

Friends Community School Weekly Bulletin

October 23, 2009

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

Earlier this week FCS welcomed veteran Friends educator and literacy coach, Dee Kloss, to our campus. After twenty years of teaching at Newtown Friends School in Pennsylvania, Dee now works with faculties to develop improved techniques for teaching reading and writing. Dee's three days were spent observing classes, teaching demonstration lessons, and problem solving with faculty and administration. She provided us some fresh insights into curriculum and instruction as we look to update our practices. Dee will maintain contact with several teachers and will return in the winter and the spring to continue her exciting work for our school.

By now I hope you have signed up for a conference with your child's teacher. Conferences are wonderful opportunities to learn more about the program, your child's progress, and how you can support the teacher's efforts. Conferences are scheduled for Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoons. We will dismiss children at 12:00 noon and Extended Day will operate from 12pm- 6pm each day.

In Peace,

Larry

Dates To Remember

Oct.27 - Field Trip to imagination stage, Michelle's class

Oct.28-30 - Parent/Teacher Conferences, Noon Dismissal

Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade, 8:30am - 9:00am

Extended Day News

There will be Extended Day offered from 12:00-6:00pm on Wednesday, Thursday, and

Friday during parent/teacher conferences. Advanced sign-up is not necessary, however, it is the parents responsibility to indicate if the child was in Ex-Day due to a parent/teacher conference. Ex-Day will be free of charge only while parents are in meetings with teachers. The normal Ex-Day rate of \$7.25/hour apply.

No-Cost Fundraising

Many parents have yet to sign up for the Safeway / Giant / Target Visa give-back-to-your-school programs. It's easy, fast, and free. When you sign up, it generates funds effortlessly for FCS when you shop at these stores. This is money waiting to be claimed! We are not asking you to change your spending habits, just to link your affinity cards and/or credit cards so that whatever you do spend at participating stores generates funds for FCS. Thank you very much.

Giant: FCS ID #00599

Can't find your Giant card? Call 1-877-275-2758 and (www.giantfood.com/aplus) Giant will look it up and register you.

Escrip: Group ID: 6505952

This is a single sign-up for your Safeway card, and for any other debit or credit cards to generate rebates automatically when you use your card(s). Many stores participate in this program, and you don't have to keep track of which ones - rebates accrue automatically. How great is that??! <https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>

Target: use your Target card # Sign up at www.target.com/tcoe

Please contact christine@friendscommunityschool.org with questions or for assistance. Thank you for your support! Please sign up today!

Philanthropy Matters

The FCS Annual Giving Fund must raise \$60,000 this year. Parents, Board member, faculty and staff are all asked to give to FCS as a top giving priority. Please participate and be counted! Every donation is most heartily appreciated and really does benefit your child.

Funds this year will go toward teacher training and conferences, expert teacher-in-residence programs (such as the reading/writing program just concluded with Dee Kloss this week), software and other classroom materials, class trips, and many other important resources.

Gifts are welcome by check, credit card, direct account to account transfers, or through appreciated securities; please call Christine Dunathan in the Development Office, or Cynthia Mowery in the Business Office, at FCS main number, 301.441.2100, to let us know if you are considering a gift of securities. The main FCS website has details about ways to give to support the school: www.friendscommunityschool.org
Many thanks!

-- Christine Dunathan

FCS Birthday Celebration

The school's birthday which is celebrated the first Sunday of November at FCS. Adelphi Friends Meeting moves its 10 a.m. Meeting for Worship (MfW) to 10:30 a.m. and joins folk from FCS at the school for MfW. Cake and ice cream are served. Also, there will be opportunities after MfW to attend a Bible Study and a discussion on Early Christianity. Please contact Joy Newheart mjnewheart@cavtel.net or 301-614-3912 with any questions.

MAGNET ART IS HERE!

You should have received your magnet art packets this week, including a sample magnet with your child's artwork, and an order form listing the products available. (Check out the display case in the front lobby for samples.) Contribute to the FCS art program by wearing and sharing your child's unique artwork with family and friends! Orders are guaranteed to arrive before the holidays.

To order, simply complete the form and return it with your check made out to FCS. PLEASE SEND SEPARATE CHECKS FOR EACH CHILD. If you want the magnet, include payment in your order. If you do NOT want the magnet, please return it or the cost will be counted against the amount raised for the art department. Magnet art coordinators will track orders for each class. Questions? Contact Cheryl Martin at martclaa@gmail.com or 301-927-9015. Thanks in advance for supporting the FCS art department.

Yoga Salutes Nonviolence - Please Support Melanie C!

I am participating in "Yoga Salutes Non-Violence" to help raise money to support victims of domestic violence. On November 14th, I will do 108 sun salutations (a sequence of yoga poses) with other participants, and I would love your sponsorship! You can send in your check for any amount, made out to The Family Crisis Center. 100% of all donations will go directly to victims of domestic abuse and sexual assault as they seek to rebuild their lives in safe houses.

More information about the Center can be found at <http://www.familycrisiscenter-pgco.org/>, and more information about the Yoga for Nonviolence event can be found <http://www.yogasalutesnonviolence.org/>. Please let me know if you have any more questions. Thanks so much for your support!!

Melanie C. (5th/6th grade teacher)

ATTENTION All Instrumental Students

There will be NO after-school lessons Wednesday through Friday (October 28th-30th) due to noon dismissals for Parent/Teacher Conferences. We're looking forward to getting back on schedule in November! Please contact Stacy(Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org) with any questions.

PIZZA DAY!

Pizza Days are on Fridays this year. The 7th and 8th grade students are serving pizza during lunch in the classrooms as they raise money for their spring trip. The cost is \$1 per slice. Students are asked to limit their purchases to five slices. No toppings are offered on these pizzas-- only cheese and tomato sauce. There are no nuts or tree nuts on these pizzas. We aim to serve, but you are welcome to opt out of pizza day if you wish.

Upcoming Dates

Nov. 1 - FCS Birthday/MFW

Nov.17 - PTO Meeting

Nov.25 - 27 - Thanksgiving Holiday - No School