

Over the years we have developed processes to help our growing school run smoothly and provide a safe, nurturing environment for our children. Our drop-off and pick-up procedures may be a bit unusual, but they minimize the chances for an accident. In the past few weeks I have observed several instances of near accidents. During morning drop-off, encourage children to be ready to disembark your vehicle and keep your car in line until the car(s) in front of you move. A growing number of people are parking in the lot at pick-up time, collecting their children, and then driving from the lot. There is no teacher supervision in the parking lot. The possibility of a temporarily unsupervised small child increases the likelihood of an accident. I am asking Mark to close the parking lot 5 minutes before care line begins and to keep it closed until all car line cars have left.

Additionally, it is important to note our expectation that parents sign their children out from the office whenever they need to leave school early. If we all work together to follow the school's policies and procedures we can continue to create a wonderful setting in which our students can grow.

In Peace,

Larry

The AUCTION IS HERE!!

Saturday April 17th from 7pm-11pm at
Martin's Crosswinds
7400 Greenway Center Drive
Greenbelt, MD 20770

This evening of fun and fundraising includes dinner, dessert, live music, a silent and live auction with wonderful items to bid on, and lots of great company. 100% of the money raised from the auction goes directly to tuition assistance and sustains the diversity our school is committed to supporting.

Tickets are \$30 each and can still be purchased through the office!

(Tickets will also be available the night of the event.)

There is one more day to sign your kids up for

Upcoming Events This Week

April 19-22, ERB's (5-7)

April 20, PA Meeting

April 22, Book Art Workshop, **Mel C. & Gwynne** - Heartland Healthcare

April 23, Grandfriends Day

QUAKER QUOTE

Let there be peace on earth -
and let it begin with me.

DATES TO REMEMBER

Auction Pajama Movie Night!

\$25 for a night of childcare 6:45-11:15 with pizza, popcorn and a movie. Your child can be having fun while you are having fun at the auction. Sign up forms available through the office.

****Reminder, this year we are excepting credit cards for check-out payment at the auction!**

(Visa, American Express, MasterCard) Checks are still the preferred method for payment.

*****Addendum of more great auction items attached and addendum also went home today in kids mail!*****

April 26, Chris - DC Kitchen

April 27, James - DC Kitchen, **Mel C.** - Ropes Course

April 29, Jordan - DC Kitchen, **Jenifer** - Annapolis Trip, **PA Meeting**

April 30, Primary Team Play

PHILANTHROPY MATTERS

The Annual Fund needs your participation! Now is the time to pitch in and be included toward 85% participation. Great things happen when we all support this key fund for the school: class trips, classroom activities, and additional financial aid, as well as an additional \$5,000!

CHAT AND MINGLE
BID AND WIN
FOOD AND JAZZ
LEAVE WITH A GRIN
FCS AUCTION

INVITE YOUR FRIENDS
TO AUCTION TEMPTATION
BID TOGETHER
ON A VACATION
FCS AUCTION

Dinner, Dessert, Dancing, Community, Camaraderie, Kid-Creations
Come out and support FCS!

Green Tip: Healthy Lawns for Healthy People

Know your local soil and plants! The Home and Garden Information Center, <http://www.hgic.umd.edu/> will tell you how much and what type of nutrients to add. Another great site, www.seedland.com suggests the best plants for your area, allowing you to water less.

Light on the Lawnmower: Try not to mow too much, but keep your blades

sharp. Lawnmowers contribute 10% of our air pollution in summer. Try an electric or hand mower if your lawn isn't too big. Grass clippings are almost all water; leave them in place and they'll decompose and act as fertilizer.

Watering: Set your mower height higher to keep grass roots cooler and moister. If you must water, water deeply, less often and only in the AM. Use automatic shutoffs when away.

Fertilizers: Organic fertilizers need less water and fewer nutrients. Check out www.safelawns.org for suggestions. Corn gluten, available at local garden stores, is a great, easily obtainable organic weed suppresser.

SPRING PERFORMANCE: MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

In following with FCS tradition, we will be have our end-of-the-year Spring Performance on the last day of school, Friday, June 11th. Similar to the Holiday Show, the event will showcase students involved with the Instrumental Program, as well as performances from each class. Please keep an eye out for more detailed information as the event draws nearer. Contact Stacy with any questions (Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org).

APRIL PA MEETING POSTPONED

Due to necessary travel on the part of a couple of key folks, the PA is postponing the April meeting for business until Thursday, April 29 at 7 p.m. On that date, we will be discussing financial matters, hearing a read-out from the Diversity Committee, and discussing potential candidates for 2010-11 PA Officers, among other business. Childcare will be available for all children (non-FCSers,

too) ages 3 and up, RSVP is required by next Friday, April 23 to fcs.pa.email@gmail.com.

KIDS OPEN MIC

There will be a Kids' Open Mic at the New Deal Cafe this Sunday, April 18, from 1:30-2:30pm. The Open Mic takes place on the 3rd Sunday of every month. Children aged 17 and under are invited to perform, playing a musical instrument, singing, dancing, reciting a poem, etc. This is a great opportunity for kids to practice performing in public to a very sympathetic audience.

STUDENT PERFORMERS

7th grader, Maddy Sperber-Whyte, and 8th graders Kathleen Bender, Kiva Brick, and Nora Langer will be performing in the Lumina Studio Theater production of "The Comedy of Errors... at Colonus?"

Blue cast (Maddy and Kathleen):

May 14 and 15 at 7 p.m. and May 22 and 23 at 1 p.m.

Green cast (Kiva and Nora):

May 15 and 16 at 1 p.m. and May 21 and 22 at 7 p.m.

Performances are at the Round House Theatre
8641 Colesville Road
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Ticket prices: \$8.00-15.00, student/senior and adult prices, respectively.

To purchase tickets, visit www.brownpapertickets.com