



## *Friends Community School*

Weekly Bulletin

March 12, 2010

### ***A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .***

As spring approaches, many of our families are anticipating the opportunity to spend time together outdoors during Spring Break. Parent-teacher conferences have gone well, and several parents have stopped in to express their appreciation for the hard work teachers and students have put into this year. Many parents have helped spread the word about FCS, which has led to unprecedented interest in our school. The Admissions and Financial Aid Committees have met to thoughtfully consider each child and family circumstance.

Another sign of spring approaching is the change to daylight savings this week. Our children are looking forward to the Art and Talent Show scheduled for Thursday evening, March 18, and I hope you can join us to celebrate their creativity. Seventh and Eighth graders are researching, meeting with mentors, and firming up their plans for their extensive end-of-year projects. Our annual benefit auction is only one month away, and the committee looks forward to brisk ticket sales and an enjoyable evening for all. Happy spring!

In Peace,

Larry

### **Upcoming Events This Week**

**March 14** - Pi Day

**March 16** - **Jenny L.** - Masonic  
Temple, **7th** - NMHM  
Tom Kierein visits 1/2's  
PA Meeting - 7pm

**March 17** - MD Vision and Hearing  
**Ks, Melanie C,**  
**Sarah E.** - Ice Skating

### **Dates To Remember**

**March 22-26** - Spring  
Break - **No  
School**

**April 1** - National Building  
Museum (**Jenny  
G.**)

**April 2** - Good Friday -  
**No School**

**March 18** - Talent Show

**March 19** - 7/8, The Phillips  
Collection (Art Elective)

## **Philanthropy Matters**

### ***Annual Giving Fund***

Thanks to all who have given to date, and a reminder to those who have not yet participated in the Annual Giving Fund to do so. I hope that every family will give to the Annual Giving Fund because it supports our hard-working and caring teachers and the classrooms, financial aid, and school-wide initiatives. When we reach 85% parent participation, we will receive an additional \$5,000 in matching gift funds. Please give according to your family's means - every donation counts, large or small! Thank you very much.

### ***Grandfriends Day***

This special day is coming up on Friday, April 23, 2010. It is a day when grandfriends visit the school and spend time in the classroom with your child/children. Keep an eye out for an email next week about Grandfriends Day and how to have your child's special Grandfriend invited to join the festivities.

### ***Auction***

Join the FCS community at the Spring Auction "Giving and Growing" on Saturday, April 17, from 7pm -11pm.

The Auction 2010 website, through the FCS Google domain, has sneak previews, maps and directions, forms and details. Check it out!

It's not too late! Please remember to turn in your family's Auction Donation Form! We are still accepting donations until the Friday before Spring Break (March 19th.) Donations must be turned in by this date to be included in the Auction Catalog!

Bring your form to drop-box in the FCS Office or email the form to [auction@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:auction@friendscommunityschool.org)

You can find the donation form as a .pdf file on the main FCS Website, the FCS Auction website, and in the FCS Office.

Can't think of a donation item? Remember you can contribute to the Auction Themed Baskets, Everything Gourmet, Green Goods and Get Gardening. Drop off box in FCS Lobby.

Have fun at the auction when your child is having fun, too! Sign up information coming soon!

## ***HUGE BREAD SALE***

(sponsored by Upper Crust Bakery)

When: Tuesday March 30, 2010

Where: FCS

Time: 2pm - 5pm

All proceeds are for the Financial Aid Fund. Stock up for friends, family and the holidays.

**\*\*Bring a bag to stock up!!**

## ***AFTER-SCHOOL INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS***

### **SPRING SCHEDULE CHANGE**

Beginning on Monday, April 5th,\* after-school instrumental lessons will begin the new spring lessons schedule (below).

\*Please note the change from the original spring schedule start date of March 29th (due to no school on Friday, April 2nd).

#### **Mondays**

Beginner Bass: 3:15-3:45

Advanced Strings: 3:45-4:15

#### **Tuesdays**

Beginner Clarinet (4th gr.) & Saxophone: 2:45-3:15

Beginner Clarinet (5th - 8thgr.): 3:15-3:45

Beginner Flute: 3:45-4:15

Advanced Woodwinds: 4:15-4:45

#### **Wednesdays**

Beginner Trombone: 2-2:30

Beginner Trumpet: 2:30-3

Advanced Brass: 3-3:30

#### **Thursdays**

Beginner Percussion: 2:45-3:15

Advanced Percussion: 3:15-3:45

#### **Fridays**

Beginning Band Rehearsals: 3:15-3:45

Beginner Bass: 3:15-3:45

Advanced Band Rehearsals: 3:45-4:15

Advanced Strings: 3:45-4:15

## **EXTENDED DAY SPRING BREAK CAMP**

Extended Day will be providing all day camps during spring break. An email was sent home Monday, March 8 with a registration form. Please submit all registration forms to the front office no later than Wednesday, March 17. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Extended Day, Erin Murray-Hause at [erin@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:erin@friendscommunityschool.org)

## **COLLEGE PARK YOUTH ORCHESTRA**

The College Park Youth Orchestra will hold a free concert on March 14, 7:00 PM in the auditorium of the Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD 20770. The concert will feature short performances by both the Primary and Intermediate String Orchestras, conducted by Kenneth Whitley. The program will last approximately 40 minutes and will be followed by a short reception in the lobby to celebrate the hard work of these young musicians. Please come show your support for this wonderful community organization! If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Shannon at 301-699-3388, or [jshan853@aol.com](mailto:jshan853@aol.com).

## **YOUTH SERVICES GRANTS**

FCS student looking for grant money to help fund a service project? Adelphi Friends Meeting Peace and Social Concerns Committee is encouraging FCS students to apply for Youth Services Grants. **The application deadline is April 1, 2010.** For further information, please contact Debbie Friese at [deb Friese@verizon.net](mailto:deb Friese@verizon.net).

## **Quaker Quote**

"Today the heart of God is an open wound of love. He aches over our distance and preoccupation. He mourns that we do not draw near to him. He grieves that we have forgotten him. He weeps over our obsession with muchness and manyness. He longs for our presence. . . . And he is inviting you--and me--to come home, to come home to where we belong, to come home to that for which we were created. His arms are stretched out to receive us. His heart is enlarged to take us in."--Richard Foster (contemporary U.S. Quaker author), *Prayer: Finding the Heart's True Home* (San Francisco: HarperSanFrancisco, 1992) 1.

## ***ARTS SHOWCASE UPDATE***

We are looking forward to seeing you this Thursday, March 18th, at 5:30 P.M. for the start of our Arts Showcase. From 5:30 to 6:15, guests will be free to peruse the visual art exhibits and partake of refreshments provided by the PA.

The Talent Show will begin at 6:30 P.M. and will feature two acts: Act One will consist of performers in Kindergarten through 3rd grade; Act Two will consist of students in 3rd through 7th grade. 7th and 8th grade volunteers will also be performing roles as Stage Crew members and Master of Ceremonies.

\*\*\*Please note that the show will be videotaped and DVDs of the performance will be available for purchase at a later date (more information to come after spring break).

See you at the show!!!