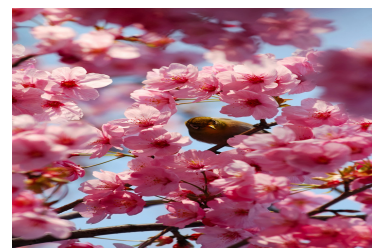


TFS BULLETIN

Kathy Suprin
Director

April 2nd, 2009



Dawn Davis
Assistant Director

Dear Parents,

What a busy week we've had here at The Friendship School! On Sunday evening we began the NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) Accreditation Team visitation. This team is made up of early childhood teachers and administrators who are trained to interview and accredit schools according to their standards in several areas of importance, ranging from how our staff members interact with your children to how the building itself is suitable for early childhood learning. This visit represents the culmination of three years of study by the Friendship School staff. During that time we have examined all of our practices and made many improvements in order to be the best that we could be according to national, regional and local standards. We wrote an extensive self-study response to each of the nine NEASC Components, resulting in a 101 page document which shows the ways that we meet the standards. This week the six members of the accreditation team are visiting the school to see the children and teachers in action and to interview various groups associated with the school, including all of the staff members, many parents, our community partners and our Governing Board. By the time they leave on Wednesday afternoon they will have a very clear picture of The Friendship School and how we operate. We feel that we are prepared for the visit, which culminates our three years of study and self-reflection, not that we'll ever stop our efforts to be the best that we can be, but achieving accreditation will be a milestone. Before the school even opened, the Governing Board resolved that we should be accredited. This week's visit gets us very close to accomplishing that goal. We look forward to receiving the report from the visitation team which is scheduled to arrive in May. At that time we will share the results with you.

Also this week, we're holding the Spring Book Fair and Parent-Teacher conferences. You should have already received your conference time for this week. I look forward to seeing all of you when you come by. We will have child care available on Friday in the gross motor room (the gym) if you'd like to bring your children in with you and leave them there to play during your conference. Friday is also the pick-up day for the items you may have ordered as part of the FFO's spring fund raiser.

Enjoy the weekend with your children.
Kathy

Model Railroad at the Friendship School

The Mohegan and Pequot Model Railroad Club will operate an HO train at The Friendship School during the spring break. **This is FREE and Open to the Public.**

Schedule of Operations: April 13th, 14th, 16th and 17th from 11am-5pm, and Wednesday April 15th from 11am-8pm.

The Mohegan and Pequot Model Railroad Club (www.mpr.org) is always looking for new members of all ages. They have been in Southeastern Connecticut since 1980 and are not affiliated with either of the two casinos.

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Important Dates:

04/03/09- Scholastic Book Fair is open from 9a.m.-3p.m.

04/03/09- Parent/Teacher Conferences- **NO SCHOOL**

04/10/09- **GOOD FRIDAY- NO SCHOOL**

04/13-04/17- **SPRING VACATION- NO SCHOOL**