



TFS NEWSLETTER

Kathy Suprin, Director

October 2nd, 2009

Dawn Davis, Assist. Director

Dear Parents,

You are invited to stop by any time before the cold sets in to take a look at our outdoor classroom, formerly known as the upper playground. It has been transformed to a place for exploration and learning about nature, which the children have been enjoying a great deal. Nature Explore, a division of the National Audubon Society, is going to be certifying the classroom soon as an official outdoor classroom. This organization has also provided professional development to teachers and playground assistants who have been guiding the children in the use of this outdoor space. This transformation has been possible through generous grants from Dominion and the Gardiner Family Foundation and through the generous time given by Friendship School volunteers, such as Mr. Senkewitz, who built the gazebo ramp to make it handicapped accessible and safe, and Nichole and Emily Skinner, Carelot staff, Community Center youth grounds staff who maintained the gardens and planted and tended them during the summer months. We can't thank everybody enough for helping us with this project. It's quite a sight to see the children tending, watering and harvesting the vegetables and flowers that they planted. I'm sure you'll be hearing more about our outdoor classroom as we continue to develop it. I welcome you to join in if you have talents or interests to share that relate to providing meaningful outdoor experiences with nature to our children.

In the meantime, enjoy the weekend with your children. It was great to see so many of you last night for a very successful Open House.

Kathy



The L & M Education Department is offering classes for parents. A sibling Education class for children ages 3 and up, is offered for those expecting a new baby in the home. Info. and registration are at 442-0711, ext 2300. In December there is a car seat safety class offered and info for that is at 442-0711, ext. 3047.

Nurse Lori

Dates to Remember:

10/09/09: Professional Development- **NO SCHOOL**
10/12/09: Columbus Day- **NO SCHOOL**
10/14/09: Hispanic Heritage Dinner- 5:30-7:30 pm

Hispanic Heritage Dinner Event:

On October 14, 2009 from 5:30-7:00 we will be hosting our annual Hispanic Heritage dinner event. We will have special Hispanic cultural performances throughout the evening by students and special guests. Please bring a food item to share with families and staff. We are requesting the following food items:

Main Dishes, Side Dishes, Salads & Desserts.

Please remember we are a peanut-free school.

Please label all food items.

Thank you,

The Hispanic Heritage Committee

