

May 28, 2010

FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD . . .

At the annual auction this year, two families stepped forward to purchase the opportunity for their child to be Head of School for the day. Colette Cheng assumed her duties one Thursday in April and shared some creative ideas about Friends School management. After greeting students in morning car line, Collette visited several classes, communicated messages from the office to classrooms, and decided that all FCS students should have the opportunity for an additional ten minutes of individual reading assigned for the night. Yesterday, Vidic Jenkins arrived in khaki pants, a dress shirt and tie, and immediately greeted each student. Legal pad in hand, Vidic then visited several classrooms and took extensive notes on class activities. He noted that some older children challenged his authority, but they quieted themselves when he declared that no homework would be assigned for the night. He ended his day by handling a disciplinary matter with older boys, spinning in the Head's chair, asking thoughtful questions about responsible conduct, and determining that the event seemed accidental. Observing each of our "Heads for the Day" in action was a wonderful experience for all. Maybe I should wear a tie!

Congratulations to our 7-8 teachers, other faculty advisors, and our students for the exceptional presentations of Year End Projects last night. The night was truly indicative of our students' many interests, passions, and abilities.

In Peace,
Larry

Upcoming Dates This Week

May 31, Memorial Day - **No School**

June 1, **Jenifer** - Field Trip to Riversdale

June 2, **Gerry** - Field Trip to Riversdale

June 2-4, **7/8-** Appalachian Trail

June 3- **Jenny L.** - Field Trip to Riversdale

Dates To Remember

June 6 - Alumni Day

June 10 - **8th Grade Graduation**

June 11 - Spring Performance - **Noon Dismissal, No X-Day**

Philanthropy Matters

ANNUAL GIVING FUND

Ask me about the \$5,000 FCS might miss!

What does it mean for you?

...extra Financial Aid, art supplies, teacher trainings, technology, field trips, artists in residence, science lab materials...

33 days to go till the Annual Giving Fund closes.

Please be counted -- we need 25 more families to reach

85% parent participation!

The Playground Brick Paver program makes a great way to:

- thank teachers,
- honor your student, grandparent, or another family member, and
- leave a little piece of your family at FCS for future students to ponder and for you to visit when you return.

Check out the main FCS website for the order form We need 55 orders to place the master order with the brick company.

Strawberry Festival

Adelphi Friends Meeting will hold its annual Strawberry Festival, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2303 Metzert Road Adelphi, MD (between Riggs and Adelphi Rds). Fresh, ripe strawberries; used merchandise and clothing, cafe, books, plants, toys, kids' games, and more!

You can donate your gently used clothing, household items and toys the week before the sale by bringing the items directly to the Adelphi Meetinghouse, from 12:00pm - 8:00pm, May 31 to June 4.

A portion of the net proceeds from the Strawberry Festival helps support Adelphi Friends Meeting's community giving, including a very generous annual Blackburn Fund scholarship gift to Friends Community School!

For more information, call 301 779-6213 or visit the Adelphi Friends Meeting website at <http://www.adelphifriends.org>.

Please Come
TO THE
FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL
NEW FAMILIES
(WELCOMED BY CURRENT FAMILIES)
PICNIC

Sunday, June 13, 2010
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. At FCS

Fun activities...

- * to help new students get to know their peers
 - * to acquaint new families with their mentors, others in their grades, others in their geographic areas, and
 - * to start the new school year in a grand manner!
- Picnic food will be provided. Enjoyment guaranteed!
R.S.V.P. to Quillin at Quillin@friendscommunityschool.org

Can't wait to see you there!

Oil Spill Clean Up

Dear FCS,

There is a giant oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. There is an organization that is taking hair and fur and making hair mats. The hair mats absorb oil and deflect water. We need FCS to help by donating hair and fur to get made into hair mats. You can bring in human or pet hair in a plastic bag to Melanie B. or Jenny G.'s rooms. We need your help!

Please bring it in by JUNE 1st.

From,

Jenny G.'s & Melanie B.'s Meeting Partner Group

Green Tip of the Week

- Green Tip: Recycle your Inkjet Cartridges!

In America, every second, we trash 13+ printer cartridges that can be re-used by either buying a refill kit or recycling empties at local drop-off centers -- post offices, Staples and Best Buy Stores. (Or, plug in your zipcode to Earth911.org).

- Green Tip: Check out the sunscreens and other cosmetics, shampoos, lotions, etc, the Cosmetics Database published by the Environmental Working Group <http://www.cosmeticsdatabase.com/> and Shopper's Guide to Safe Cosmetics

HAVE A GREAT LONG WEEKEND!