



## FRIENDSHIP DAY SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AND THE ARTS

### April 2021 NEWSLETTER

#### Calendar

- Friday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> – Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> – Easter and Spring Break
- Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – All scholars return to Enriched Virtual Learning
- Week of Monday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Practice Standardized Testing
- Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – **3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Make-Up Day for Standardized Testing**
- Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> – All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders not involved in Make-Ups return to Virtual Learning
- Wednesday, April 21<sup>st</sup> – FDS Parent Group Meeting, 6:30 P.M. on ZOOM
- Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – **INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL** (Details coming soon)
- Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup> – **3<sup>rd</sup> Graders begin IOWA Standardized Testing**
- Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders Make-Up Day for Standardized Testing
- Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> – All 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders not involved in Make-Ups return to Virtual Learning

Dear FDS parents,

*“When we are believing in something important and we demonstrate that feeling by our actions and words, others begin to believe it as well.”*

This month, our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will take a Standardized Achievement Test as requested by Department of Non-Public Schools. This is the first time FDS scholars have participated in this level of testing. Mrs. Dixon and Mrs. Gordon have worked consistently with the scholars on test-taking strategies in ELA, reading and math. Thank you, third-grade parents for your involvement with the ZOOM presentation to familiarize you with Standardized testing of content, format, and testing times. We also shared with you the things you can and will do to help get your child ready and cheered up for success. Most of our third graders came to FDS as kindergarteners in 2017. We could see their brilliance and curiosity about the world around them and we knew they were “Ready to Soar”!

To all parents, we thank you for taking time to tune in for our ZOOM segments on how and when scholars will return to school for in-person learning. You shared great questions and made good points supporting scholars returning to school on August 17<sup>th</sup> for the 2021-2022 school year. We listened and implemented the ideas you shared.