

Friends Community School

Weekly Bulletin
2010

January 15,

Upcoming Events

Jan. 16 - MLK Tribute at Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center @ 2pm

Jan. 18 - MLK Jr. Day,
No School

Jan. 19 -
PA Meeting
Open House

Jan. 20
- All School Gleaning

Jan. 23 - Open House

Dates to Remember

Jan. 26 - 3/4 Jenny, Field Trip to Smithsonian Air and Space Museum

Jan. 28 -
3/4 Jenifer, Field Trip to Museum of National History

Feb. 4 - Alexandra, Field Trip to Brookside Nature Center

Dear Hilary,

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

This weekend is an excellent opportunity to consider the impact of Martin Luther King, Jr. and his legacy. Our third, fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are invited to perform at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on the campus of the University of Maryland on Saturday at 2:00 pm. They will be joined by other musical and arts groups from the DC Metro area and Maryland to celebrate the message of Dr. King. On Monday, students and families might look for other opportunities in their community to celebrate Dr. King or to perform some act of service. On Wednesday, January 20 our entire school will travel to Upper Marlboro to sort and pack fresh vegetables for distribution to food banks throughout the area. Indeed, service to those in need during these difficult times reflects Dr. King's message of compassion and opportunity for all people. Upon our return to school, each teacher will provide other activities for their class, and we will gather for Meeting for Worship by 1:20 to reflect on the day.

As we look also to the recent events in Haiti, we think again about our commitment to our human family. I have asked teachers to give some thought to our school's response to the crisis there, and we will be in touch with the American Friends Service Committee and other relief agencies to determine how FCS families might be helpful to Haitians who are now in such desperate need. If you are aware of agencies involved in the relief effort that could use our support, please contact me.

In Peace,

Larry

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

Annual Giving Fund

The Annual Giving Fund received a big boost last week with the addition of \$5,000 in matching funds, thanks to the generosity of the 40% of parents who have donated.

The Annual Giving Fund is key for the school because of the variety of programs and functions it supports: faculty training, curriculum development, financial aid, field trips, technology, and other initiatives.

Every gift matters as we reach for 85% parent participation and our \$60,000 goal.

Your participation makes the difference! Thank you.

Free Money for FCS

Link your Giant savings card to FCS and generate free money for FCS! Do it once, and forget about it. Feel good about going to the grocery store!

Shop elsewhere? There are similar programs for Safeway, and Target.

Giant: www.giantfood.com/aplus, FCS #00599
Safeway: <https://secure.escrip.com/jsp/supporter/registration/step1.jsp>, FCS #6505952
Target: www.target.com/tcoe, use your Target Red Card number

Many thanks also for your Box Top and soup can labels - every penny counts!

GEAR UP FOR NASA ENGINEERING!

Come to the Goddard Visitor Center on Sunday, January 17, from 1-3 p.m. for an intriguing look inside NASA engineering. Students will partake in hands-on activities and learn about NASA's revolutionary engineering and how it propels NASA's launches and missions. Eye-opening presentations will be held in the always fascinating GeoDome and the Visitor Center Science on a Sphere presentation will provide insight to different aspects of science. This month's Sunday Experiment promises to be an educational experience that will have your little one excited about all things science and engineering. For more information, contact Maria Acevedo maria.e.acevedo-rivera@nasa.gov .

7/8 Final Projects

February 2nd - 7/8 Parent night to discuss year end final projects.

Larry, James, Chris, and Jordan will be explaining the year-end projects plan with teachers and student of the 7th and 8th grades. Don't miss this time to ask questions and talk with other parents about this wonderful experience for the children.

Quaker Corner

Our way of worship is not just an historical accident; it is a corollary from our conviction concerning the universal Light of Christ. Believing that in every worshiper, regardless of age, learning, sex, or any other human label, the promptings of God's spirit are at work. Friends meet together in entirely unprogrammed meetings [and] worship in silent prayer, opening themselves [to the spirit]. . . . In such corporate worship . . . we are led into a depth of communion with God and with one another that is deeply

meaningful and spiritually refreshing.--L. Hugh Doncaster, from his 1972 Pendle Hill Pamphlet "The Quaker Message," as quoted in *Baltimore Yearly Meeting of the Religious Society of Friends, Faith and Practice* (2009 Draft) 62-63, available online at

<http://www.bymrsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/worship09.shtml#topic>
