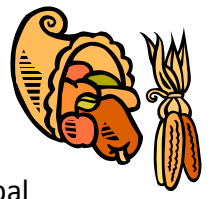




TFS NEWSLETTER



Kathy Suprin, Principal

November 18th, 2011

Tricia Metsack, Assistant Principal

Dear Parents,

Several times this year we will have 1:40 pm dismissal days, even on some Wednesdays (such as next Wednesday). Please pay close attention to your school calendars for these days as it will mean that your children will be arriving home at a different time from the usual time. For a 1:40 dismissal all the buses will have come and gone by about 2:10 since our dismissal usually takes about a half hour. Hopefully, you can estimate when you need to be waiting for the bus based on how long it usually takes for your child to arrive home on a regular dismissal day. It should be about two hours earlier than usual.

Speaking of 1:40 dismissal days, during the first full week of December we will be having 1:40 dismissal on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday so that you can meet with your child's teacher for your fall parent/teacher conference. We hope that every family can find a time that works for them in order to attend these most important meetings. As a school, we aim for 100% participation and we will try very hard to find a time to meet with every family, even if it can't be on one of these three afternoons. Soon you'll be receiving notice from your child's teacher about your appointment time.

Lastly, I just wanted you to know that we'll be simplifying the Wednesday morning breakfast beginning in December. The children will have a container of milk, a fruit and a bagel or a muffin for breakfast on Wednesdays. This way when the lunch comes along just after 11 am, the children will be more likely to be hungry for it. Also, with a simplified breakfast offering, less instructional time will be used for eating on Wednesdays, already a short instructional day.

That's the news for this week. 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!**



From the Library:

Students came home with a free RIF book this week. RIF (Reading is Fundamental) is the largest children's literacy nonprofit in the United States. Their vision is a literate America in which all children have access to books and discover the joys and value of reading. We would like to THANK The Drop-In Learning Center in New London, which coordinates this opportunity to TFS three times a year. Enjoy reading this new book with your child.

Marie Streimer, Librarian

Upcoming Event:

Our TFS Book Fair will run from December 5th -9th. We are looking for volunteers to help run the fair. Please

call Marie Streimer at

860-447-4049 ext. 1320 or email her at:

mstreimer@thefriendshipschool.org

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		

WINTER COAT DRIVE:

We are collecting clean gently used, or new winter coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, and mittens for the month of November. Boxes for collection are located in the foyer as you enter the school. We appreciate any donations.