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# TFS Bulletin

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Welcome to Autumn Friendship Families!

In the spirit of fall and football season, I wanted to share a new development at TFS which puts us in the same league with Notre Dame, Ohio State, and even University of Connecticut...TFS now has their own song. Of course, we don't call it a *fight song* and the purpose of the school song is not to rally the fans and players for Homecoming weekend. But we are quite excited about our new addition.

The origins of our song are quite humble, but important nonetheless. During the heat of the summer, a team of teachers from TFS met for a week of professional development and collaboration surrounding our Student Teacher Assistance Team (STAT) process. The opening days involved a self study of our school's process for addressing students' needs in the classroom and bloomed into looking at many facets of our school.

One task included creating a school motto based upon the qualities that TFS fosters and embraces through our school mission statement. The TFS staff members, being the lively and creative folks they are, pushed beyond the motto and created a school song based on the three character traits of "Trust", "Friendship", and "Caring". The song, carefully penned by the committee, is sung to the tune of "It's a Small World After All". Kathy Suprin was nominated to accompany the musical masterpiece on her guitar. She then brought me and Amy Crocker onboard to add a saxophone and violin to the mix.

We have performed to limited venues since this time: staff meetings, and Open House night. The children are learning the chorus and most teachers have the five verses under their belts. Another staff member has created additional verses to address the development of literacy skills. I feel the song has taken on a life its own.

I'm not sure our school song will ever reach the heights of the Notre Dame Fight Song in popularity. I do, however, challenge you to not walk away humming our song when you hear it again. It will stay with you all of the way home. We have attached a copy of the song's lyrics with this newsletter. Enjoy the weekend! Dawn Davis

## FFO NEWS:



### SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT!

Spirit Wear sale begins October 27 and runs through November 7<sup>th</sup>. Look for order forms in your child's folder. Order your t-shirts, sweatshirts and totes in time for holiday gift giving.

### OUR WINTER COAT DRIVE HAS BEGUN!

Please donate new or clean, gently used winter wear (coats, mitten, gloves and NEW hats) to help other Friendship School families in need. Two donation boxes are located at the main entrance way.\*Please note, for health reasons we can only accept NEW hats.

Have a great weekend!

## PARKING

Please follow these instructions when you come to pick up or drop off your child at The Friendship School:

- ❖ Remember to park your car in the Waterford High School parking lot adjacent to TFS.
- \*\*\*PLEASE LEAVE THE BUS LANE OPEN AT ALL TIMES.\*\*\*

## Nurse's Office

If your child has a medical condition that you have not yet discussed with the school, please stop by the nurse's office during conferences so we can talk about it.

Vision and hearing screenings for kindergarten students are under way. Parents will only be notified if their child fails two attempts at either hearing or vision, and a written referral will be sent home.

## Library

Our Scholastic Book Fair will begin on Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup> and run through Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember to stop by the library to look at the magnificent selection of books we are offering.

If you would like more information about the book fair, please contact Marie Streimer at 447-4049 ext. 1320 or at

[mstreimer@thefriendshipschool.org](mailto:mstreimer@thefriendshipschool.org)

### *Important Dates:*

*October 27<sup>th</sup>-November 5<sup>th</sup> - Scholastic Book Fair*  
*October 27<sup>th</sup>-November 7<sup>th</sup> - FFO Spirit Wear Sale*  
*November 4<sup>th</sup> - Parent/Teacher Conferences- No School*  
*November 14<sup>th</sup> - FFO Family Movie Night 6:30 p.m. – Join us for an evening of laughter while we watch "Curious George".*  
*December 9<sup>th</sup> - School Picture Re-Take day*