

# FIRE LAKE ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 6, 2016



## Important Dates

- 9/22 Beach Lake Cross Country Running Jamboree, 5:00-7:00pm, Chugiak High School
- 10/7 Picture Day
- 10/21 End of 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter
- 10/21 No School-State Released Professional Development Day
- 10/26 & 10/27 Parent Teacher Conferences
- 10/28 No School-State Released Professional Development Day

## Fire Lake Elementary Purpose Statement

Fire Lake elementary is a safe, caring environment that offers a positive, supportive learning school community. Our educational team will enrich learning and generate a healthy sense of self and personal success. We strive to enhance partnerships with students, families, and communities.

## **2016 Activity Interest Survey – Grades 5 - 11 only**

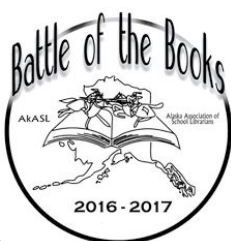
The 2016 Activity Interest Survey is administered to provide schools with information about student interests in recreational and athletic activities. This questionnaire is a tool that meets our legal obligations under Title IX, as well as, compliance with Alaska Regulation 4AAC 06.520. The results assist schools in planning around student's extracurricular activities. This survey will take place at your child's school between October 3 and October 14, 2016.

This short survey does not require parental permission and will be administered to all students in grades 5-11. This message serves as a notice to parents about this upcoming survey.

The questions contained in the student questionnaire ask about student's interests in sports and school club activities offered at their school. This survey is anonymous so no individual responses can be traced back to the student.

## Notes from the Library

BOB'ers (Battle of the Books students) will be starting officially the first week in September. More info to come on that. Students can check the B.O.B. section of the library for current bookmarks, summaries and permission slips. Also, parents can visit the new B.O.B. website [www.anchoragebattleofthebooks.com](http://www.anchoragebattleofthebooks.com)



## A few notes from Principal Garbe's Office

\*We have some new lunch room procedures. Lunch time for eating may actually be longer than in the past. These procedures were/are necessary to help reduce the noise level in the music room and health rooms that have a shared walls. The students are doing an amazing job learning the routines!!! We practiced one time and that was all they needed! I have received feedback that they like the quieter lunch room.

\* Parking lot-Thank you to all of the parents for working with us to ensure the parking lot is safe for all students and families. As many schools were not designed as "driving" schools the parking lots were not designed for heavy traffic. The procedures we put into place are to help keep the flow moving and most importantly to keep everyone safe. Thank you for working with us!! We have also added a CROSSWALK!!! We need to make sure we all know routines and expectations before it snows and covers up the cross walk and painted lines.

\*We are trying a new program for positive supports for students which is very similar to the Kelso's spots. This one is called the Principal's 200 Club. Students earn blue tickets for making the right choices, being a helpful "firebird/friend" and/or helping our school community as a whole. Students are liking it. If you have any questions please let me know. Our goal is that students are making great choices and follow expectations all day long because it is the right thing to do.

\* We are going to have a great year! I am loving being at Fire Lake Elementary with such an amazing community of learners! Thank you for supporting your students and Fire Lake Elementary Staff.



Thank you to Autumn Mason (parent) for volunteering already in Room 169!!

Thank you to the PTA for Popcorn Friday!!

Thank you to the Presbyterian Church for donating school supplies.

### ELL Services

Hello from the ELL Program at Fire Lake Elementary! I am excited to be working with our ELLs again this year. As we begin another great year, I want to thank you for sharing your children with us. We have some great things in store as we work together to refine our English skills and share/validate our diverse languages and cultures. Feel free to contact me through the office at Fire Lake.

From Mrs. C-M

### Nurse's Corner

#### When should your child stay home?

**FEVER** A fever is a warning that the body is fighting an infection that could easily spread to others. A child with a temperature of 100 F should not be sent to school; s/he should stay home until fever free without the use of fever reducing medications like Tylenol.

**COLDS** Are more difficult to assess. A slightly runny nose and occasional dry cough is not enough to keep your child home. However, if your child's nose runs constantly and/or the cough is frequent and wet, or your child is experiencing nausea or is too tired and uncomfortable to function at school it would be best to keep the child home for a day or two.

**COUGH** If your child has a severe cough, rapid and/or difficult breathing, wheezing, or bluish tint to the skin or the cough is accompanied by a sore throat or not feeling well, the child should stay home from school.

**DIARRHEA** This is defined as an unusual amount of very liquid stools compared to the child's normal pattern. Child should stay home until able to participate normally at school.

**EARS** If the child has pain, swelling, drainage or difficulty hearing; please see your healthcare provider. Untreated ear infections can cause temporary or permanent hearing loss.

**EYES** Red, itchy eyes with a clear, yellow or green drainage from the eye may be contagious and a sign of bacterial conjunctivitis (pink eye). A child with pink eye can attend school as long as they are able to keep from touching their eyes and show that they can properly wash hands after contact with the infected eye.

**MEDICATIONS** The school district has very specific rules for all medications in school including cough drops. Please see the School Nurse if your child requires any medications while at school.

**RASH** A rash might be the first sign of an illness. If your child has a rash with a fever and behavioral changes, or a rash that is oozing/ open wound, or is tender with the rash worsening, s/he should be evaluated by a healthcare provider.

**SORE THROAT** If your child has a sore throat, have the child gargle with warm salt water. If his/her behavior is normal and the child ate breakfast, it's probably safe to send him/her to school. If the child has difficulty swallowing, or you notice saliva building up in the child's mouth because s/he can't swallow, please keep the child home. If you notice white spots seen in the back of the throat please contact your doctor, this could be a sign of an infection.

**VOMITING / NAUSEA** Please keep your child home if he or she has vomited more than 2 times in 24 hours or also has a fever or if s/he looks or acts ill.

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