

TFS BULLETIN

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As I write my note this morning, the rain is hammering at our roof and we are getting glimpses of a thunderstorm. All I can think is that this doesn't feel like January to me. The weather aside, inside the walls of The Friendship School we are living January all the way. Polar Bears and dinosaurs are lining the hallways. Students are sporting their new boots, hats and mittens they received for the holidays, despite the +50 degrees weather. Everyone is heading towards the midpoint of the year.

We have many exciting events coming up as we move through the first months of 2008. Activities like the Steve's Songs concert, Mother Goose, and Read Across America are coming up on our calendar. The Friendship Family Organization is currently planning a Winter Carnival to help chase away the winter doldrums. And finally, the focus in the office has shifted to include planning for the upcoming year. New families are joining us for tours of TFS and completing applications for enrollment. The New Year has begun!

In closing I would like to address a question I hear on a daily basis: "What can I do to help my child learn more (better, faster, etc)?" Usually these questions pertain to concerns of learning to read, count, or be ready for school. The best reply is also the most simplest: practice. How this practice looks varies from family to family. Sing songs together while driving through town. Count the forks together as you set the table. Learn finger plays together during bath time. Read books together everyday. This way your child is practicing all of the skills they need for school readiness while playing with their first and favorite teacher...you!

Happy January
Dawn Davis

Dear Parents of Pre-Kindergarten Students,

As your child has a physical done each year, can you please have the school physical form completed at that visit and turn it into school as soon as you can? Physicals need to be less than 1 year old to start school in the fall, AND throughout the school year. So as 1 year lapses after your last physical date, the one turned in is expired. Also, many physicians' offices are charging \$5 dollars if you go back later, after your physical took place, to get a copy for the next fall. We will be following new standards, therefore, please turn in your child's new physical as it is done, throughout the school year. This will avoid the need to have children not attend school until they submit a new physical. Paperwork may be sent in via backpack to the attention of the school nurse.

Kindergarten students need a new physical for the fall only. The next State mandated physical for them after kindergarten, is not until middle school. However, additional, new physicals are welcome to update health info.

Thank you,
Lori Gatheral

Our winter coat drive is in full swing! Please drop off your new or gently used winter outerwear; coats, mittens and scarves as well as NEW hats to our coat drive boxes in the school lobby. All children's sizes accepted! All donations will be given to Friendship School families in need.

We are still seeking volunteers to help organize our 1st winter carnival! If you are interested in helping with this event, please email the FFO at FFO@thefriendshipschool.org or send a note, with your contact info, in your child's folder.

The FFO would love to meet you! Please join us for our next meeting on Thursday, January 17th at 7pm. All are welcome to attend!

Have a great weekend!



Important Dates

January 17 – FFO meeting 7:00 p.m.

**January 21 –Martin Luther King Day-
No School**