

# Friends Community School

## Weekly Bulletin

### Upcoming Events This Week

**April 13, St. Mary's City (3/4)**

On Wednesday, April 7, Bob Smith visited Friends Community School for the first time. Bob is the former Head of Sidwell Friends School, and the author of [A Quaker Book of Wisdom](#). Bob and I talked about the many developments at FCS, the challenges of leadership in difficult times, and building a strong team of colleagues. Christine and I took Bob on a tour of our school, and his observations of classrooms and children were so insightful. He particularly enjoyed Meeting for Worship with the entire school, and he shared his appreciation for FCS with us after Meeting.

### Dates To Remember

**April 17, Auction**

Several teachers enjoyed lunch-time conversation with Bob. As a birthright Philadelphia area Quaker, Bob shared his background in Quakerism, school personalities, and his connections to several Friends schools. He observed how great teachers can inspire children to pursue new interests and challenges. A perceptive observer of schools, Bob Smith left us with a deep appreciation of our school community and the progress we have made since our relocation. Many thanks to Sally Rudney for organizing Bob's visit to FCS.

**April 17, Auction Pajama Night 6:45pm-11:15pm**

In Peace,

Larry

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

## Philanthropy Matters

### The AUCTION IS COMING!

The auction is a week from tomorrow...

**April 20, PA Meeting**

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

**April 22, Book Art Workshop**

Includes dinner, dessert, live music, the silent and live auctions, and lots of great company!

**April 23, Grandfriends Day**

The catalog has been distributed, both in print and **\*on-line\*** on the main FCS website. Perfect for sharing with your friends, neighbors, aunties, uncles, etc.

Plan a vacation or a stay-cation; find interesting and unique birthday presents, nights out; pick up things to make life a little easier, a little more dramatic, or a little more relaxing. The catalog makes diverting reading too!

*TICKETS are \$30 apiece and can still be purchased through the office.*

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### **Grandfriends Day is Friday, April 23, 2010**

We look forward to hosting your child's grandfriend in two weeks, and giving them firsthand experience of things FCS. The schedule is:

- 8:30 - 9:30am Arrive, reception with coffee and bagels in the multipurpose room
- 9:30 - 10:15am Performance in the multi-purpose room
- 10:15 - 12 noon Classroom visits and Meeting for Worship
- 12 noon - 1:00pm Lunch and Greeting from Larry Clements

Thank you for getting the names of your child's grandfriend to us for invitations. At this time we are finished sending out formal invitations, but you are welcome to invite your grandfriend directly. Regardless of the invitation method, please be sure we have an RSVP for your Grandfriend so that we have enough lunch and other goodies for everyone.

#### **The FCS Annual Giving Fund**

*Your participation makes it work!*

*We are at 60% parent participation, but need 85% to reap the additional \$5,000 in matching funds. Please donate and be counted!*

*Every dollar goes directly to benefit students and teachers.*

**Thank you very much.**

### **BREAD SALE BOASTS BOUNTIFUL RESULTS!**

#### **Over \$1,500 Donated to Financial Aid Fund!**

With deep gratitude to the Neville family (Jack/Melanie B, Liam/Jenny L), their Upper Crust Bakery, and our fabulous FCS families, we have added \$1,500.10 to the FCS Financial Aid Fund!

On that beautiful day last week, during afternoon carpool and pick-up times, Nancy Neville laid out boxes of no fewer than 16 types of artisan breads, most baked fresh that morning. Parents and students salivated at the delicious array, and bought to eat fresh and freeze. I saw at least a dozen baguettes consumed before leaving the school grounds!

We very much appreciate everyone's support for this effort, as well as the selfless generosity of the Neville family for donating all of the bread and labor for delivery. The purchases help to ensure that our students continue to grow with diverse friends and classmates, and that we continue to attract wonderful families like those we cherish right now.

Nancy and David hope to repeat the Bread Sale (perhaps with more pies) next fall, so

we can look forward to another awesome afternoon of bread and fun! Thank you all!

--Connie Belfiore, Director of Admissions and Outreach

*Note: The Upper Crust Bakery is located at 13488 New Hampshire Ave., at the intersection with Randolph Road, in the northwest corner next to Giant. It is beloved by its customers, and I urge you to visit - you'll want to return often!*

### **Art Supplies Needed**

The Art Department needs your empty cereal boxes and cardboard egg- cartons for projects next week. Please leave them on the cart inside the art room.

Thank you for your support of the arts!

### **Quaker Quote**

Our labor is to bring all men to their own teacher in themselves.--George Fox, Journal, as quoted in the Baltimore Yearly Meeting Religious Society of Friends proposed Faith and Practice

<http://www.bym-rsf.org/quakers/pubs/FaithNPractice/education09.shtml#topic>