

Friends Community School Bulletin

October 14, 2011

This Week:

Oct. 18:
Admissions Open
House, 9-11am

Oct 20:
6 & 7 - Great Falls
Field Trip

Oct. 20:
8 - Holocaust
Museum Field Trip

Oct. 21:
Picture Day

Future Events:

Oct. 23:
Fall Fair, 12-4pm

Oct. 26-28:
Parent-Teacher
Conferences;
Half Days for
Students

Oct. 28:
Halloween Parade
8:45am

Oct. 29:
Jane Manning
Memorial Meeting for
Worship, 10:30am

Oct. 31:
No School

Nov. 1:
3/4 - Annapolis Field
Trip

Nov. 5:
Admissions Open

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A Message from the Head

Again this fall I had the opportunity to travel to Philadelphia and meet with the heads of sixty Friends from throughout the United States. This year we were particularly pleased to welcome heads of four Quaker schools from the United Kingdom, the birthplace of Quakerism. Germantown Friends School and the William Penn Charter School, only one mile apart, hosted this Friends Council on Education event. Our meetings significantly deepened my appreciation for the history of Quaker education and our commitment to the communities we serve.

Two Philadelphia Quaker schools, the William Penn Charter School and Friends Select School, trace their roots directly to William Penn's charter to establish schools in Philadelphia in 1689. Yes, 1689! Penn's vision to educate boys, girls, Quakers, non-Quakers, African Americans, and Native Americans in these early charter schools was an essential part of his "Holy Experiment" in Pennsylvania. That colony's foundation of religious tolerance, peaceful relations with Native Americans, and representative government was a model for other colonies and our future nation.

Today's Friends Schools range in size from a handful of students to just over one thousand. Some schools appear fairly traditional; some are quite progressive. Yet we share a commitment to Quaker values, challenging curriculum, regular Meeting for Worship, stewardship of the environment, and service to others. While Friends education has much to be proud of in its past, we work hard to fulfill our missions in the communities we currently serve.

In Peace,

Larry

House, 9-11am

Quaker Corner

"Let your patience be perfect, and all your words seasoned with grace, that they may edify; by which ye may season the earth, your hearts being established in the same, over all the unsavory words and talkers, and live in the truth above them."

--George Fox

Picture Day

Due to the rainy weather forecast, Picture Day was postponed to next Friday, October 21.

Thank you for being flexible! We want to have the best possible photo experience for your kids! Please contact Olivia McDaniel (301-335-9302) with questions.

Fall Fair

Fall Fair and the circus? Yes, a strolling one-man circus - Greg May! You saw him at the FCS anniversary celebration; now see him at Fall Fair. Fall Fair runs from noon-4pm, Sunday, October 23, rain or shine.

On your way to the circus, please remember to sign up for shifts at your class activity booth, a parent booth (e.g., clean-up, parking, seasonal sales, etc.) and donate food to the food booth:

- K: desserts
- 1-4: main dishes (vegan, vegetarian & healthy dishes are popular)
- 5-6: healthy drinks (no sodas, please)
- 7-8: side dishes

On-line sign-up sheets can be found at:

<https://sites.google.com/a/friendscommunityschool.org/fall-fair-2010/>

THANK YOU!!!

Halloween Policy

Halloween is just around the corner. We encourage the children to use homemade costumes. These could include favorite storybook characters, peacemakers, insects, etc... Be creative! If you are unable to make your child's costume PLEASE keep in mind our policy that all costumes be of a nonviolent nature, with no masks, weapons, or super heroes.

We will have a school-wide parade on Friday, October 28, at 8:45am. All families are welcome to stay and enjoy this special FCS tradition. See all the great costumes the children have made or are wearing and discover what the teachers have come up with this year.

Leave extra time in the morning for parking. This means leaving your home ten (10) minutes early.

Classes will be taking pictures in their classrooms before the parade. You are welcome to join us at 8:30am.

Some classes will have Halloween parties that morning. While our school has a policy of "no candy," this is the one day that we allow a limited amount in classroom parties. Your child's teacher will guide you on this matter.

Ex-Day during Parent-Teacher Conferences

Extended Day will be offered Wednesday, October 26 through Friday, October 28, from 12-6pm to accommodate our half-days during parent-teacher conferences. Organized activities as well as our regular afternoon snack will be offered. Better yet, there is no need to register in advance! Even better, your child will not be charged for Extended Day while you are conferencing with your child's teacher. What a deal! If you have any questions, please contact Melanie B. (melanieb@friendscommunityschool.org).

Philanthropy Matters

-- Christine Dunathan, Director of Advancement

Time is running out to register for the rebate programs...your participation generates revenue for the school - please sign up or email your information to Joanne Rotondi (mother of Winter in K) at joanne.rotondi@hoganlovells.com, and she will sign you up!

Giant #00599

go to www.giantfood.com/aplus

Safeway/Escrip #6505952

go to www.escrip.com/program/about.jsp

Target Credit or Debit

go to www.target.com or call the number on the card.

Picasa Web Albums are available on FCS Google... an instruction sheet on viewing and uploading is coming home early next week. In the meantime, go to www.picasaweb.com, put in your student's FCS Google username and password, and click on "people I am following" about half way down the page on the Home tab. Then click on Photos FCS on the left, and you will see albums for each class and by event. Note the album names include the teacher's name and the event/date.

Library Digital Catalogue Project... is continuing, thanks to Renauta York (mother of Katie in 7th grade) and other stalwart volunteers from last spring. Several additional people have expressed interest. If anyone else would like to join our convivial group, please email christine@friendscommunityschool.org, to be added to the next meeting/training.

Green Team... A Big Shout Out to all who participated in the center circle planting on Columbus Day. Thank you!

Admissions Open House

FCS ADMISSIONS OPEN HOUSE
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18
9am (sharp) - 11am

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS AND OTHERS!

As you know, FCS families are the best source of referrals for new applicants. So PLEASE invite and encourage potential FCS parents to attend our Open Houses.

The first Open House is this coming Tuesday. We would like to frontload attendance at our Open Houses, and would appreciate your help to ensure that the first one is full.

The remaining Open Houses, all from 9-11 a.m., are on: Saturday, November 5; Tuesday, November 15; Friday, December 2; Friday, January 6; and Saturday, January 21. The dates are on our website, and should be listed in the margin of all Bulletins during admissions season.

Thank you very much. Contact: connie@friendscommunityschool.org

Charleston Wraps Fundraiser

The Charleston Wraps PA fundraiser is extended through next Friday, Oct 21!

That is the LAST day we will be able to accept any orders. Please remember that 50% of gift wrap sales prices go to FCS. Online orders can be placed throughout the school year.

Please contact Tamar Eskin (eskin@me.com) with questions.

FCS Directory

The FCS *Directory* is available on the Google website! Please click the link below and continue by signing in with your FCS username and password.

<https://sites.google.com/a/friendscommunityschool.org/fcs-resources/directory-and-faculty-staff-email-addresses>

To find the *Directory* in the future, please use the following instructions:

1. Go to: www.google.com/a/friendscommunityschool.org
2. Sign in with your FCS username and password.
3. Click on the sites link.
4. Select browse sites within friendscommunityschool.org.
5. Click on the FCS resources website link (left side of page).
6. Select the link that says: Directory and Faculty/Staff email addresses.
7. The Directory is the second document. Select the download link to open it.

Please contact Erin (erin@friendscommunityschool.org) with any *Directory* related questions.

For Google website and IT inquiries, please contact Melvin (melvin@friendscommunityschool.org).
