



Bulletin Board

Week of October 4, 2010



FSMH Annual PA Fall Festival

Saturday, October 9, 10:00am to 4pm

The Annual Fall Festival is a gathering of the school and surrounding community for a day of fun for the whole family. Join us for crafts, games, food, prizes, music and much more including a **Soccer Tournament!** Rain or Shine....it is a great day!

Mark your Calendars for Upcoming Events:

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| Thursday, October 7th | PA Meeting 7pm | |
| Friday, October 8th | 6th Grade to Parvin | 9:00am - 2:30pm |
| | 7th Grade to ARC | 9:30am - Noon |
| Friday, October 8th | Scrip Order deadline | |
| Saturday, October 9th | Mullica Hill Rotary presents their Annual "Make Your Own Scarecrow" from 10am-2pm. For more details click here . | |
| Saturday, October 9th | PA Fall Festival | 10am-4pm |
| | See more specific details and volunteer opportunities on the next page! | |
| Wednesday, October 13th | School Photo Day ,don't forget your smile! | |

Reminder: School Closed Monday, October 11th for Columbus Day

High School Night – Thursday, October 14th Hanshi Building 6—8pm Representatives from local boarding and day schools will be in attendance to share information about the high school admission process. Recommended for grades 6 through 8. Overview and Application tips from T. Nicole at 6pm. Info sessions with high school representatives 6:30-8:00pm. For additional information or questions please contact T. Nicole, ndonnelly@friendsmh.org

2011 Auction Preview at Fall Festival - Make sure to stop by the 2011 FSMH Auction Preview booth where members of the Auction Steering Committee will share the fabulous location, theme and date of next year's big event! Come see what's in store for you at this fun-filled evening that is the school's biggest social event and fundraiser of the year! Get excited for a great night!

PA Fall Festival — *We Still Need Your Help!*

This year's **Fall Festival** is just around the corner! It will be **Saturday October 9th from 10am to 4pm**. The Annual Fall Festival is a gathering of the school and surrounding community for a day of fun for the whole family. This is the largest fundraiser of FSMH Parent Association. The success of this event depends largely on the efforts of our volunteers and donations.

There are many ways to be involved and **we really need your help!** If you have an interest in helping out in the **Bake Shop, Friendship Cafe, spirit gear, dunk tank or kids crafts**, please email Christine Schulden, Volunteer Coordinator at volunteer@friendsmh.org.

Calling all bakers!!! We need brownies, cookies, cakes and pies, among other things! If you love to bake and can help stock our bake shop please email Christine Schulden at volunteer@friendsmh.org.

Drink Donations Needed We are requesting each family send in a drink donation for our Friendship Cafe and Bake Shop. Each grade will be assigned a particular drink.

If your child or children are in:

Pre K & Kindergarten - Capri Sun drink boxes (case)	Fourth & Fifth Grades - Diet Coke (case)
First Grade - Gatorade (case)	Sixth Grade - Sprite (case)
Second & Third Grades - Coke (case)	Seventh & Eighth - Root Beer (case)

The drinks can be left in the office or in the Lobby of the Hanshi building.

In Kind Donation We are looking for donations to help cut our out of pocket costs. Whether you can donate a tent, popcorn machine, or face painting; we could use your help! Please click on the following [In Kind Donation Form](#) to see details. Visit a fundraiser sponsor here: [Unique Image Double Dollar PA Fall Festival Fundraiser](#) and see their exciting offer.

Pre Sale Ticket Orders Place your order for Pre Sale Fall Festival Tickets and save! Just click on the [Pre Sale Ticket Order Form](#)

Volunteers Needed!! Volunteers are still needed for various activities at the Fall Festival! Please see our [Volunteer Sign Up Sheet](#) and consider helping out!

Let's make this year's event the best ever! **Thank you for your support of the PA Fall Festival!**

7th Annual Fall Festival Books & More Store

For those new families to FSMH, we accept donation of gently used adult books, children's books, DVD's, CD's, audio books and cookbooks to be sold at the PA Fall Festival Book & More Store! Any books, movies or music for ages 0-101 are accepted. (But please no textbooks, encyclopedias or damaged books!)

