



TFS Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

November is such a comfortable month for all of us at The Friendship School. By now, the children are comfortable with their teachers and teaching assistants, their daily schedules and their new and old little friends. The teachers know their students well and can plan lessons around their particular needs and skills.

Speaking of skills, you may have noticed all the sight words around the school. It's so great to see you with your children "reading our walls". Every repetition helps to cement the image of those important words. Sight words are common book words that children are expected to know without having to sound them out. Of course they notice the letters and the letters give clues to the word but these are word children are taught to recognize by sight mostly. Every grade level in the early elementary grades, starting in kindergarten, has a list of sight words children are expected to know. Eventually, all the kindergarten words will be taught in our kindergarten classrooms and additionally they'll be on the walls in strategic locations, for practice and for the 'almost kindergarteners' to notice. Just recognizing an object as a word as opposed to a letter is good practice for a 4 year-old. The November words are on turkeys, of course, so keep an eye out for them when you are here. Our kindergarten teachers and our literacy specialist decided to post these words on bulletin boards and hallways throughout the school each month to help the children learn their important kindergarten sight words. It seems to be providing some great effortless practice.

Enjoy the weekend with your children.

Kathy

Child/Family Dance Party!



SAVE THE DATE:

The FFO is sponsoring a family dance party on Friday, December 2nd, at the Friendship School from 6:00pm-7:30pm. ***Don't forget your dancing shoes!***

Dear TFS Families,

We hope that by now you have all received the products you purchased during our Fundraiser. On behalf of the FFO, I would like to thank you for all your efforts during the drive. Thanks to your generosity, the FFO was able to raise almost \$5000 this fall! With this money, we are able to have family fun events throughout the year, such as the Harvest Festival, Winter Dance, the Winter Carnival, and the End of Year Party.

We're also able to support many programs at the school which benefit the children, such as Mother Goose and the Weekly Reader. We thank you again for your generous support, and cannot wait to see you at one of our family fun events soon!

Kevin Girard
Vice President, FFO
Fall Fundraiser Chair

NOVEMBER 2011

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1	2 FFO Meeting 6pm	3	4
7 Picture Retake Day	8 Professional Development Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	9	10	11 Veterans Day <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
14 Governing Board Meeting 4:30pm	15	16	17	18
21	22	23 <u>1:40pm EARLY DISMISSAL</u>	24 Thanksgiving Holiday <u>NO SCHOOL</u>	25 Thanksgiving Holiday <u>NO SCHOOL</u>
28	29	30		