned for news about when the Frescoes music videos come hot off the press!

Thanks to Ben Wu for conducting a lively repertoire of demos, activities and songs!

And to the kids and teachers who, in fine Fireweed fashion, rose to the occasion and brought their best selves forward for this live recording of music.

Opportunities For Kids

After School Ski Club at BFW/WHE

Dates: January 19th - March 2nd

Times: Wednesdays 2:45 - 5:00pm and Early Release Fridays 1:15 - 3:30pm

Forms available at the BFW Office

- Cost: \$25 - scholarships available
- Location: various ski trails
- Sign Up: Pick Up registration forms at WHE
- Instructor: Emily Sloth
- Volunteers needed: Please contact the school if you are interested in volunteering.

Center for Alaska Coastal Studies - Outdoor Explorers

Join your friends and a Coastal Studies naturalist to learn about and explore our winter world here in Homer. From trees to tracks, winter is a great time to get outside and take in what our environment has to offer. This club will get to know the natural areas around west Homer with hands-on activities, outings activities, and art.

Forms available at the BFW Office

- Dates: 5 Early Release Fridays
- Times: 1:15 - 2:45 pm
- Cost: Free
- Location: WHE/BFW outdoor trail system
- Sign Up: Pick up registration forms at WHE
- Instructor: Henry Reiske



The flyer features the Girl Scouts of Alaska logo at the top left. It includes a photo of two girls hiking on a trail, a photo of a canoe on a lake, and icons of a tent, a canoe, and a compass. A green box contains the title 'Register for Girl Scout Summer Camp!' and a light green box contains descriptive text about the camps and a link to the camp catalog.

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of alaska

**Register for
Girl Scout
Summer
Camp!**

Our camps are committed to creating a community that helps campers unlock their potential and discover the world while developing life skills. In our safe and supportive environment, girls become active participants in the learning process as counselors guide them in not only having fun, but understanding the importance of how and what they are doing.

Our travel camps and camps in Chugiak, Wasilla, and Juneau are open to ALL girls, regardless of whether they are current Girl Scout members. We offer day camps and resident camps with all the classic camp activities, such as canoeing, arts and crafts, and exploring the outdoors, as well as sessions focused on STEM, water, hiking, and more.

**Camp Catalog available at:
girlscoutsalaska.org/camps**

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KPBSD Budget Development Meeting

The Kenai Peninsula Borough School District requests input from staff, parents, and community members at the districtwide KPBSD budget meetings scheduled at the following times:

- Homer Community – Tuesday, February 15, 2022 @ 6:00pm Homer High Library

Additional information and the number to call in with questions will be posted on the [Finance](#) Page of the KPBSD website. As new budget information becomes available, it will also be posted on the

Showing Symptoms? From Colds to COVID Keep Others Free From Illness

KPBSD's Symptom-Free Schools Protocol (Revised 01/10/22)

The purpose of this protocol is to provide a learning environment that promotes the safety, health and welfare of our communities. This applies to students, staff, parents and guardians, volunteers, and visitors.

People entering KPBSD schools are asked to screen themselves and their children before entering any facility. Please stay home when experiencing symptoms of illness. Need Help? Call your School Nurse.

When to Stay Home from School and Contact Your School Nurse

Stay home if:

- You have any signs or symptoms of illness
- You are taking the first 24 hours of antibiotic treatment

When to Return to School After Illness

• If you have been tested and are diagnosed with COVID-19, you may return to work or school with one of these options:

1. If you have not had any symptoms of illness, or if symptoms are resolved for 24 hours without taking medication, you may return on day 6 with "Monitor, Mask and Stay Protocol." A mask is required for days 6-10. KPBSD staff and students who have COVID-19 and symptoms that have not resolved by Day 5 should continue to isolate through Day 10, or whenever symptoms are resolved without medication for 24 hours.

2. If you have COVID19-like symptoms but choose not to be tested, you may return to school no sooner than 6 days after the onset of symptoms AND symptoms resolved for 24 hours without taking any medicine to reduce the fever.

- If you have COVID19-like symptoms, and test negative via one molecular test, or two antigen tests (per manufacturer instruction), you may provide the test result to the School Nurse and return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve with no medication.
- If you have symptoms and visit a doctor who tests you for Covid19 and determines your symptoms are caused by something else besides COVID19, you can provide a doctor's note and return to school 24 hours after symptoms resolve with no medication.
- If you feel the symptoms were caused by a chronic problem, such as allergies, please consult your School Nurse. You may return after symptoms resolve with a Health Care Provider alternate diagnosis exemption.
- If you are vaccinated and develop symptoms of illness, experience loss of taste or smell, or have been exposed to a positive case, COVID-19 testing and wearing a face covering may be required for attendance. Consult your School Nurse.

When to get a COVID-19 test?

- If you experience symptoms of illness
- If you are identified as a close contact and choose the KPBSD "Close Contact" option to Monitor, Test, and Stay

Questions? Consult your school nurse

When to stay home and get a COVID-19 test: • Fever greater than 100.4°F, chills, or a presumed fever (your child feels very warm) • New cough • Fatigue • Muscle or body aches • New loss of taste or smell • Sore throat • Congestion or runny nose • Headache • Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea • Skin lesions or rash

