



# Bulletin Board

Week of April 4, 2011



## *Poetry Slam at FSMH!*

The first graders share their class poem in the Big Exciting Space during the Poetry Slam portion of the Language Arts *Make it New* Event. This was a chance for our FSMH students to showcase their talent & share their creative work with a very appreciative crowd!

### Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events and Updates:

**Tuesday, April 5th Admissions Open House for Prospective Families 9:00am - 11am**

**Wednesday, April 6th 4th Grade Trip to Shoprite 9:30am - 11:45am**

**Thursday, April 7th Open Hockey 3:00pm - 4:45pm**

**Thursday, April 7th PA Meeting 7:00pm**

**Thursday, April 7th 5th Grade to Friends Home, 6th Grade to RDS, 7th Grade to Pine Barrens:**  
For complete details regarding each trip, see below.

**Friday, April 8th 2011 Spring Auction The Westin Mt. Laurel 6:00pm**

**Thursday, April 14th Moving-Up Night 5:00pm - 6:00pm** See details below.

**Thursday, April 14th State of the School 6:15pm in the Meeting House** See details below.

**Friday, April 15th 2nd Grade Egyptian Museum** More details coming soon!

**Saturday, April 16th Fine and Performing Arts Spring Recital** See details and times below.

**Saturday, April 23rd Annual Egg Hunt, Mickleton Friends Meetinghouse 11:00am** Come out rain or shine for the annual egg hunt and bake sale. See [egg hunt flyer](#) for complete details.

## What's Happening on Campus

### Moving-UP Night and State of the School

#### **Moving-UP Night: Thursday, April 14th 5:00pm to 6:00pm**

Have questions about your child MOVING-UP a grade next year? Join us for a Moving-UP Night, where you'll have a chance to learn more about the upcoming grade level. From 5:00pm to 6:00pm on Thursday, April 14, parents are invited to come to school and meet with teachers to get a picture of what is planned for your child's next grade. A detailed list of grades, rooms and teachers will be available on the 14<sup>th</sup>.

#### **State of the School: Thursday, April 14th 6:15pm in the Meeting House**

Following the Moving-UP program, parents and teachers are invited to gather in the Library at 6:15pm to hear Head of School Bruce Haines and members of the Board of Trustees discuss the important work done this past year and our plans for the future. Come away feeling informed and energized!

#### **Red Cross Donation Success!**

Thank you to the Friends School community for their donations to the Red Cross disaster relief efforts in Japan. We were able to raise over \$270 to send to this devastated country that desperately needs funds. Your generosity will help people just like you to recover from tragedy.

#### **Join FSMH volunteers and "Go Green" with the Phillies on June 9th, 7:05pm Phillies vs Cubs**

On June 9th, take part in the "Phillies Go Green" event and volunteer to collect recyclables during the game. Before heading to Citizen Bank Park, kick off the event with the **Parent/Teacher softball game** at FSMH from **3:00 - 4:45pm**. From **4:45 - 5:45pm** join us for a **tailgate BBQ** before departing the school at **5:45pm sharp** for the Phillies game. For complete details and a permission slip see the ["Phillies Go Green" flyer](#). Participation is on a first come, first served basis!

### **Open Basketball Night - LAST ONE OF THE YEAR!!!**

#### **Wednesday, APRIL 27th, 6:00 - 7:30pm**

The last open basketball is for **parents and teachers ONLY** to play pick up games of basketball. *"The Sandlot"* will be playing and there will be a homework room available for any students who would like to come while the adults play.

The **2011 Spring Sports Schedule** has been finalized and is available at [2011 Spring Sports](#) or through the [sports page](#) of the FSMH website.



## What's Happening on Campus

### Upcoming 5th, 6th and 7th grade field trips

#### **5th grade trip to Friends Village in Woodstown      Thursday, April 7th**

T. Patti and T. Jason will be traveling with the 5th graders to Friends Village in Woodstown. Friends Village is a Quaker based Continuing Care Retirement Community. FSMH students will spend the morning visiting and working with the elderly.

#### **6th grade trip to Mannington Regional Day School (RDS)      Thursday, April 7th**

T. Joseph and T. Nicole will be leading the 6th grade trip to RDS on Thursday, April 7th. Students will need to pack a lunch. FSMH students will be working with Regional Day School students to make story bowls, which will contain words and phrases that the students find inspirational or which speak to their experiences in some way. Students will also be visiting the Salem County Career and Technical High School which is adjacent to RDS and offers RDS students career training. For more background information on what RDS is or those they serve, visit the [Regional Day School](#) website.

