

Friends Community School

Weekly Bulletin - May 21, 2010

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

Last evening I had the opportunity to spend some time with Jenifer's class at Turkey Run. It was no coincidence that I arrived minutes before dinner, but I didn't expect to churn butter before I could eat! Joy Newheart was thrilled to be responsible for kitchen responsibilities, and Mike Hayes shared his knowledge and wood working tools with eager carvers. Evening activities included plays, songs, and dancing. Children and parents had a wonderful time reliving Colonial America.

The fifth and sixth graders just returned from their New York adventure. Students and parent chaperons enjoyed the opportunities to tour the locations that many immigrants might have followed as they began their lives in this country. For many, this was a first trip to New York, and a unique opportunity to learn their way around Manhattan. While there is a strong curricular component to these trips, relationships between students, parents, and teachers are strengthened through such community experiences.

In Peace,

Larry

Upcoming Events for this Week

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

Philanthropy Matters

Reasons to give to the Annual Giving Fund:

1. Matching gift program = Additional \$5,000 for the school.
2. Keeps tuition lower than it would otherwise have to be to cover expenses.
3. Gives the FCS the means to do more great enriching things in and out of the classroom.

4. Gives you the great feeling of supporting your family's community!

Current: 66% parent participation

Goal: 85% parent participation

Your gift makes a difference! Please support FCS!

Green Tips of the Week

Car washing: Who knew? Apparently, commercial car washes use about 45 gallons per car, but doing it at home uses between 80-140 gallons! Also, car washes drain the water into sewers where it gets treated and used again (as opposed to running off land). So, if you wash your car at home, perhaps awareness of typical home car wash water usage can help you reduce the amount of water you use; if you let the pros do it, you are being greener than you might have thought!

How to dispose of CFLs: Compact Fluorescent Bulbs (CFLs) (those little corkscrew bulbs) are great because they use less energy, but they pack up to 5 mgs of mercury, which, though not much, can add up if disposed of improperly (in some states, it's illegal). How should they be disposed of? Via the hazardous waste collection in your community. Check your county's website for collection sites and days. Sylvania has a "RECYCLEPAK" program - you order a pack of bulbs from their website in exchange for 12 burned out bulbs (and prepaid shipping): www.recyclepak.sylvania.com. If a CFL bulb breaks, don't pick it up with your bare hands. Use a paper towel, seal in plastic bag and take to recycling center. Open windows in the room for awhile. Some manufacturers are making low-mercury bulbs. Check the package or company website.

Dates To Remember

May 31, Memorial Day - No School

June 5 - Strawberry Festival @ Adelphi Meeting (2303 Metzert Road, Adelphi, MD), 10am-3pm

June 1, Jenifer - Field Trip to Riversdale

June 2-4, 7/8- Appalachian Trail

June 3- Jenny - Field Trip to Riversdale

June 10 - 8th Grade Graduation