

TFS Bulletin



November 2nd, 2007

Happy Friday to everyone in the Friendship community:

Earlier this week I had the opportunity to give a guided tour to a group of visitors. As we concluded I realized I had passed my first hurdle as a new comer: I learned my way around the building! Later, I walked around the school for dismissal and observed how well-adjusted our students have become to the new school year. A school exists in a cycle of events and transitions and this is one of my favorite times of the school year cycle. Most students are comfortable in their new classes, teachers and parents know each other by name, and everyone can get down to the business of learning. As we transition from autumn to winter, celebrate the fall and winter holidays, and dodge the flu season, I hope you enjoy the routine of daily learning as much as I do.

Don't forget to vote and visit the school for your parent-teacher conferences next Tuesday. Enjoy the week

Dawn Davis

Library

Our Scholastic Book Fair will continue to run from Monday through Wednesday of next week. 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

Nurse's Office

Recently we have been hearing a lot about an infection called MRSA and we would like to share the attached information about this condition, provided to us by the Department of Public Health from the State of Connecticut.

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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.

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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.

PICK UP PROCEDURES

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

- ❖ Remember to park your car in the Waterford High School parking lot adjacent to TFS.
- ❖ Remember to always bring your ID with you.
- ❖ If you come to pick up your child early, please stop by the office to sign him out and fill out a dismissal slip to give to the teacher.
- ❖ If you come to pick up your child at dismissal time (**starting at 3:00 p.m. and ending at 3:45 p.m.**) please proceed to the foyer, present your ID, say the name of the child you are picking up and fill out a dismissal slip to give to the teacher.

The purpose of the dismissal slip is to let the teacher know that you have signed the child out of the building and to ensure the safety of every child. Please help us to be consistent with this safety procedure.

Parent/Family Survey

Enclosed in your child's Friday folder you will find a parent/family survey. Please take a few minutes over the weekend to complete the survey and return it, in the enclosed envelope, to your child's teacher no later than next **Wednesday, November 7th**. This survey will be used to help us complete our NAEYC accreditation later this year. It is important that we get 100% participation from all our families and that is why we are respectfully asking families to please complete this survey. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

Important Dates

- Nov. 6th - Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School
- Nov. 8th - Nurturing Workshop for Parents 9:45am - 11:15am
- Nov. 12th – Veteran's Day – No School
- Nov. 21 through 23 – Thanksgiving Recess – No School

IMPORTANT REMINDER:

This Sunday, November 4th, please remember to set back your clocks one hour.