Collection boxes will be placed in the school buildings starting the week of September 20th but in the meantime, please start putting these items aside as you finish those beach books and clean out your children's rooms. Remember that your donation helps our school in a number of ways! FSMH Teachers are also able to come and select age appropriate books for their classrooms, so all the children benefit from this wonderful program!

A note to our younger families: This is a great time to clear out those baby, toddler and preschool books; these are strong sellers at our event. Back by popular demand, we also accept video games, comic books & gaming magazines. (Please no computer or Mature rated games) The older kids love these!

Save the date and remember not only to donate books but visit us to refill your nightstand and bookshelves!

What's Happening Around Campus

Monarch Butterfly Parade

On Tuesday, September 28th our students donned their butterfly, caterpillar and chrysalis costumes and paraded around campus.



Following the parade, the FSMH Community gathered on the lawn where T. Rhonda released our Monarch butterflies to begin their journey to Mexico! *Gotta go, gotta go to Mexico!*

Middle School Trip Highlights

6th Grade Camp Onas Trip

The 6th grade, accompanied by T. Nicole, T. Shaner, and parent volunteers, had a blast at Camp Onas, the Quaker summer camp in Bucks County, PA. Upon their arrival, the students launched into trust activities in small groups on the beautiful lower field. The first challenge that the Onas counselors, and Camp Director, Sue Gould, put before the students was for them to arrange themselves in line by height *without talking*. This was difficult, but fun! It helped students almost immediately to realize how important it was to work together in a calm manner.



Camp Onas (continued)



obstacles. There were moments of frustration, but each activity ended with students feeling a sense of satisfaction at having used team work and problem solving skills to overcome these fun challenges.



the zip line, and canoed on the lake. And they just plain had a lot of fun! They also grew as a community by going on a hay ride together, making nature art, spending free time on the rope swing, and of course, playing in the 6th grade class kickball game!

- T. Nicole

Next, students completed a number of other trust-building exercises in small groups and then moved on to the low ropes course. This course included challenges such as "The Nitro Pit", "The Alligator Pit" and "The Spider Web." Students again worked together, without input from any counselors or adults, to navigate their small teams through these



The next few days included many activities. Students learned to be comfortable in nature as they went on a nature hunt, worked to identify different kinds of insects, birds, and amphibians, had a stargazing lesson, and took a night hike without flashlights in order to experiment with night-vision. Participating in meal set up and clean up and making a campfire dinner taught them about responsibility and self-reliance. They challenged themselves and were proud of their unique abilities as they worked through the high ropes challenge course with harnesses and spotters, took a ride on



7th Grade PEEC Trip

Seventh graders recently returned from a three day trip to the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC). Located within the Delaware River National Recreation Park, PEEC provided another wonderful outdoor laboratory to study flora, fauna, and to bond together as a 7th grade class. Students had classes ranging from forest and pond ecology to canoeing, orienteering and tracking/stalking wildlife.

PEEC (continued)



They enjoyed a significant hike each day discovering fossils 370 million years old, numerous red efts (incredibly cute orange salamanders), and other unique nature sightings. T. Peter and T. Alex Pajil both report that the group did very well and were overly enthusiastic about the trip. They survived the “yummy” cafeteria food, no electronic devices, & two nights away from home. Go 7th grade! - T. Peter

8th Grade Wallops Trip



Last week the eighth graders accompanied by T. Jason and T. Patti traveled to the Marine Science Consortium in Wallops, VA. Living up to the consortium's motto of hands-on, feet wet learning, our MSC instructor, Allison, led classes about the coastal ecology in the laboratories and in nature.

The students experienced the cove, the intertidal waters, the maritime forest and the students' favorite, the marsh. What fun it was for the 8th graders to be covered in mud from head to toe! - T. Patti



Wallops (continued)



A special thanks to all the who helped make the Middle School trips a success. The students will no doubt have made memories for a lifetime!



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