

# Friends Community School

## *Weekly Bulletin*

### Upcoming Events This Week

- 21-22 Catoctin, 5-6
- 22-23 Catoctin - Jenny
- 23-24 Catoctin - Jenifer
- 24-25 Catoctin - Gerry
- 25 Carderock Navy Base, 5/6

### Urgent Call for Emergency Information Forms

If you have not yet sent in a completed FCS Emergency Information/Permission Form, it is urgent that you send it in **immediately**. The front office needs that information to be able to contact you in case your child becomes sick or injured while at school. Further, your child will not be able to participate in any field trips until the school has received the form. If you need another copy of the form, please ask at the front office.

Dear Connie,

### A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

This coming Monday our 5/6 classes will visit Catoctin Quaker camp followed later in the week by the 3/4 classes and then the 7th and 8th grades.

What is so special about Catoctin camp that keeps FCS coming back year after year? In the school's earliest days, our founding Head and teachers sought a location where our children could have a special experience in a natural setting. Catoctin, only a bit more than an hour away, was a perfect setting for hiking, nature study, community cooking and eating, campfires, and gathering together as a community for appreciation, reflection, and Meeting for Worship. Camping at Catoctin allows children and parents to make new connections, deepen older friendships, and build a lasting commitment to stewardship of the environment.

I hope those classes who travel there in the coming weeks grow to appreciate the special experience that Catoctin has been for a generation of FCS families.

### AIMS Visits FCS

On Thursday, September 17, a small committee from the Association of Independent Maryland Schools visited FCS to briefly assess the current state of our school. The committee met with representatives from the Board, the Administration, the Faculty, Parents, and our School Nurse. We hope to soon take advantage of the full benefits of membership in our state association.

### Is Your Child Absent?

Whenever your child is absent from school, there are a few simple things that need to be done. Please notify the front office by 9:00am, even if you have already notified the classroom teacher. When notifying the front office, inform us if the absence is due to illness. This year, due to H1N1 prevention measures, the Department of Health is requiring that we track symptoms of all ill students, so please inform us as to whether your child has a fever, cough, sore throat, shortness of breath, vomiting, or diarrhea. If you leave a voicemail message rather than talk directly to administrative staff, make sure to leave a list of your child's symptoms in the message. Contact Hilary if you have any questions.

## Help Raise Funds for FCS

A+ Bonus Bucks is a simple way to earn valuable cash rewards for FCS every time you shop with your Giant Card. Simply go to customer service at your nearest Giant or visit [www.giantfood.com](http://www.giantfood.com) to register for a card. If you already have a card, don't forget to re-register in October. Our school ID is 00599.

You can also help FCS by registering for, or using your current, Target REDcard. Every time you use your REDcard, Target will donate up to 1% of your purchase to the school. To enroll, please visit [www.Target.com/tcoe](http://www.Target.com/tcoe).

## Fall Fair

The Fall Fair is coming! Please start collecting your books and gently used games and toys for the Book and Toy Booth. The money raised at the booth will go directly to the classroom funds. You can start dropping off donations in the front lobby on the first day of October. Please no clothes or large stuffed animals. Drop your donations off in boxes if possible.

If anyone would like to join me in this really fun part of Fall Fair, please contact me at [rinc@rinc-inc.com](mailto:rinc@rinc-inc.com) or 301 221-7029 (cell) or 301 799-9490 (home)

RozanneWijesinghe - Sasha's mom in Sarah's 5/6 class

## After School Activities

After School Enrichment Activities: Look for a flyer next week announcing FCS' after school classes for the fall semester. Some of the activities will include drama, chess, math games, books and film, as well as a few others! Please direct any questions to Gwynne Brick at [gwynne@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:gwynne@friendscommunityschool.org).

## Parent-Teacher Organization

The PTO is off to a roaring start! We had a successful first PTO meeting on the 15th, and several items of interest resulted. Minutes will be posted on the PTO website, which is a link on the school's website.

First, and most critical, the PTO is looking for a co-clerk to work with Olivia McDaniel to lead the PTO operations in support of the school. In addition, a recording clerk is needed. Descriptions of these positions as well as other volunteer opportunities will be posted on the PTO website. PLEASE consider taking on one of these important roles. If we are not fully staffed, the PTO is limited in what we can accomplish and how much support we can provide both the school and the community.

Many cool and exciting PTO undertakings and activities are planned for this year. Coming up soon: this Monday, September 21, the Sally Foster campaign will begin. We hope you will consider participating. Last year this lucrative fund raiser brought in enough funds to provide a brand new high-powered server for the school computer network! Fall Fair is also coming up on October 18. For those of you who have not experienced this school-wide event, it is truly fun for all and not to be missed. Each class plans an carnival-style activity (think bean-bag toss), and there is

a book sale, yard sale, pumpkin sale and LOTS of FABULOUS FOOD! And all these are on top of the wonderful opportunity to chat with all your fellow parents and friends. You are encouraged to pass the word and invite non-FCSers as well! All funds from this, one of the PTO's largest fund raisers and community event, go to support the school's and/or your child's classroom's wish lists. Watch for more information on how you can participate.

Thanks.

Olivia McDaniel (Christian's mom)

### **5/6 Field Trip**

The 5/6th graders are taking an Enviromental Science trip to Carderock Navy Base September 25th, 2009 - wear rain boots and comfortable clothing!

### **7/8 Field Trip**

We're going to Catoctin on October 1 and 2! Parents and guardians are invited to join teachers. We will need drivers. Please save the date.

## **Dates To Remember**

September 29	Picture Day Parent Night K-4, 7pm
October 1-2	Catoctin, 7-8
October 6	Parent Night 5-8, 7pm
October 9	Progressive Teachers Conference - No School Extended Day offered 8 am - 6 pm
October 18	Fall Fair

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