

# TFS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

You may remember that I told you about the intergenerational planting and growing grant called "Project I Grow" that we received this year from Dominion. Well, The Friendship School staff has begun to work on the project by planning lessons, purchasing supplies, planting seeds and planning what to plant in the various areas of the upper playground. With the Dominion Grant and a grant from the Gardiner Family Foundation we hope to turn our upper playground into a more natural environment where children can play, learn and explore. Among other things, we'll be composting cafeteria waste and farming worms for our gardens. We would welcome your participation in this project if you have an interest in gardening and a green thumb to share. We're hoping to involve some teens and senior citizens in our project, too. The whole reason for this grant is to provide our children with the opportunity to see where many of their food items come from and to have first-hand experience with nature. Many of today's children have only a virtual knowledge of nature, they may have never walked in the woods, planted a garden or held a worm and they fear being outside. We'd like to change all that and we'd love your help. You can contact the school at any time and add your name to the list. Thanks, as always, for your help!

If you are not the gardening type there are other ways to contribute. In next week's newsletter I will include a list of supplies we need and there may be some items that you have in your homes to give us or that you can pick up when you're out shopping. Every little bit helps!

Also, we collected **\$850.00 from the Hop-a-Thon**. Thank you to all who participated, donated and helped to make the event a success.

Have a great weekend with your children.  
Kathy

## Dates to Remember :

**May 2nd, - Free Comic Book Day at Sarge's  
Comic Books**

**May 25th, 2009- Memorial Day- NO SCHOOL**



We have collected **800** Capri Sun and Koolaid juice bags at this point. Please keep saving and bringing them to school so they can be recycled. Thanks so much!



Southwest School welcomes incoming first graders and their parents to a special welcome event on **May 14th from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at Southwest School.**

## The Friendship School Family Organization

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

**Our annual basket bonanza will be held on May 22nd 6-8pm.**

We are looking for volunteers to help with this event or donate goods or services.

Please contact the FFO at **ffo@thefriendshipschool.org** if you can help.

Thanks for helping to make the Meadow Farms fundraiser a huge success! We raised approximately \$4,000!!!

## **Touch A Truck**

On Saturday, May 16<sup>th</sup> from 9AM to 2PM, the East Lyme Auxiliary of Child & Family Agency will be sponsoring Touch-A-Truck at McCook Point Park in Niantic. There will be a wide variety of trucks and heavy equipment from law enforcement, fire departments, and commercial companies. Children can climb the various vehicles, sit in the driver's seat and discover the world of trucks. In addition to the trucks there will be games and activities. Refreshments will be available for sale.

There will be a \$3 per person donation (ages 3 and up) to benefit the Child and Family Agency of Southeastern Connecticut. In addition to serving children and families throughout our region, Child & Family provides school-based health services and counseling here at The Friendship School.