

Fireweed Academy's Gryphon Gazette

February 14, 2022

Striving to Improve

All successful organizations are continually striving to improve and that includes Fireweed Academy. You can help us do just that by completing an on-line teacher and school survey for two weeks after they launch. We'll have some laptops available to you at both campuses during the Student-Led conferences coming up on Thursday and Friday, February 17th and 18th. Please take a few minutes at home or during the conferences to provide your input. Thank you in advance for helping us out. –Todd



Things You Need to Know !

February

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

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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

Fireweed Frescoes Winter Concert Performance

This week's performance will highlight the Kindergarten class ! Be looking for the first grade next week !

Fireweed Frescoes 2022 Kindergarten Winter Performance



Academic Policy Committee (APC) Meeting

When

Monday, Feb. 28th, 6pm

Where

This is an online event.

More information

The Academic Policy Committee (APC) will hold the next meeting and the meeting in April, two hours later than in the past in an effort to increase parent participation. These meetings will be held at the WHE Library at 6 PM.

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.



Students are creating their own covers for journals they are making in Stephanie's special projects 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](#)



Making a Hypothesis Like a Scientist

The Kindergarten & 2nd Grade class wrapped up their density experiment by making predictions like a scientist. We reviewed the density value of each of the five layers in the density column, then made a prediction about which layer different object would end up in the column based on the objects density. They did a great job as scientists !

Opportunities For Kids

Girls on the Run

Meeting in small teams, trained volunteer coaches inspire girls to build confidence and other important life skill through dynamic, interactive lessons and physical activity.

- Understanding ourselves
- Valuing relationships and team work
- Recognizing how we can shape the world at large



Who: 3-5 grade girls

When: Tuesday, March 22, 2022 - May 14, 2022

Time: 3:00-4:30pm

Where: Meet at 3:00 pm at the front door of West Homer Elementary School.

Pick up : 4:30 pm at Karen Hornaday Park.

Half and Full scholarships are available when you Register at: [Girls on the Run Registration](#)

Questions to : marcee@havenhousealaska.org

Head coach: Marcee Gray 907-756-3536

2022 Summer Softball

Ages 8-18



Sign up today for our first official practice!

May 9th

5:30-7

@

Jack Gist Park

OR

Start practicing today @ Bill's Dome. Sundays 4-5:30!

For more information contact:

Hannah Zook 541.852.1661 hzook16@gmail.com

Bill Bell 907.399.1042 wmbell51@gmail.com

Or visit our website: Marinersoftball.net/tsunami-softball/

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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

Read On!

Little Fireweed is a week into the Dr. Seuss reading challenge, and we've heard some great stories of reading at home—way to go! Your child should have a red reading log to record minutes read each night. The goal is 15 minutes per night, reading to self or having a friend or family member read to them. This is a great chance to motivate your child to read more! Practice makes them stronger readers, and being a strong reader makes reading more fun.



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 [Finance](#) page. If you have questions, please call Natalie Bates at 714-8888.

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

