

TFS BULLETIN

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Dear Parents,

We are so fortunate that very creative and generous people and programs are associated with our school. We have recently received several grants which will enhance or are already enhancing the education and experiences your children are having here.

One grant is from the Gardiner Family Foundation to be used to improve the upper playground. Our plan is to make this area more “nature-like” and less “concrete-like”. With the grant money we have purchased a small gazebo, a sorting table, blocks and musical instruments for outdoor use. We will use more of the grant for planting trees, flowers and vegetables with the children. With a grant from the Frank Loomis Palmer Foundation our kindergarten children have been able to participate in classes relating creative movement to art, culminating with a field trip to the Lyman Allen Museum. Lastly, we have just received notice that we’ve been awarded a Dominion Grant for an intergenerational project involving growing plants and vegetables and composting. This grant includes professional development in the area of science for our teachers. Another grant from the Liberty Bank foundation allows us to supply a supplementary reading program and one from the Waterford Education Foundation will help with professional development for our paraprofessionals this year. Within our school budget we are able to do important and interesting things with the children but these grants allow us to go above and beyond. We are very appreciative to our benefactors and to the staff members who help us write grant proposals.

In closing, on my favorite topic, I’d like to take this opportunity to let you know how much we enjoy your children. They do and say the cutest things! Here’s an example of a great interaction and one of the reasons I like to be wherever the children are. On Tuesday, after the long weekend, a little one looked up at me as her line passed on their way to P.E. class and said, “How was your weekend, Mrs. Suprin?” Not only did I love being asked but I was very impressed with this little girl’s social skills. So, thanks for teaching them well! They are a pleasure every day.

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Kathy

FROM THE NURSE:

Vision and Hearing screenings for kindergarten students are beginning this week. Parents will only receive notification of results if their child fails 2 attempts at either vision or hearing. In this case a referral is sent home to have your physician or eye doctor examine further. If you do not receive a referral for either vision or hearing, then your child has passed both screenings.

Pre-kindergarten students going for a physical with their doctor need to turn in that info on the school health assessment form, to the Friendship School nurse. Parents will be reminded by memo, when their child's physical on file here, expires due to being over 1 year old. Pre-kindergarten students who are turning 4 years old are eligible for their kindergarten booster vaccines, and should try to get those done. These shots are required to enter kindergarten in the fall.

Once kindergarten students turn in their kindergarten physical with booster shots, their next required physical to be turned in to their school is in middle school.

Nurse Lori

DATES TO REMEMBER:

October 22nd- Hispanic Heritage Dinner 6p.m.-7:30p.m.

October 27th-November 5th- Fall Scholastic Book Fair

November 4th- Parent/Teacher Conferences- NO SCHOOL