

Friends Community School

May 7, 2010

A MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD. . .

For most of our students, the highlight of the end of the school year are the major overnight field trips here at FCS. From the calendar on this page you can see that all of our classes will participate in end of year trips to a variety of locations. Our kindergarten and first/second grade classes will make their annual trip to Catoctin to enjoy community building and camping with classmates and parents. Each of our third/fourth grade classes are headed to Turkey Run, where they will reenact Maryland colonial life. Our fifth and sixth grades culminating activity is a trip to New York City, where the children will explore a variety of sites that relate to their year-long study of immigration. Students in seventh and eighth grade will travel to Assateague Island for two full days of marshland and marine ecosystems. In early June our oldest students will spend three days hiking and camping on the Appalachian Trail.

Each of these trips creates connections to this year's curriculum but also adds so much more. Children, parents, and teachers work closely to plan and implement the variety of activities available. We all learn to cooperate, to adapt, and to share the responsibilities. While teachers spend many hours preparing for these activities, helpful parents work with their children and each other to make each event a success.

In Peace,

Larry

Green Man Festival

Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9 - Opens at 10:00 am

Come join us rain or shine for two days of music, vendors, crafts, kids activities, environmental awareness, food and fun in beautiful downtown Greenbelt. Come by the CHEARS tent between 12:30 and 2:30 on Sunday to see FCS's "Through the Looking Glass."

May 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

Upcoming Events This Week

May 12-14, 7/8 - Assateague Camping Trip

May 13-14, 1/2 - Catoctin

Dates To Remember

May 18, PA Meeting

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

May 24-26, Gerry - Turkey Run

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

May 26-27, Gwynne - Catoctin

May 26-28, Jenny - Turkey Run

May 27-28, Alexandra - Catoctin

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.

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Violin Recital

The Shannon Violin Studio presents a Violin Recital on Saturday, May 8, 4:15 PM at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road, Adelphi, MD 20783. Our program will feature group and solo performances by students ages 6-18, and chamber works by Grieg & Vivaldi. Please come hear these talented young musicians, including FCS students Hannah Sturges, Starling Wolfrum and Kayla Shannon. Admission is free, all ages are welcome -- we hope you can join us!
