

# Friends Community School

## Upcoming Dates This Week

**June 8** - 8th grade  
Field Trip to San  
Point State Park  
Beach

**June 10** - 8th  
Grade Graduation  
7:00pm

**June 11** - Spring  
Performance at  
10:30am- **Noon**  
**Dismissal, No School**  
**Day**

**June 13** - New  
Current Family  
Picnic

There will  
be no  
afternoon  
Extended  
Day on  
Friday,  
June 11  
Enjoy your  
summer

## A Message from the Head...

Next Thursday, June 10 at 7:00pm our school community will gather to share Meeting for Worship to celebrate the graduation of our eighth grade students. Friends, parents, relatives, Trustees, teachers and students will gather in the multi-purpose room for this occasion. This is a wonderful opportunity for our community to come together and affirm those who have worked hard to complete our program at FCS. This group of nineteen graduates is our largest 8th grade class ever, and represents a wonderful diversity of interests, talents, experiences, and aspirations. Please plan to join us for this special occasion.

As the year comes to conclusion, there still seems to be so much to do while ending 2009-10, and planning for 2010-11. All teachers will soon be at work on progress reports. Several levels of the faculty will be hard at work this summer on curricular changes to enhance the experiences of our children. I look forward to seeing you at graduation; the end of the year performance on Friday, June 11; and our new family picnic on June 13 from 4-7pm.

In Peace,  
Larry

## Philanthropy Matters

### Annual Giving Fund

Currently: 72% parent participation

Goal: 85% parent participation

*If we reach **85%** parent participation, FCS receives an additional \$5,000!*

Please say **"Count me in"** with a gift before the end of school!

### **Remember the Playground Pavers**

Flyers are on the FCS main website and in the lobby - commemorate your year at FCS, honor a teacher, grandfriend, share a reflection, create a touchstone for visiting. Available in different sizes and prices.

### **Tick Check Reminder**

Our area is, unfortunately, host to several different types of ticks, including the deer tick which can carry Lyme disease. Some parents and children who have spent a considerable amount of time outside have reported symptoms of Lyme disease. Please be vigilant about checking for ticks at home at bath-time. The deer tick is very small indeed, and does not typically "wash-off" or "drown". The recommendation is to use a washcloth and scrub. Careful checking, particularly of the warmest areas of the body, is important. In some 40% of Lyme cases, the patient does not develop the tell tale bulls-eye rash. Other symptoms of Lyme are achiness, fever, joint pain, and fatigue. For more information on-line, including kid-friendly reading, try [www.kidshealth.org](http://www.kidshealth.org).

If you spend time outdoors in this area during the summer, in addition to insect repellent, you may want to be prepared with a tick nipper which removes ticks of all types quickly and painlessly. They are available on line and at REI for about \$7.

### **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>.

## Spring Performance: Friday, June 11th

This year's Spring Performance will take place on the last day of school, June 11th. It will begin at 10:30 AM with performances by the after-school music ensembles, followed by a musical revue, "The SPICES of Life," featuring performances by every class.

Students enrolled in the after-school music program should bring their instruments with them to school on Friday, the 11th. Unless otherwise instructed, all students should come to school dressed for the performance.

This includes:

Nice pants, skirt, or dress

Collared shirt or dress shirt/blouse

Comfortable dress shoes

\*Heels are not recommended as students will be moving on and off stage and onto risers.

Please contact Stacy ([Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org](mailto:Stacy@FriendsCommunitySchool.org)) with any questions. See you at the show!

## **CURRENT FAMILIES!**

**PLEASE COME**

TO THE  
FRIENDS COMMUNITY SCHOOL

**NEW & CURRENT  
FAMILIES PICNIC**

**Sunday, June 13, 2010  
4:00 - 7:00 p.m. At FCS**

**Fun activities...**

\* to help new students get to know their peers

\* to acquaint new families with their mentors, others in their grades,  
others in their geographic areas, and

\* to start the new school year in a grand manner!

We are providing a cookout! Enjoyment guaranteed!

R.S.V.P. by June 10 to [Quillin@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:Quillin@friendscommunityschool.org)

## PA Announcements

1. A wonderful way to memorialize a person or event: buy a paving brick for the playground. A paving brick allows you to make someone or something a permanent part of FCS. You can engrave names, events, dates, sentiments, and have your paving brick made part of a path to the playground. At the same time, your purchase price helps support FCS.

There are different sizes, prices and engraving capacities, so feel free to contact Christine Dunathan at

[christine@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:christine@friendscommunityschool.org), or Janet Dixon at [Jntdxn@gmail.com](mailto:Jntdxn@gmail.com) for more information!

2. PLEASE check your email for your invitation to the FCS family picnic and RSVP. We really need current families to attend and help us welcome the new families into our community, and we need your RSVP so that we can ensure that we have adequate food and child care. The picnic is from 4 to 7 on Sunday, June 13, and promises to be a lot of fun! Please join us.

3. We will be selling t-shirts, mugs, reusable FCS bags, and playground pavers at the year-end performance June 11. Can you help out with set-up, put-away, or selling? Please let Christine know! [christine@friendscommunityschool.org](mailto:christine@friendscommunityschool.org), or 301-441-2100. Thanks!

## Summer Tutoring

Melanie C. has some limited availability this summer for tutoring/enrichment slots. If you are looking for summer tutoring or enrichment work for your child, please let me know. I design individualized summer programs to suit your child's learning style, interests, and needs. We even have fun! ([mmc248@gmail.com](mailto:mmc248@gmail.com) or 202-725-7227)

## Green Tip of the Week:

Yard waste? Try composting it -- it provides great nutrients for your garden and is a fun kid activity. Cut it up, layer with leaves, weeds or grass clippings. Keep the pile moist and turn over frequently. In most places, you can toss things in a pile, and just alternate materials as you get them. Montgomery County also gives free compost bins at:

[www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/SolidWaste/store/compost\\_bins.asp](http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/swstmpl.asp?url=/content/dep/SolidWaste/store/compost_bins.asp)