

# Friends Community School

Weekly Bulletin November 13, 2009

## Dates To Remember

**Nov. 17** - (Jenny's 3/4) - Smithsonian Field Trip, Gem Collection

**Nov. 17** - (Jenifer's 3/4) - Science field trip to Greenbelt Pool

**Nov. 19** - PTO Meeting

**Nov. 19** - (Mel C. 5/6) - Field Trip to Heartland Health Care Center

**Nov. 23** - Turkey Box Items Duel! (Sarah E)

## Quaker Corner

"A good end cannot sanctify evil means, nor must we do evil that good may come of it."

William Penn (1644-1718)

## Upcoming Events

**Nov. 25 - 27**, Thanksgiving Holiday - No School

## A Message from the Head...

This morning our first and second grade students shared their Peacemaker projects with their parents and friends. Over the past few weeks students in Michelle's, Jenny G's and Sandy's classes discussed the important roles of peacemakers in our communities. Students selected friends, neighbors, relatives, or professionals as the focus for their project. Our chosen peacemakers may work locally with human services or animal adoption. Perhaps they opposed war and performed alternative service. One project depicted national leaders seeking peace in the most troubled regions in the world. Some students wrote and illustrated books; others created posters, dioramas, or video.

As I joined parents and friends to observe the projects, it was clear that students had learned important lessons about conflict and its nonviolent resolution. A few students could even cite how their peacekeeper routinely used conflict resolution while doing their job. As students read or described their projects to the adults who circulated throughout the three classrooms, they gained confidence and earned affirmations from each other's parents. What a wonderful opportunity for teachers and parents to come together and share in the achievements of our children!

In Peace,

Larry

## ADMISSIONS WANTS YOU! ;o)

### You are our best recruiters!

As you must know by now, parents are our best recruiters of new students and families! This year your role is particularly important, given the economy and large number of graduating 8th grade students. So, every effort you make to spread the "good news" of FCS is proportionately more significant than before. We very much appreciate, and need, your support in this way.

I always have up-to-date flyers for Open Houses, as well as FCS brochures, available for you to distribute. Also, I offer the following paragraph for you to finesse/edit/use/replace, and then send to your community list serves. Please feel free to use your own happy "voice"

here, and please forward a copy of your paragraph to me, so that I may keep track of which communities have been covered.

"If you are interested in exploring a new school for your child(ren), then I highly recommend the Friends Community School (FCS). My child(ren) is(are) thriving at this gem of a school, that covers kindergarten through 8th grade, and is in an award-winning green building. Check out [www.friendscommunityschool.org](http://www.friendscommunityschool.org), and contact me at \_\_\_\_\_ for further info."

When you do communicate with interested families, please encourage them to submit applications as soon as possible (and not wait until the deadline of January 29).

Thank you all, so very much!

### **Reminder: Parents of Siblings**

We have asked that parents of siblings complete an application by today, November 13, 2009, to receive preference in the admissions process. If you have not yet done so, please contact me over the weekend, or by Monday at the latest. We do love having entire families at FCS (just ask the Mooneys!)

### **Open Houses**

We have had three very successful Open Houses, thanks in large part to our wonderful and effective volunteer parents and students. I would like to recognize them here: parents Joan Lane-Warfield; Olivia McDaniel; Malin Ljunggren-McNulty; Angela McClain; Ruth Miller; Tamar Eskin; Lisa Losito; Julia Washburn; Marty Fitzpatrick; and students Kathleen Bender; Montana Monardes; Kaleb Yilma; Anya Frederickson. I look forward to working with these and additional volunteers during the five upcoming Open Houses.

I also would like to thank the many teachers who have greeted and conversed with our guests. They make a tremendous impression!

Please feel free to contact me for any reason.

Connie Belfiore, Director of Admissions and Outreach,  
[connie@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:connie@friendscommunityschool.org)

## **HOT LUNCH PROGRAM**

Interested in hot lunch program? Please take a quick survey. Watch for an email with the link today!

## **Home Team Advantage**

**In response to popular demand...**

Friends Community School

Cordially Invites All Parents

to the

FIRST EVER MEETING

of the

HomeTeamAdvantage

This group of Super Heroes (i.e., Parents)  
and our own intrepid Learning Specialist, Colleen,  
will explore ways to effectively

- \* individualize study strategies
- \* capitalize on exceptional abilities
- \* advance academic skills

by sharing intell, tricks, and tactics.

Date: Tuesday, December 1, 2009

Time: 7:15 - 8:30 p.m.

Place: FCS Art Studio

R.S.V.P. to [colleen@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:colleen@friendscommunityschool.org)

We are counting on you, and look forward to seeing you there!

## **REMINDER FOR ALL INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM STUDENTS**

We have begun a new weekly schedule in order to prepare for the Holiday Show on Friday, December 18th. The new schedule can be found on the green flyers that went home with all instrumental program students and on Stacy's Music Website (on the FCS Google site). Students will continue to meet twice each week for lessons. One lesson each week will be substituted with an ensemble rehearsal (noted below). Please direct any questions to Stacy at [Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org](mailto:Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org)

\*Beginning Band Rehearsals:  
Fridays , 3:15-3:45 (November 13, 20; December 4, 11)

\*Advanced Band Rehearsals:  
Fridays , 3:45-4:15 (November 13, 20; December 4, 11)

**Moving Up to 7/8  
Friends Community School**

**cordially invites**

**6th Grade Parents**

**to**

**Moving Up to 7/8**

An evening designed to inform 6th grade parents about the exciting new 7/8 programs that will culminate their students' FCS careers, and prepare their students to succeed in high school and beyond.

Larry, current faculty, a recent graduate, and current 8th graders will share their perspectives, and answer your questions about these growth-filled years.

Date: Tuesday, November 17, 2009

Time: 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. Place: FCS

Child Care available with advance reservation.

RSVP by Friday, Nov. 13th, to [hilary@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:hilary@friendscommunityschool.org)

We look forward to seeing you there!

### **PTO Meeting - November 19, 2009**

"Please Note: This month's PTO meeting will be a Dinner Meeting for Business held on Thursday, November 19 from 6:15 to 8:30. The length is due to the number of decisions that need to be made. Every family should be represented, as critical financial and organizational decisions will be made. In addition, the potential for a hot lunch program will be discussed, as will a potential Plant Sale and enhancement of our social agenda! CHILD CARE IS AVAILABLE FOR NON-FCSers 3 and older! Pizza will be served for those who RSVP. So please RSVP to Olivia McDaniel at [omcdaniel@att.com](mailto:omcdaniel@att.com), and join us for this important meeting."

### **Soccer Club**

The Soccer Club will have its final meeting on Thursday, November 19th. We have had a ton of fun getting to know each other and practicing our soccer skills during drills, games, and scrimmages! We will conclude our season on the 19th with a small party to celebrate our progress.

### **Johns Hopkin's Talent Search**

Just in case you were wondering, the Johns Hopkin's Talent Search application asks for our school code. It is 2074072. Remember the deadline for application is November 20th. Please contact your learning specialist at [colleen@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:colleen@friendscommunityschool.org) or access the CTY website at <http://cty.jhu.edu> if you have any questions.

## **TURKEY BOX ITEMS DUE!!**

Turkey boxes are due November 23, 2009. Remember these meals will go to the College Park Youth and Family Services for distribution among families in need.

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