

# TFS Bulletin

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Happy End-of-Winter to our Friendship Community,

Last weekend gave us a wonderful taste of warmer weather to come. It sure did feel nice to leave the jackets and boots inside and walk out in shirt sleeves. I hope you all had a chance to enjoy it for a little while. Some eyes looked a little sleepy on Monday morning as we adjusted to turning the clocks forward. As the week marched on, we all seemed a little better attuned to the clock change.

Our reading celebration has been continuing this week through many activities. The Cutter Challenge is in its second week and the children are very excited about meeting the challenge and earning prizes. We have had several local authors come and share their books with our students. That was such a treat! Other celebrity readers have come and read to our students during this second week of our reading celebration. I hope you all have a chance to snuggle up with your favorite TFS student and a good book this weekend. Remember, you are their first teachers.

If you saw me last week in my very tall, purple hair, you were probably at one of our grade level assemblies. These monthly events have been carefully planned out by both grade levels under the direction of teachers Kevin Stevenson (K) and Kristen Brackett (PK). To the observing community they may look like a cute way to showcase our students' talents. Family members are invited, songs, dances and little skits are performed, and photo opportunities are abundant. I wish to take a moment to point out the learning opportunities that are encased in each of these assemblies. First students are learning how to be good audience members. They practice "body checks" where they remind themselves to be seated in their own space, eyes forward, and ready to participate as a listener (and learner). As a performer, students are able to learn a song or dance and appreciate the value of sharing that performance with an audience. This is a great confidence builder for your child. The fact that their mom, dad, or grandparent is there to share the moment with them is like icing on the cake. It just makes it a more special moment. If you missed the purple hair, you'll have to wait until the next time crazy hair day falls on the day of an assembly.

Have a wonderful week. The hibernation is just about over.  
Dawn Davis

## The Friendship School Family Organization

Our Meadow Farms fundraiser has officially come to an end. Thank you for your support!  
The anticipated arrival date for orders is April 3rd. More pick up information will follow at a later date.

This is the perfect time to get involved in the FFO! We will be accepting nominations for next year's board positions soon. Please consider being an FFO board member or volunteering for the many other positions available.

## Parking Reminder:

**Please refrain from parking in the Handicapped and Office Staff parking spaces, as we have a limited number of parking spaces for our handicapped families and staff. Please note that parking for drop-off and pick-up is located on the side, or behind Waterford High School, or across the street at the Town Hall.**

**\*\*\* IMPORTANT: Cars parked illegally in Handicapped Spaces have been receiving parking tickets.\*\*\***



## Important Dates:

March 18<sup>th</sup>, - Report Cards  
April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, - "Mini" Book Fair (more details to follow)  
April 3<sup>rd</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conferences  
April Vacation- Train Display (more details to follow)

