



# TFS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Since October is Fire Prevention Month I thought you might be interested in knowing how we practice fire safety at The Friendship School. At the beginning of the year, classroom teachers talk with the children about fire safety and practice exiting the building through the door their class will use during fire drills. About a week later we announce a whole school practice where I speak on the loud speaker system, announcing the fire drill and advising the children to line up and pay attention to their teachers as they leave the building to go to their designated safe place outside of the school. There we take attendance and check in with all the groups before re-entering the building. The next step is to have a fire drill using the official alarm system and automated voice which you may hear about because it's loud and the voice announcing it is a recording. We'll be doing this next week. During each school year we are required to conduct 10 safety drills, 9 for fire safety and one for a safety lock down. So, we're well on our way for this school year. Hopefully, this gives you the basics regarding fire drills at TFS and something interesting to talk about with your children.

Enjoy the weekend with your children!  
Kathy



### **From the FFO:**

Thank you for your generosity with the FFO Fundraiser, which was very successful. The fundraiser brought in over \$5,000 for the FFO, which will be used to support family fun events and programs for the children at the school throughout the year. We sincerely appreciate your efforts and generosity which made this a great success. Orders can be picked up in your child's classroom beginning Thursday Oct 20 and ending on Saturday Oct 22 at the Harvest Festival. Any issues with orders should be directed to Kevin Girard (kpgirard@gmail.com or 860-326-1120).

**ORDERS WILL NOT BE SENT HOME WITH CHILDREN ON THE BUS.**

### **PARKING REMINDERS:**

Please refrain from parking in the Handicapped and Office Staff Parking spaces as we have a limited number of parking spaces for our handicapped families and staff. Please note that parking for our drop-off and pick-up is located on the side or behind Waterford High School, or across the street at the Town Hall.  
**\*\*PLEASE LEAVE THE BUS LANE OPEN AT ALL TIMES\*\***

**IMPORTANT\*\*\* Cars parked illegally in Handicapped Spaces have been receiving parking tickets\*\*\*\*\***

### **Important Information:**

Each day, all during the day, we receive phone calls from parents with messages to classroom teachers about the plan for that day's pick-up. If you know about the plan in the morning when you send your child to school, please put a note in your child's backpack about the plan. Teachers and their assistants check backpacks and folders every day for notes from home so the note will not be overlooked. This way the office does not have to interrupt the classroom teacher with your message while they are teaching or send an e-mail which the teacher might not see before dismissal. Of course, if you don't know your plan in the morning, you may continue to call the school and we will relay the message but we would prefer not to be interrupting teachers with news that could be shared at the beginning of their day with a note. Thanks for your help with this.

## OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>3</b> Spirit Wear Orders Due	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> FFO Meeting 6:00pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>10</b> Columbus Day- NO SCHOOL	<b>11</b> Professional Day NO SCHOOL	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Meadow-Brook Orders Distributed	<b>21</b> Meadow-Brook Orders Distributed
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Hispanic Heritage Night- 6pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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### **Save the date for the TFS Fall Festival:**

**Date: October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Time: 3pm-6pm**

**Location: The Friendship School- inside**  
**Join us for an afternoon of dress-up, games, and crafts!**