



# TFS BULLETIN

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Springtime Greetings to all of our Friendship families:

A welcomed sound returned to my neighborhood this week...peep frogs! That sweet sound just makes the evenings feel warmer. I hope everyone is able to experience a little springtime this weekend. The busy bees at TFS have been very active all week long.

Our children have been visiting with sea creatures, reading for the Cutter Challenge, and getting on with the excitement that spring brings to school. The Mystic Aquarium visiting team brought in sea creatures for our students to meet...up close and personal. On one of the times I walked through, a child was trying to determine if crabs were ticklish on their bellies. Another child was differentiating between the rough texture of a star fish and the smooth finish to a conch shell. This is how scientists are born! I am also hearing of many families participating in the Cutter reading challenge. The certificates from the Mystic Aquarium should be here soon. I cannot wait for that baseball game in April. I hope many of you get to march in the parade. Many classes are beginning to plan our gardening and compost projects which will begin shortly on our playgrounds. Ask your child about our recycling efforts at TFS.

The staff at TFS is also geared up for many big events as March wraps up. Report cards went home earlier in the week; I hope you enjoy reading about your child's progress as they navigate through the year.. Remember to sign up for Parent/Teacher conferences to take place on April 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will also be a "mini" book fair in the library on April 1-3. Parents and children are invited to shop on those dates.

Our lottery for next year's enrollment has been held and letters have gone out to all prospective families. As openings present themselves, we will continue to fill them from our current applicant pool as a result of the lottery.

The Autism Support Group is meeting on a monthly basis at TFS. This support group is open to parents, family members, and caregivers of TFS students on the Autism spectrum. Led by TFS staff members, Darlene Stefanski and Megan Devaney, this group meets monthly to share information and network with others. They met on this Thursday, March 19, and will meet again April 23<sup>rd</sup>. Watch the newsletter for further information.

In closing, I hope you take time to listen for the peep frogs or spot the crocuses on this first weekend of spring. Have a safe weekend.

Dawn Davis

### From the Library:

#### LIGHTS! CAMERA! BOOK FAIR!

The Spring Book Fair this year will be a "mini version" fair. Books will be on sale April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> during school hours with extended hours Thursday evening.

Please mark your calendars now and stop in the library Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday, maybe before or after your scheduled conference day!!

\*\*\*\*Please note: children will NOT be bringing home a "wish list". \*\*\*



### The Friendship School Family Organization (FFO)

The estimated arrival date for the Meadow Farms Cookie dough and pie orders is Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. More information about specific pick up times will be coming home soon. We will be accepting nominations for next year's Board and chairperson positions soon. Please watch for a nomination form to come home in your child's folder.

Have you thought about getting more involved in the FFO? Now is the perfect time! We have several events coming up and could use your help to make them a success! Please contact the FFO if you are interested in learning more about how you can help.

### Upcoming Events:

**April-** Delivery of Meadow Farms Fundraiser orders  
Nominations for board and committee chairpersons

**May-** Basket Bonanza, Staff Appreciation Week,  
Hope Day Parade

### From the Nurse:

Parents of Pre-K students, who will be moving on to Kindergarten this fall, please remember to turn in your kindergarten physicals and immunizations as soon as you can. Some of you are all set for physicals and booster shots, some have turned in a physical but may need some booster shots. There are others who need both.

Please check with your physician to make sure your child has all they need to enter kindergarten. You may also check with the school nurse at 447-4049, ext. 1215.  
Nurse Lori

### Dates to Remember:

**April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, - Spring Book Fair**

**April 3<sup>rd</sup>- Parent/ Teacher Conferences- NO SCHOOL**

**April 10<sup>th</sup>, Good Friday- NO SCHOOL**

**April 13<sup>th</sup>- 17<sup>th</sup> - Spring Break- NO SCHOOL - Train Display (more details to follow)**