

# TFS BULLETIN



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Dear Parents,

You may or not be aware that The Friendship School will be seeking NEASC (New England Association of Schools and Colleges) accreditation this year. We have been involved in a rigorous self-study, led by Mrs. Wagner, a former kindergarten teacher here who teaches reading in the Boost Program and also guides us through the accreditation process. Since school began this year we've met in teams each Wednesday afternoon to study the components for accreditation and to think about our strengths and needs in order to prepare a document for the team of evaluators to review before their site visit in March. The accreditation process requires us to evaluate ourselves in the following ten areas, called components:

- A. Interactions Among Teachers and Children
- B. Curriculum
- C. Relationships Among Teachers and Families
- D. Staff Qualifications and Professional Development
- E. Administration
- F. Staffing
- G. Physical Environment
- H. Health and Safety
- I. Nutrition and Food Service

Each of these component areas includes a list of indicators that team members have studied and reflected upon. To date our study teams have written draft reports which are being finalized and put into one document which will be sent to the review team.

In March the review team, made up of educators from New England, will visit The Friendship School to see that all the wonderful things we've written about the school are true! I will keep you posted about their visit so that some of you can meet with them, too, because they will want to hear from you about your child's experience here with us. In the meantime, should you be interested in taking a look at the components, there will be a copy in the Parent Resource Room for your review.

Enjoy the weekend with your children!

Kathy

## Cafeteria Reminder

Please remember to check your child's lunch balance.

The cost for: Breakfast is \$1.00 daily (full pay) – 30 cents (reduced). Lunch is \$1.75 (full pay) – 40 cents (reduced). Milk only is \$ .45

Students that have a balance of more than \$5.00 will be given an alternative lunch instead of the regular lunch.

If you have any questions, you can contact me at 447-4049 ext. 1156  
Lisa Kuhn

## Cold Weather Season

Parents, please remember to dress your child according to the weather. If the temperature is less than 32° including the wind chill, the children won't go out for recess but they might go out with their teacher for a short time, to get some fresh air. Appropriate clothing includes, gloves/mittens, coats, closed shoes, hats. It's a good idea to dress your child in layers.



Parents,

**If your child is going to be absent, please call the school to report the absence and the reason for it. You can call the nurse's ext. 1215 or the office to leave a message.**

**If your child is going to be tardy please call the office, no later than 10:00 a.m., to report the reason for the tardiness and if your child will need lunch.**

**Thanks in advance for your cooperation.**

**Lori Gatheral**



## **Holiday Concert in Waterford**

The Waterford Community Band will hold its annual holiday concert this Sunday at the Waterford Community Center, which is attached to The Friendship School. The concert is free and open to the public. It is a great venue for families. Concert time is 4:00 pm.

## **Autism Support Group for Families:**

The Friendship School is planning to start a family support group for children diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Please contact Darlene Stefanski at TFS if you are interested (447-4049, ext. 1116). Time and structure of meetings will be planned based upon families' needs and wishes.

## Important Dates:

**December 7<sup>th</sup> – 4:00 p.m.- Waterford Community Center Holiday Concert**

**December 14<sup>th</sup> – Last day to drop your donations for the food drive**

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> – EARLY DISMISSAL AT 1:40 P.M.**

**December 24<sup>th</sup> through January 2<sup>nd</sup> – Holiday Recess- NO SCHOOL**

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