



Bulletin Board

Week of March 22, 2010

Please Help Make the 2010 Spring Auction a Success by Donating!

Donations are still needed for theme baskets. We will finish assembling baskets on **Tuesday, March 23rd** and we are still in need of basket items. Pick a theme of your own or look at the basket item suggestions and donate one or more items to help us put a basket together for the auction. Items may be dropped off in the main office and are needed by **Monday, March 22nd**.

[Click here for basket item suggestions and donation form.](#)

Use your imagination and donate something unique to the auction. If you don't know what to donate, look at our suggestion list. Donations of items are still needed! Fill out a donation form and turn into the main office by **Wednesday, March 24th** so that we can list your donation in the auction catalog. The item can be turned in at a later date. [Click here for donation suggestions and donation form.](#)

The success of the auction largely depends on the generosity and efforts of our Friends School community. Please join us in supporting the school's largest fundraiser of the year. All proceeds go towards FSMH's educational program and benefits each and every student.

Monday, March 22nd

Parent Association Meeting

6:45—8:30pm

The PA meeting will feature an Executive Committee Open House. Come enjoy refreshments with the Executive Committee and find out about upcoming volunteer opportunities on the Executive Committee for next year. There will also be a special guest speaker at the meeting. Chris Brown, Clerk of the Board of Trustees, will present a brief overview of what our Board members roles are in relation to FSMH. He will also host a question and answer session regarding the function of the Board of Trustees. Grade representatives are strongly encouraged to attend.

Wednesday, March 24th

7th & 8th Grades to Pitman Broadway Theatre 10am

Students in grades 7th and 8th will see a theatre production of To Kill a Mockingbird at Broadway Pitman Theatre. Admission cost is provided by the Middle School account.

Wednesday, March 24th

March Sports Nights Hockey 3:00—4:45pm Basketball 5:00—6:30pm

Hockey is open to all students in grades 5-8. Parents and faculty are welcome as well. Basketball pick-up games will be open to all parents & faculty. Students in grades 6-8 are welcome as well.

Wednesday, March 24th

Art Night—The Second Cup of Tea 3rd—8th Grades 7:00—8:30pm

"The first cup of tea, you're a stranger; the second cup, a friend; and the third cup, you're family," says Greg Mortenson, author of Three Cups of Tea and Listen to the Wind. These stories chronicle his experiences in Pakistan and his efforts to build schools there. This family art night will bring together literature and art making. The art activity is inspired by the meaning of friendship. Please plan on attending in the library.

Thursday, March 25th

Permission Slips Due for 2010

Middle School Trip

Please [click here](#) for the permission slip and information about the 2010 Middle School trip. **Permission slips and a full or partial payment for the trip is due by March 25th.**

Friday, March 26th

First Grade to Edelman Planetarium at Rowan Univ. 9-11:30am

Friday, March 26th

DARE Graduation for 5th & 7th Graders 9am

Parents are invited to the graduation ceremonies which will be held in the gymnasium. The Harrison Twp Police will present this culmination of the DARE program for the 5th and 7th graders.

Friday, March 26th

Deadline for Yearbook Ads

As we wind down the final pages of the Yearbook, it is time to offer family and friends the opportunity to purchase an ad for a local family business, or an ad to congratulate a son, daughter, sister, brother, or friend here at school. [Click here](#) for a yearbook ad form. **Please note all ad orders must be received BEFORE we leave for Spring Break on Friday, March 26th.**

Practice is underway for the Middle School Spring Musical, *The Wind in the Willows*, please see the [Rehearsal Schedule](#) for information.

Upcoming Activities—

Monday, March 29th—Monday April 5th

Spring Break

Instrumental Ensemble Performance

Wednesday, April 7th 7:00pm

Parents of students that participate in instrumental ensemble are invited to attend. All ensembles will perform. This is for students that participate in our instrumental ensembles at recess on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays. The performance will take place in the basement level of the Hanshi Building.

