

Friends Community School

Weekly Bulletin

May 14, 2010

Upcoming Events for the Week

May 18, PA Meeting

May 19, 7th - High School Meeting Night

May 19-21, Jenifer's 3/4 Turkey Run, 5/6-NYC

Dates to Remember

May 24-26, Gerry - Turkey Run

May 25, 1/2 - Field Trip to Kennedy Center

May 26-27, K's - Catoctin

May 26-28, Jenny - Turkey Run

May 27 - 7/8, Year End Project Presentations

May 31 - Memorial Day - **No School**

Dear Hilary,

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

Fellow educators, visitors, and prospective parents frequently ask about the schools our graduates plan to attend. Our largest eighth grade in our school's history has made this a busy year for those of us involved in the placement process. While a few students are in the final decision phase, it is clear that our graduates will enroll in some excellent public school programs, as well as independent and Catholic high schools. As our eighth graders are geographically diverse, they have many excellent public school options. Of those, families have chosen Eleanor Roosevelt (5), Northwood, Einstein, Blair, and Duke Ellington. One student will attend DeMatha, while others have chosen Sandy Spring Friends School (3), Edmund Burke, Sidwell, Indian Creek, Key, and St. Anselm. Our acceptance rate at regional independent schools was very high.

This coming Wednesday, we meet with parents of our seventh graders to begin the process anew. As parents become familiar with the admissions process at public and private schools, their families are better able to make informed decisions. Clearly, the acceptances and school choices of our eighth graders reflect well on the progress each child has made here. We are confident that our students are very well prepared for the challenges and opportunities of high school.

In Peace,
Larry

Philanthropy Matters

Annual Giving Fund

Parent Participation: 64%
Goal: 85%

FCS needs your participation in the Annual Giving Fund. PLEASE send in your gift today!

Monarch Butterfly Garden Work Morning

More than 15 FCS adults and 10 children pitched in to make last Saturday's work morning a great

success. We installed fence posts, removed encroaching sod, distributed gravel along the watercourse, and weeded, weeded, weeded. The plants are generally in good shape, and are expected to really take off in the next few weeks. Many thanks to everyone from FCS who participated, and the College Park Rotary volunteers.

How did the supplies for the Butterfly garden get funded? Through the Annual Giving Fund, of course!

How did the fee for the sister school in Mexico get funded? Yes - through the Annual Giving Fund!

Green Tip of the Week

Consider "Low-E" glass if installing new windows. The "E" stands for emissivity. Using a super-thin metal coating, it reflects heat out during summer or in during winter, saving energy and money on your heating and cooling bills. Low E glass can be pricey, but worth it since houses lose about 25% of their heat through windows. Best to buy the highest quality low-E you can afford and you'll get the best bang for your buck.

-- Christine

Strawberry Festival

"Adelphi Friends Meeting will hold its annual Strawberry Festival, rain or shine, on Saturday, June 5, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 2303 Metzert Road Adelphi, MD (between Riggs and Adelphi Rds). Fresh, ripe strawberries; used merchandise and clothing, cafe, books, plants, toys, kids' games, and more!

You can donate your gently used clothing, household items and toys the week before the sale by bringing the items directly to the Adelphi Meetinghouse, from 12:00pm - 8:00pm, May 31 to June 4.

A portion of the net proceeds from the Strawberry Festival helps support Adelphi Friends Meeting's community giving, including a very generous annual Blackburn Fund scholarship gift to Friends Community School!

For more information, call 301 779-6213 or visit the Adelphi Friends Meeting website at <http://www.adelphifriends.org>.

Tick Check

The results of the tick testing a few weeks ago showed that there are few ticks of any type on campus this spring. But because ticks are endemic to our area, we continue to ask that you incorporate the best practice of nightly tick checks of your child to detect any of these pests.

Teachers will notify you in advance of any field trip into the woods so you can provide long sleeved shirts and pants, and sneakers or other closed-toe shoes. They will also send home a note reminding you to check for ticks.

PA Meeting

May PA Meeting will include new families. The May PA meeting will be a dinner for parents and those children who are attending childcare. It will be held on Tuesday, May 18 at 6:00 PM. We will have a dinner followed by a speaker on the topic of Transitions. All new families will be invited...and they typically come, so please consider joining us. Childcare (and dinner) will be provided for all children ages 3 and up, but requires an RSVP by Wednesday, May 12 to the PA email: fcs.pa.email@gmail.com.

New Family mentor families are sought. As is the FCS tradition, we try to match all new families

with a compatible mentor (or host) family. Mentor families attend the May PA meeting and the new family picnic to meet their new family, make them feel comfortable, and answer any questions they may have. In addition, the hope is that you might get together over the summer so that the new child knows at least someone when they start school. At a minimum, you are asked to get in touch with the new family near the start of school to make sure they don't have questions, etc. Please consider doing this...it is not that much work, and it has a huge impact on how pleasant the transition is for the new families. Please notify Trudy Thornton at fcs.pa.email@gmail.com if you would like to be a mentor family.

King Bidgood DVDs

DVDs of "King Bidgood's in the Bathtub" can now be purchased. There are only two steps to follow.

- 1) Send an e-mail to Pam O'Brien telling her how many DVDs you'd like to purchase. Her e-mail is pcobrien@verizon.net.
- 2) Send a check into school, made payable to FCS, \$10 per DVD, memo

line: King Bidgood DVD.

All proceeds benefit the annual fund.