

Headlines

October 2, 2009

This week I have some lighter and more serious notes:

Hootchie Kootchie – I was drawn into the k/1 music class with Teacher Mary Abbott by the beat of a particular song. In the song, some people end up with ants in their pants and have to dance the hootchie kootchie to get them out. Needless to say, we all had a great time sharing our dance moves together.

Lobby Display - The k/1 program is not all song and dance though; Tr. Lisa's classroom has done a wonderful bulletin board display on the life cycle of a Monarch Butterfly. Please stop in and see for yourself.

The Flu – The flu has made its way into our school. While we are unsure whether it is seasonal or swine, we do feel the need to inform our community. This week, we have had 4 students from the lower grades (k-4) out with a fever/flu. We are doing our best at the school to minimize its spread, including frequent hand washing, covering our coughs and checking students for symptoms. I know you are, too, and I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our parents for your help and vigilance in this matter. For your information, I have attached an informational message about swine flu to this email.

Reminders

Coffee with Dan – Our first coffee of the year has been rescheduled for Tuesday, October 13 from 8:30 – 9:30 AM in the Library. Our opening topic will be mixed-aged classrooms. This is an opportunity for you to meet with me, ask questions and get answers. There will be refreshments, informal conversation, and the opportunity to tour our classrooms and see the upper school in action.

Autumn Evening at Friends School: Please join us on Friday, October 23, 6-8:30 pm, for our first all-school social event of the year. This evening will feature a potluck of hearty hors d'oeuvres and desserts, cider, music and great company. This is a family-style community gathering, so bring your children. We will have activities and child care for them, so please RSVP to let us know how many are attending and what ages they are. There is no cost to attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

Please bring a food dish to share that can be eaten as finger food. We'll provide cider and a simple meal for children. If you can bring an extra dish to share, please let us know. We will be inviting friends of the school such as volunteers, alumni and other long-term friends, and we would like to have enough food to feed all. If you are willing to bring extra, please let us know when you RSVP, or contact Beth Giles. Thank you! RSVP: 237-8387 or bgiles@scfriends.org

Please enjoy your weekend.

Warm Regards,

Dan