

# *Friends Community School*

Weekly Bulletin - February 05, 2010

**Dear Hilary,**

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

Yesterday we mailed re-enrollment packets to current FCS families. Please review the materials, sign, and return enrollment contracts by March 1. Those who will be applying for financial aid should begin the process immediately through the TADS website and complete that process by February 15. Meanwhile, our admissions office is very busy interviewing prospective parents and screening an unprecedented number of new students.

The Board has worked thoughtfully with Cynthia and me to maintain affordable tuition levels at FCS. While we have always been frugal, we continue to develop curriculum, increase technology, and plan for meaningful off-campus experiences for our children. It is important also that we remain committed to fair compensation for our dedicated and hard-working faculty. Parents who have begun to explore secondary school options for their older children have a new appreciation for the costs of an independent school education. Prospective families appreciate our academic expectations, progressive attention to individual children, and the strong community of shared values. We hope to have each and every one of our current students return next year, and look forward to receiving your enrollment documents.

## **Upcoming Events This Week**

**Feb. 11 - 1/2, The National Geographic Museum**

## **2010 FCS Arts Showcase**

FCS students continue to impress us with their many artistic talents and abilities. It is for this reason that we are excited to announce the 2010 FCS Arts Showcase! Participants will be invited to showcase their artistic talents in a variety of mediums - from visual exhibitions to stage performance. The FCS Arts Showcase will be held on the evening of Thursday, March 18th. Visual arts will be on display beginning at 5:30 P.M. with a Talent Show performance to follow. More detailed information will be sent home at a later date.

Please keep an eye out for a Talent Show interest form. All students interested in performing an act must fill out this form and return it to Stacy by \*Friday, February 12th!\*

## Philanthropy Matters

### The Annual Giving Fund

Annual Giving Fund supports the classroom experiences, field trips, special programs, and other moments of discovery that help make our kids the versatile, engaged, creative thinkers they are.

GOAL:	\$60,000 with 85% parent participation
CURRENT:	\$45,500 with 47% parent participation
NEEDED:	\$14,500 with 57 more families participating

We all have a stake in FCS; if we all made it *the* priority in our family's philanthropy because it supports our children and our community, we would reach our goal and obtain \$5,000 in matching funds! Earlier is better - funds available now are put to work now.

We appreciate everyone's contribution! Thank you very much.

## Green Tip of the Week

### 1. Cadmium Found In Adult & Children's Jewelry

<http://www.manufacturing.net/News-Cadmium-Found-In-Adult-Jewelryoinaspx>

### 2. As you make spring or summer vacation plans, consider ways to reduce your carbon footprint if you plan to travel:

1. Take the train, if possible. It's fun for the whole family! Family fares can reduce the cost.
2. If you can't get there without flying, check into buying carbon offsets that go toward alternative energy projects that reduce whatever amount of CO<sub>2</sub> you're expending. Some options are: Sustainable Travel International ([www.sustainabletravelinternational.org](http://www.sustainabletravelinternational.org)) (projects in developing countries), Native Energy ([www.nativeenergy.com](http://www.nativeenergy.com)) (projects for Native Americans) and the Carbon Fund ([www.carbonfund.org](http://www.carbonfund.org)) (renewable and reforestation projects).
3. Ask your hotel not to wash your towels daily. Saves water and energy.

## Dates To Remember

**Feb. 15 - No School**

**Feb. 17-** PA Meeting @ 7:30pm

**Feb. 19 - 3/4,** Ice Skating Trip

**Feb. 25 - Jenny -** Greenbelt Pool, **Jenifer -** Air and Space Museum, **Gerry -** Natural History Museum