Bulletin Board

Week of February 28, 2011

Artist in Residence at FSMH

Last week author, teacher and *Artist Teacher Institute* instructor Anndee Hochman helped our Friends School students "find their voice" through poetry lessons. Some students will have the opportunity to read aloud their poetry during the Poetry Slam at the Language Arts Showcase on Wednesday, March 30th at 6pm.

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events and Updates:

Tuesday, March 1st Middle School Musical Auditions 3:15pm - 4:45pm Students planning to audition should hand in their audition form and contract on Monday. Please note this contract requires a parent's signature.

Wednesday, March 2nd Open Hockey Begins 3:00pm - 4:45pm Open Hockey is open to all 5th through 8th grade students. Please see the Open Hockey Schedule for all dates and times.

Wednesday, March 2nd Violin Night 7:00pm Join us in the Big Exciting Space to hear the violin performances with T. Lela and our 1st through 3rd grade students.

Thursday, March 3rd Preview Day for Parents 9:30am - 11:30am We invite parents to visit their child's upcoming grade in an open house format. This is a wonderful opportunity to get a first-hand look at what lies ahead for your child. We also encourage you to begin your day by joining us for **Meeting for Worship at 9am** in the Meetinghouse before you make classroom visits.

Thursday, March 3rd Science Fair 6:30pm - 8:30pm Meetinghouse and Gym All FSMH families are invited to explore the Science Fair. Some of the "real world" project topics for this year include desalination, solar energy and psychology. This event begins in the Meetinghouse with a brief presentation from T. Jason before moving down to the Gym where the students' exhibits are displayed.

Thursday, March 10th PA Meeting 7:00pm

Lunch and Fruit order forms are available on the forms page of the website under Lunch and Fruit Order Forms. Lunch orders are due by **Tuesday, March 8th**. Fruit orders are due by **Friday, March 18th.** Please note that orders cannot be accepted after the deadline so submit your orders soon!

What's Happening on Campus

Upcoming Parent-Teacher Conferences Thursday, March 24th and Friday, March 25th
It's that time again! Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday evening, March 24th beginning at 5:30pm & concluding at 8:00pm. Conferences will also be held during the day on Friday, March 25th beginning at 9:00am & concluding at 1:00pm. **Appointments are made in 15 minute intervals and may be made by calling the main office.** Please note school will be closed on Friday, March 25th.

2nd Grade Parents Please Note: On **Monday, February 28th** our 2nd graders will be photographed as part of the 2nd grade auction art project. Students are asked to "dress their best". Individual and classroom candids will taken.

Yearbook Ad Time Again!
The Yearbook Ad campaign has begun. From now until **Friday, March 25**, the Yearbook Club will be accepting ads for the 2011 Yearbook. For more information and an ad submission form please see the Yearbook Ad form and the Ad Size Information page.

NJ Math League Contest

At FSMH Math is fun! To help students experience Math as an accomplishment and something exciting, many of the students in grades 4th through 8th participate in one or more Math challenges a year. We are coming to the end of our Math Challenge season. We kicked the year off with the *American Math Challenge* which was an online game and contest held in October. Some 7th and 8th graders participated in *Math Counts (team pictured)* a few weeks ago at Rowan University. This week grades 6th through 8th participated in the *NJ Math League Contest*, a challenge test administered across the state. The 4th and 5th graders will participate in this contest in April.

The following students are commended for their high scores among their peers here at FSMH:

Grade 6 Math: Lauren Becker, Justin Moore, Nathaniel Recchia, Abby Kraus, and Zack Swope

Grade 7 Pre-Algebra: Charles Kropiewnicki, Palak Ramani, Aria Coleman and Molly Calvo

Grade 8 Algebra/ATM: Blaine Fox, Matthew Graesser, and Madeline MacDonald

2011 Summer Camp Preview
Tired of winter? It is time to look forward to summer and FSMH Summer Camp!! Great plans are currently in the works for our summer camp offerings. Below is a sneak peak of what you'll find.

Enroll in weekly sessions, Monday – Friday, 9:00am – 4:00 pm daily, with an early room beginning at 8:00 am and extended day option until 6:00pm at an additional cost. Campers will engage in creative, recreational and enriching activities, each around themed weeks and special field trips! Some of our weekly themes will include: Medieval Times, Around the World in 5 Days, Pirates, Planes, Trains, Automobiles, Theater, Sports & more! For more information contact: 856.478.2908 ext.256 or email ksaia@friendsmh.org or summercamp@friendsmh.org

The Agnes Irwin School - Summer Leadership Academy for Girls 7th - 9th - June 26 - July 1, 2011
The Agnes Irwin School is launching a summer leadership academy for girls entering 7th-9th grades called **"The Real Deal."** It is a five-day residential program that will be based at Villanova University. The application process is now open. For information and an application see the "The Real Deal" flyer.

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Middle School Students Celebrate Musicians of Color

At FSMH our music class students do more than sing! This week middle school students presented their reports on musicians of color in honor of Black History Month. Hector Lavoe, Sarah Vaughan, Nicki Minaj, Miles Davis, Stevie Wonder, Ray Charles, Will Smith, Tupac Shakur, Lena Horne and Billie Holiday are just some of the artists our students presented their reports on.

Auction updates…..please watch this space for weekly auction updates and news!

2011 Spring Auction

The First Grade Quilt is going to be a stunner this year. Its creation is well under way under the guidance of Fiber Artist and Quilter, Christina Johnson. The 2011 quilt theme is Four Seasons. Each first grade child has created seasonal art reflections on quilt squares using their creativity and imagination. This one-of-a-kind piece of art, beautifully created and finished by Ms. Johnson, can be yours at this year's auction. This heirloom quilt will hold special significance to your family for years to come.

As a result of last year's auction "fund-an-item", the awesome new playground equipment now sits on campus for all the students to use for years to come. With the success of this new, targeted fundraising effort, this year's auction "fund-an-item" is an entertainment PA system, for the many concerts and plays our children perform at school. Consider donating any amount towards this worthy cause. Please contact auction@friendsmh.org with the Subject line: **Fund-An-Item Donation**.

There is still time to donate baskets or items to the Auction for the Addendum Catalog.

We are still accepting advertising for our Addendum Section of the catalog! It's great exposure for your business or a chance to give a shout out to your favorite FSMH student! Deadline is March 1st. Please contact auction@friendsmh.org with the Subject line: **Advertising**.

It's not too late to be an Auction Silver or Premier Sponsor! Please contact **Valerie Aglialoro at 856-241-8598**, our 2011 FSMH Volunteer Auction Sponsorship Coordinator. She will be happy to explain all the benefits. Or you may email questions to: auction@friendsmh.org with the Subject line: **Sponsorship**.

If you have any questions regarding the 2011 Auction, please email: auction@friendsmh.org with the Subject line: **Question**.

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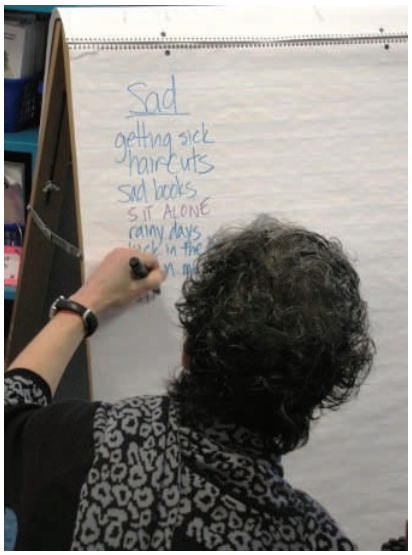
FSMH Students and Anndee Hochman, Artist in Residence