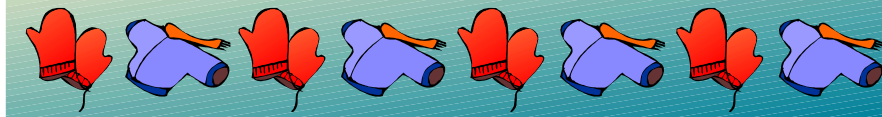


# TFS BULLETIN

January 23rd, 2009

Kathy Suprin  
Director



Dawn Davis  
Assistant Director

Dear Parents,

I thought you might want to know a little about the dedicated volunteers who help out at The Friendship School. At the present time we have eleven Waterford High School volunteers who earn community service credits by working here in classrooms two to three hours a week. They complete a volunteer application through the Big Brother's Big Sisters office and are also approved to work here by their school administrators. When they are in classrooms here they work with the teachers by helping children do whatever they are doing at the moment which may be putting on a coat, reading to the children or playing with them. We love having the help of our high school volunteers and have grown particularly attached to those who have been coming here for more than one year. It would be our good fortune to have them return as teachers some day!

Many college students from Mitchell College, Eastern and Connecticut College have completed their pre-practicum or student teaching assignments here. We enjoy being their mentors and again, their extra hands are very helpful. Some have even become teachers here upon their graduation. This year we have many interns working with us.

Other volunteers include retired teachers and other community members who are referred to us by Waterford Community Center or by TFS family members. They complete an application and a background check before beginning to volunteer here. We currently have ten community volunteers. Again, their help is greatly appreciated by the teachers and the children.

We have one foster grandmother from the Foster Grandparent Program who has been working with us every day for the past three years. Again, it's wonderful help that she provides.

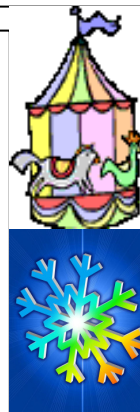
Lastly, we have many regular and reliable parent volunteers who work in their children's classrooms, reading with children or helping with special projects, and a very active Friendship Family Organization (FFO). The officers and other regular members plan all of the fun family events we enjoy and plan all of our fund raising activities. Our work is made much easier thanks to the dedication of our many Friendship School Volunteers. We hope you consider spending some volunteer time with us in the future. In the meantime, enjoy the long weekend with your children.

Dawn Davis

## The Friendship School Family Organization

**SAVE THE DATE!** Our 2nd annual Winter Carnival will be held on Saturday, January 24th from 10-2pm. There will be games, a clown, visit by some special characters, face painting and more! Box lunches are also available for \$3.00. Suggested admission is one non-perishable food item per person to be donated to the local food bank.

Would you like to be more involved with your child's school?  
Contact the FFO at [ffo@thefriendshipschool.org](mailto:ffo@thefriendshipschool.org) to find out how!



Carelot Clubhouse is offering free registration for the month of January! Stop by the Clubhouse Office and become a member today!

**Heather Hunter**  
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**Help Wanted:** We are looking for a Cafeteria Substitute in the kitchen. Please contact the TFS office for an application. Call 447-4049.

**TVCCA** Head Start is now accepting applications for the 2009-2010 program year for all children born in 05-06. For more information please call Bonnie Craig at 425-6515.

## Important Dates

January 24<sup>th</sup>- 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. – Winter Carnival- FFO Event