#### **7th grade trip to Wharton State Forest in the Pine Barrens      Thursday, April 7th**

T. Peter and the 7th grade students will be heading to the Pine Barrens. The day will include hiking from the Atsion Ranger Station on Rt. 206 and trekking to the Beaver Ponds on the Mullica River

**Musical Rehearsal Schedule** is now available for April. Please see the [Drama Program](#) section of the website or access the schedule directly: [Musical Rehearsal - April](#).

### Follow FSMH on Facebook!



Want to keep up with events at FSMH in real time? Follow us on Facebook! Just click on the Facebook icon at the left or look for the Facebook icon on the [FSMH website](#).

### Fine and Performing Community Arts Spring Recital

**Saturday, April 16th** - Recital times are **9:30am, 11:00am, 1:00pm** and **2:30pm**. Join us at **Trinity United Methodist Church**, 284 Cedar Road, Mullica Hill, NJ 08062. The admission is free. Directions to the church can be found at [Trinity UMC directions](#).

Trinity UMC has graciously offered the use of their church for our Spring Recital. Please come out to support our music students and hear some wonderful music! There is ample parking and the church is handicap accessible. For information about the recital, please call the music office at 478-2908 extension 115 or email T. Julie-Ann at [jgreen@friendsmh.org](mailto:jgreen@friendsmh.org)

### Sparks Cheerleading Registration

Girls in Kindergarten through Grade 12 are welcome to come experience for themselves the challenge and fun of competition cheerleading! Sparks Cheerleading is a winning program that encourages excellence, a positive attitude, good sportsmanship, motivation, determination and pride! For details and a registration form see: [Sparks Cheerleading](#) For more information contact: Kim Doring, Harrison Sparks Cheerleading at [sparkscheerleading@yahoo.com](mailto:sparkscheerleading@yahoo.com)

## What's Happening on Campus

### 2011 Summer Camp Preview

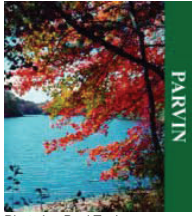


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#### **Week 4: July 11th through July 15th Theme: What Lives in Fresh Water?**

Do you ever wonder what types of creatures live in fresh water habitats? Do you like to explore nature and all that it has to offer? Then this camp is for you! We will learn about the different types of plant and animal life that inhabit bodies of fresh water. Our field trip will take us on a hiking adventure in [Parvin State Park](#) to see some of these critters up close.

Visit the [FSMH Summer Camp](#) page of our website for more details about the **2011 Summer Camp!** Check out this new convenient link to access camp information: [FSMH Summer Camp Program](#)

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 5:00pm 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.356 or email [ksaia@friendsmh.org](mailto:ksaia@friendsmh.org) or [summercamp@friendsmh.org](mailto:summercamp@friendsmh.org)

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

### **2011 Spring Auction**

We are only one week away from one of the most exciting nights of the year for FSMH! It's not too late to RSVP to ensure you are a part of the fun! We accept Visa, MasterCard, Discover, Cash and Checks! (Sorry but American Express is NOT accepted at the event.) Please support our wonderful school and let us know you are coming!

More exciting items have arrived including an autographed 76ers Basketball signed by many of the team's players! Guys, we have cigars with humidor, golf outings, Phillies baseball tickets and more! Our teachers have generously donated fun outings for your children!

In total, there are over 260 Silent and Live auction items/baskets to bid on, something for every taste and budget! Want a sneak peak? Check out the [Auction Catalog](#).

New to this year's auction is a beautiful charm made especially for FSMH by Cabinet Goldsmiths in Haddonfield (Grandparents to 2<sup>nd</sup> grader Bradyn Quintard ). The charm is a wonderful replica of the Cope Building in sterling silver or 14kt gold. You can order these on auction night, along with a matching necklace or charm bracelet, if you so desire. All proceeds benefit the FSMH. Start a collection today, as new charms will be introduced in future years.

Also, a sneak peak at the Kindergarten project reveals a handmade, heartfelt book inspired and illustrated by the entire Kindergarten class. The students discussed the world around them, came up with different words to describe their world, and used those words to create an original artwork. An amazing memory of their special Kindergarten year at FSMH.

