



Friends Community School

Upcoming Events This Week

March 9 - 1 / 2 - Terra Cotta Warriors and Happy Garden Lunch, 3 / 4 - Explorer's Trip to Berwyn Heights

March 10-12 - P/T Conferences - Noon Dismissal

March 12 - Talent Show, Dress Rehearsal

Dates To Remember

March 16 - 7th grade, National Museum of Health and Medicine,

March 17 - Maryland Vision and Hearing

March 18 - Visual Arts/ Talent Show, PA Meeting

March 22-26 - Spring Break

Quaker Quote

A good end cannot sanctify evil means, not must we do evil that good may come of it.

Dear Hilary,

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

It is difficult to imagine a busier time at FCS than the past few weeks. Connie and I have interviewed up to five prospective parents daily since the Big Snow. Our eighth graders are beginning to hear from secondary schools as they pursue their options in public, magnet, Catholic, and independent high schools. Conferences and meetings with current students, their parents, trustees, or faculty members fill the remaining time during the school day.

As always, I escape briefly from these essential office tasks to visit our classrooms. This week our 3 / 4 classes and the 5 / 6 classes hosted events for parents. On Tuesday, students in Jenny, Jenifer, and Gerry's classes shared their projects on their favorite authors. Most read a handful of books from an author and then produced a project that depicted a favorite character, scene, or story. Whether they read Roald Dahl (one of my personal favorites), Andrew Clements (yes, I have a son named Andrew), Ron Roy, Avi, or Patricia Polacco, each child developed a deeper appreciation for crafting stories. The very next day, I was able to briefly visit each of our 5 / 6 classrooms for their Poetry Coffee House. Children recited some of their favorite poems and shared their own creations. Thoughtful, creative, and poignant, many of our children have found a creative voice through poetry. The relaxed "coffee house" setting enabled proud parents and supportive classmates to appreciate the accomplishments of each child. What a week at FCS!

In Peace,
Larry

Rain Forest Residency

The grant-funded Rain Forest residency continues in K-2. The Kindergartners are learning about the Amazon Rain Forest through creative movement; the first and second graders through drama. The Kindergartners will be dancing the next two Mondays (March 8 and March 15); the 1/2s will be dramatizing rain forest stories on March 8 and March 19. The residency is funded by Maryland State Arts

*William Penn
(1644-1718)*

Council and Prince George's Arts Council; InterAct Story Theatre is presenting the workshops.

The residency also includes performances for other grade levels: Storyteller Diane Macklin will be presenting African American and Afro-Cuban stories on Thursday, March 11. Ms. Macklin will tell stories to K-4 from 10:30-11:00; and to 5-8 from 11:15-11:45.

Parents are welcome to join us in the multipurpose room for this special event.

Enrichment Activities

There will be no enrichment activities the week of March 8th due to Parent-Teacher Conferences. Enrichment activities will resume the week of March 15th. This schedule does not apply to the instrumental music program.

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal

All students who wish to perform in the Talent Show on Thursday, March 18th, must attend the dress rehearsal on Friday, March 12th at 12:15 P.M. Students who have signed up to perform received a note with dress rehearsal details. Please contact Stacy with any questions.

After School Instrumental Lesson

There will be no after-school lessons Wednesday, Thursday or Friday of next week (March 10, 11, 12) due to parent-teacher conference. We *will* hold regular lessons on Monday and Tuesday that week.

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.

2010-2011 Tentative Schedule

First Day of School	Sept 7
In-Service-1/2 Day	Oct 8
Columbus Day-No School	Oct 11
P/T Conferences-1/2 Days	Oct 27-29

Thanksgiving Break	Nov 24-26
Winter Break	Dec 20-Jan 2
Report Writing-No School	Jan 13-14
Martin Luther King Jr.	Jan 17
In-Service-No School	Feb 18
Presidents Day-No School	Feb 21
P/T Conferences-1/2 Days	March 9-11
Spring Break	March 21-25
Good Friday-No School	April 22
In-Service-1/2 Day	May 6
Memorial Day-No School	May 30
Final Day of School	June 10