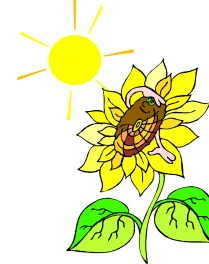


# TFS Bulletin

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June 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that we've reached the end of our fourth year at The Friendship School. As I reflect upon the year what I think about the most is how fortunate we are to have had such wonderful partners. For that we are very grateful. On behalf of the staff and from the bottom of my heart I would like to thank you all.

First and foremost our thanks go to the children for bringing us joy each day. Every adult in the building could share a story about the things the children say and do. These stories and memories will be treasures that we remember forever. It's certain that we will miss our kindergarten students but we will always be keeping an eye on them as they move through the grades and we do hope they visit their teachers from time to time.

Thank you to our Friendship School parents, grandparents, guardians and other family members. We appreciate your participation in the activities of The Friendship School either by your presence here at school or by the ways that you support us from home. Your involvement not only helps us but it also sends a message to your children that you value the school and that learning is important. As a team we have accomplished many objectives this year for the children. Thank you for supporting the activities of the Friendship School Family Organization. We are most appreciative of the FFO and of the ways they help us. As representatives of all parents they brought issues to our attention and together we found solutions. Their fund raising activities allowed us to have many things we would not have been able to purchase otherwise. Their breakfasts, lunches and surprises made us feel very special. The Parent Resource Room has become the place to meet, to have a cup of coffee, to work on projects and to find a book to borrow about parenting.

Many thanks go to Even Start for being a great partner. Our Even Start families came to the school each month for special activities and to become a part of the school. They brought us programs, like Steve's Songs and they brought books and computers to support our children's literacy activities. Their involvement has enriched the school culturally and personally.

Thank you to Head Start for helping us again this year. Three Head Start family liaison teachers spent the year with us supporting children and their families. They were also very helpful to our staff and have become an important part of our family.

We are grateful to our friends from Waterford and New London Public Schools and from LEARN who have guided us through another year. We have asked many questions and received excellent advice and support every time. The resources available to The Friendship School through our towns and LEARN are numerous and we are very grateful for everything they have done to make The Friendship School a happy and safe learning environment for our children.

I could probably spend a year thanking all the individuals who have made an impact for us this year because there have been many, such as our wonderful high school volunteers whose ready hands have been so welcome in our classrooms. Instead I will just say thank you to everyone who has been a part of our team this year. We value what you have given of yourselves and we will remember you.

Kathy

## FROM THE NURSE:

Parents, please remember to pick up your child's medications by the last day of school. Medicine cannot be transported by students in backpacks. The written medication orders from your doctor, are good for one school year, so for fall, a new order is needed. Students attending summer school may need a new order for summer, and another for the fall. If you have questions about when your child's order expires, call the school nurse at 447-4049, ext. 1215.

Building Blocks provides in-home clinical services to help families learn how to handle challenging behaviors of children up to age six. Call 434-4275 for more information or go to [www.buildingblockset.org](http://www.buildingblockset.org).

## **Important Dates:**

**Our last day of school is Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Our dismissal times for Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Tuesday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> are:**  
**New London buses- 12:30 p.m. and Waterford buses- 1:40 p.m.**

## **Family Day**

### **Celebrating Child & Family Agency's 200th Birthday**

Join in the fun on Saturday, June 27<sup>th</sup> from 10AM to 2:30PM at the B.P. Learned Mission on Shaw Street in New London. Child & Family Agency will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> birthday by hosting a Family Day and is inviting area children and families to join in the celebration.

There will live music, performances and interactive activities. Mystic Paper Beasts will be strolling amongst the crowd. Casey Carle, Mr. BubbleMania will be presenting two shows. Hope Douglas from Wind Over Wings will be sharing her raptors. There will be live music including a performance by DogBite. Children's activities will include origami, storytelling, a 200 foot spoon race, a 200 inch throw, 1809 Bingo, and Musical Cakes with a chance to win a homemade cake. You can even get your face painted or hair braided. The event is free and open to the public. Lunch (pizza, hot dogs and clam chowder) will be available for sale.

Child & Family Agency provides school-based health services and counseling at The Friendship School as well as providing direct service to children and families throughout southeastern Connecticut.