The Auction Committee would like to take this opportunity, once again, to thank all the Staff who have so generously donated their time and services in helping to make this another memorable fundraiser.

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

To preview some of our wonderful auction items, please visit the [Auction Preview](#) on the 2011 Spring Auction page of our FSMH website. Check back next week as more items will be available to preview!

## What's Happening on Campus

### FSMH Teacher Feature - Getting to Know the Friends School Teachers

#### T. Lesley Grill



T. Lesley earned her B.A. in Cinema and Photography at Ithaca College. She went on to earn her Masters in Education at Temple University. At Friends School, T. Lesley's responsibilities include Kindergarten Teacher, Multicultural Network, Field Hockey Coach, One School, One Book Committee, Sets & Design of Theatrical Performances.

T. Lesley chose to become a teacher to inspire change, innovation, hope and independent thinking. When asked why she decided to teach at FSMH, T. Lesley replied, "I was afforded the opportunity to work with a Quaker family before I knew who or what Quakers were. I had a great respect for the family after observing how they treated each other and

those in and around their world. I felt that working at a Friends School would provide me with the same enriching experiences and positive environment I found when I worked for this family."

In the classroom, T. Lesley brings her joy of learning and open-mindedness. She also strives for her students to respect themselves, one another and the global community.

T. Lesley finds inspiration in creativity, laughter, freedom, travel, great storytelling and music. She also enjoys photography, writing, spending time with Mishka, "My sweet dog I adopted from our Pet Adoption Day last year!" and reading. "*Autobiography of a Face*" by Lucy Grealy is the latest book she's read.

When T. Lesley has downtime, she likes "spending time with friends, exploring beautiful places in and around Philly, rooting for Ryan Howard and making winter soup."

#### T. Nancy Goldsmith



T. Nancy attended Gloucester County Community College, where she earned her Associates of Science degree in Child Development. She has been teaching Pre-Kindergarten at Friends School for 23 years!

When asked why she became a teacher, T. Nancy explained, "I think I was born to teach. I recall my first doll "Chatty Cathy" – she came with a chalkboard, her own desk, and spelled 'cat and dog' as well as added. I remember spending many afternoons with her and other dolls – reading and playing 'teacher.' She also recalled her own schooldays fondly; "I truly loved being at school and

learning. I want the children I teach to experience the same excitement I had for learning but more importantly, I want each child to know how special they are."

As for why she teaches at FSMH, T. Nancy confided, "I know this sounds 'cheesy' but it is true. Twenty-three years ago I entered Friends School and the warm, inspiring and exciting atmosphere just drew me in - and I knew this was the school for me. As I toured the school and observed teachers, I could feel the love and excitement generated by both the teachers and students – the staff at Friends School truly wanted to teach and inspire the students. I remember the Head of School, John Brown asking if I was using Friends as a stepping stone to further my career and as I responded then and I still feel today – as long as I am excited to come to school - I will be here to teach!"

To her teaching, T. Nancy strives for patience, compassion, open communication with her students' families, and an excitement about learning. "I truly believe that God's gifts to me are the *love of helping others* and *patience*, both characteristics that I bring to my classroom every day."

When asked what inspires her, T. Nancy responded, "I think it is better to ask who has inspired me –

### T. Nancy (continued)

my father for encouraging me to follow my dreams and always do my best; my youngest sister who taught me you never know what tomorrow holds so live for the **now**; the many teachers throughout my school years (good and bad); and of course the students I teach and watching their faces light up with each new accomplishment." She also added, "My biggest inspiration is the bubbling laughter I hear as the children arrive at school."

T. Nancy enjoys baking, cooking, going to the movies and reading. The last book she read was, "*A Rainbow of my Own*" by Don Freeman, but added, "The last adult book I read was "*The Recipe Club*", a wonderful book about friendship and sharing recipes.

In her free time, T. Nancy loves spending quality time with her family, "I am married to Daniel, a very patient and supportive man." She also enjoys watching the cooking channel, especially *Chopped* and *Top Chef*.

### T. Meredith Harz '94



T. Meredith began her association with Friends School in Kindergarten. She went on to graduate from FSMH 8th grade in 1994. She attended Schalick High School in Pittsgrove, NJ. She went on to earn her B.S. in Elementary Education at Radford University, in Radford, Virginia. At Friends School, T. Meredith is a first grade teacher.

