



Bulletin Board

Week of January 18, 2010

Emergency Help for the Growing Homeless and Haiti Earthquake Victims

We were recently notified of a growing tent city near RT.676 in Camden. More people have lost jobs, experiencing severe life problems, and unable to pay rent/mortgages. Local shelters are full and turning many people away. This growing "tent city" just off RT. 676 has men, women, and children living in squalid conditions. Please check your closets for used coats, hats, and gloves. **Please act soon for we are taking first donations to the homeless on Friday, January 22.**

To help the victims of the recent tragedy in Haiti, monetary donations will be collected during the week of January 19th. With the leadership of a passionate third grader and her friends, the effort has been named "Quarters for Quakes". A first grader who was also concerned about the Haitian situation has volunteered to help organize the PreK, kindergarten, and first grade collection.

Collection boxes for clothes and tubs for your quarters will be in the Baker, Hanshi, and Salem buildings. Thank you for your consideration and help with these tragic humanitarian situations.

Monday, January 18th

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day of Service—begins at 9am in the Meetinghouse. All families and friends are invited to participate in the day's service projects. School is closed for this day.

Tuesday, January 19th

Annual Auction Kick Off Meeting—6:30pm in the Library—Everyone is invited to attend

Join the Spring Auction Committee in planning the school's premier community and fundraising event. Volunteers are needed on many levels and we would love to have you participate. Sandwiches and fruit will be served. If you plan on attending, please email auction@friendsmh.org. *Don't miss the opportunity to help plan this exciting event!*

Thursday, January 21st

Parents Day—Grades 1st through 4th, 9am until 11:30am or 1pm until 2:30pm

Parents of students in grades 1st—4th are invited to stop in during the visitation times - for the morning, afternoon, or only for an hour. Since classes will be following a typical Thursday schedule, the morning begins with Meeting for Worship at 9am. Class schedules along with coffee and refreshments will be available in the Hanshi Lobby.

Friday, January 22nd

Lunch Orders Due—If your child would like to order pizza, hot dogs or chicken tenders for lunch, please print and submit the order form to the homeroom teacher. ([Order forms link](#))

Saturday, January 23rd

Admission Open House—10am until 1pm

January brings our largest open house of the year. We encourage current parents and students to participate as tour guides and to meet informally with prospective parents to answer their questions. Anyone interested should contact **Bonnie Clark** at extension 102 or at bclark@friendsmh.org. If you know of any families that might be interested in Friends School for their child, please invite them to this open house.

Upcoming Activities—

PK and Kindergarten Parents Day—Friday, January 29th 9am until 11:30am

Scholastic Book Fair—Classes will visit during the week of February 1st
Preview Night is February 1st from 3pm to 6pm

For basketball schedule information please see the FSMH website link [Winter Basketball Schedules](#).

First Annual 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

FSMH would like to invite you to our first annual 3 on 3 basketball tournament on **January 30, 2010**. The tournament will consist of four divisions: 9-10 years old, 11-14 years old, 15-19 years old, and 20 years and older. There is a registration fee of **\$15** per team. Prizes will be awarded to the top three teams in each division. Prizes include but not limited to: 76ers tickets, basketballs, sports memorabilia, etc. The first 12 teams to register in each division will be included in the tournament. Please complete the [Registration Form](#). **The deadline for registration forms has been extended until January 22.**

2010 FSMH Winter Outing Re-Scheduled

Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing will now take place on **February 28th** at Hunter Mountain. Open to all students, parents and faculty members (students 4th grade and under must be accompanied by an adult).

See the [Registration Form](#) for more details. **All money and permission slips are due Friday, February 12th.**

Friends School to Host Uruguayan Educator

Friends School has recently been selected to host an educator from Uruguay through the American Councils for International Education. Our Uruguayan visitor, Lucia Cabrera Gadea, will be with us from **February 5th through February 18th**. This is an exciting opportunity for our students and our entire community.

The goal of the Teacher and Principal Educational Seminar Exchange is to offer an opportunity for educators from different countries to exchange ideas about teaching practices and to increase international understanding. Lucia hopes to learn about all aspects of our school and local community, and to bring us a glimpse of her home country during her stay.

T. Nicole will be planning an itinerary for her stay over the next few weeks. If you would like to share an idea or volunteer to assist with an outing, please contact T. Nicole at ndonnelly@friendsmh.org.

Thank You From the First Grade

Thanks to all of your amazing support and generosity, the first grade classes had a very successful winter weather clothing drive! We were able to collect 186 pairs of gloves, 100 hats, 58 pairs of socks, 21 coats, 14 scarves, 4 pairs of boots and 2 blankets. We know that everyone at Cam Care was very appreciative of all the items we were able to donate.

We will soon begin our next service project. The first grade will be collecting new and gently used books for Valentine's Day. Information about this project will soon go home, so please start saving your books!

Thank you again,
T. Meredith and T. Maura