Middle School Musical Tuesday, April 13th 7:00pm Broadway Pitman Theatre

The Middle School presents *The Wind in the Willows*, a musical adaptation of Kenneth Grahame's book by Douglas Post. Come enjoy the crazy woodland adventures of Toad, Mole, Rat, Otter and their many friends along the riverbank. This is a show that can be enjoyed by people (and animals) of all ages.

Tickets are \$5 for reserved seating in Toad Hall. General seating tickets will be \$4 for adults and \$1 for students. Please send your requests for tickets to the attention of T. Patti.

Dine & Donate Event Wednesday, April 14th and Thursday, April 15th

Please mark your calendar for this fundraiser sponsored by the Parent Association. It will take place at the Mullica Hill McDonald's and a percentage of the proceeds will go to the PA.

Box Tops for Education

Friends School earned \$87 in cash from Box Tops collected in February making a total of \$617 for the year. For new Box Tops collection sheet due on March 26th [click here](#). Also clip and save **Tyson Project A+** labels from Tyson food products. [Click here](#) for more information about the Tyson label collection.

Collecting Candles for Tent City in Camden

The men and women of Tent City use candles everyday for illumination after the sun goes down. The school community is asked to please donate new and partially used candles which can be tapers, votive, jar candles, or cylinders. Holders are not necessary, but will be appreciated. These men and women use candles all year round. Candles will be collected until the end of the year. There will be a collection box in every school building. Thanks for your generous nature.

Ann Ciancia, 8th Grade

The TAP Project

Did you know that nearly 6,000 children die every day from lack of clean water or water-related diseases? Most of these children live in Southeast Asia, Africa, and the Middle East. After the earthquake, children in Haiti do not have access to sanitary water. There is an easy way you can help. The Tap Project works with UNICEF to provide children with fresh, clean water. During World Water Week, participating restaurants ask patrons to pay \$1.00 for the tap water they usually enjoy for free with their meal. Last year, I recruited Filomena Lakeview Restaurant in Deptford to participate in the Tap Project. They have agreed to do it again this year. During World Water Week, March 21st to 27th, I am asking you to visit Filomena's and donate \$1.00 for the drinking water during your meal to help those who have no access to clean water. That \$1.00 can provide clean water to one child for 40 days. For more information, please visit www.taproject.org and <http://filomenalakeview.com>.

Matthew Graesser, 7th Grade

Pre-K and Kindergarten Donate Care Packages

Special thanks to all Pre-K and kindergarten families for collecting all those toiletries in celebration of the 100th day of school. With the help of Teacher Nancy, the students were able to pack more than 70 care packages for the homeless men and women at Tent City in Camden. Your generosity was overwhelming.

See page 3 for information about the upcoming project with Friends School Mullica Hill and The Arc Gloucester.

The Arc Gloucester Bakery Sale

Dear Friends Community,

Want to make a difference? Eat a cookie! How often do you hear that?

The Arc Gloucester and Friends School are teaming together for this important fundraiser for The Arc. Our goal over the years has been to help educate and expose our children to adults with developmental and physical disabilities (called consumers at The Arc). These relationships develop empathy, compassion, and respect. All the baked goods are made by the consumers at The Arc Bakery. Advanced orders ([click here](#) for order form) must be submitted to your child's classroom teacher with payment by **Friday, April 9th**. The baked goods will be available at the **The Arc Gloucester / Friends Mini-Walk** on **Friday, April 16th**. The orders can be sent home with your child if you are unable to pick them up in the gymnasium on the day of the mini-walk.

Another way to show your support for The Arc Gloucester is to have your child participate in the annual **The Arc Gloucester / Friends Mini-Walk**. [Click here](#) for the *Mini-Walk Individual Walker Registration Form and Donation Sheet*. The Mini-Walk will take place on the Friends School campus on **Friday, April 16th**.

Thank you for your support! We look forward to seeing you at the mini-walk on April 16th.

Sincerely,

Teacher Peter