T. Meredith has known since the third grade that she wanted to become a teacher. "I had a very clear "Ah Ha" moment one day after school. I was sitting in T. Nancy's classroom with my younger sister and her friend. I was teaching them a game and suddenly it just clicked for me that this is where I belonged. When I had to choose a major in college I knew exactly what path I wanted to take." She went on to add, "Growing up I always had the most amazing teachers...T. Chris, T. Sodie, T. Karen, and T. Glenn. I knew that these teachers genuinely cared about me. I had friends growing up who attended other schools and I knew that they did not have the same connection that I had with my teachers. I knew that the experience I was having at Friends School was special. My hope when I decided to become a teacher was that I would be able to make my students feel just as valued and loved as I did when I was a student."

T. Meredith describes her opportunity to teach at FSMH as this, "I was overjoyed. To me, it meant coming home. I was going to have the opportunity to work at the school that gave so much to me. Friends School not only gave me a wonderful education, but it also taught me to have respect and love for all."

To her classroom, T. Meredith brings her own educational experience that she remembers clearly. "Although I had amazing teachers, I struggled at times academically and socially. I remember what it feels like to not always understand a concept right away. I also remember what it feels like to not always click with a peer group." These experiences are reflected in her teaching, "I try to make it clear in my classroom that everyone has a voice and that everyone's voice is important. We may not all look the same or share the same interests, but EVERYONE deserves our respect, kindness and friendship."

When asked what inspires her, T. Meredith replied, "The students (past and present) inspire me. I love their energy and enthusiasm. The best thing about my job is that no day is the same. Every morning I wake up excited to see the smiling faces of my students."

T. Meredith and her husband, Greg, live in Mays Landing with their 6 month old daughter, Marin and their 8 year old Yorkie, Ellie Mae. She and her family really love taking walks on the boardwalk in Ocean City. She also enjoys spending time on the beach and reading. She and her husband belong to a book club, and are currently reading "*Nine Stories*" by J.D. Salinger. The last book she read for personal enjoyment was, "*Water for Elephants*" by Sara Gruen.

### T. Megan Naphy



T. Megan is a South Jersey native, growing up in Pitman and attending school in the Pitman School District. She went on to attend Elizabethtown College, earning her B.S. in Elementary Education. At FSMH, T. Megan is a first grade teacher.

When asked why she became a teacher, T. Megan believes she was inspired by growing up in a family of teachers. "I am the youngest of three girls. My sisters are my best friends and I'm lucky to be a neighbor to one of them." Her older sisters worked in the school systems in special education and counseling. "I spent lots of time helping them set up their classrooms and visiting whenever possible." T. Megan's mom

also worked in education, as a Gloucester County Special Services tutor. "I would often go with her to homeless shelters and immigrant workers' homes to tutor children. I loved interacting with children of all ages and knew it was my calling"

As to why she chose to teach at Friends School, T. Megan replied, "I value the small community where students are known by name. It is a place where children are valued for the whole child, not just the academic child." She went on to add, "I am inspired by the dedication of the FSMH teachers. They pour endless time, efforts, and creativity into their daily work. They make me strive to be a better teacher." T. Megan also praised the service component of the Friends School experience. "The community service aspect of FSMH is wonderful; our school places importance on giving to communities and showing that every child can make a difference. I feel blessed to be part of such a community."

T. Megan feels her strengths in the classroom come from who she is as a person. "I am a very good listener. My personality and tone is even keeled." Her consistency benefits and comforts her students. "They know there are rewards and consequences for behaviors and actions. I feel this helps them make good choices." She also strives to see things from her students' perspective. "I try to step into another person's shoes in every situation and can appreciate their views, opinions, and concerns." T. Megan went on to say this about her classroom: "I hold high expectations for my students and they strive daily to meet and exceed them."

T. Megan enjoys walking her dogs, baking anything chocolate, spending time on the beach, and gardening. The last book she read was Jodi Picoult's *"Harvesting the Heart"*. When asked to describe her down time, T. Megan shared some of her favorite ways to unwind, "Getting together with friends for coffee or a meal, working in the yard with my husband and playing with my nieces and nephews."

**Look for more in-depth "Teacher Features" in the upcoming weeks of the Bulletin. You can also find these featured profiles on the [Faculty Profile](#) page of our website.**

Don't forget to join us for the  
2011 Spring Auction  
Friday, April 8th, 6pm

