



FRIENDSHIP DAY SCHOOL FOR THE SCIENCES AND THE ARTS

March 2021 Newsletter

CALENDAR

- Monday, March 1st – READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH
- Tuesday, March 2nd – Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday by reading a good book!
- Wednesday, March 10th - FDS Spring Book Fair Begins (online)
- Sunday, March 14th – Daylight Savings Time – “Spring Up with your clock”
- Wednesday, March 17th – St. Patrick's Day
- Friday, March 19th – NO SCHOOL, Teacher/Staff Workday
- Saturday, March 20th – FDS Parent Group Meeting, 10:00 AM – ZOOM
- Saturday, March 20th – First Day of Spring
- Tuesday, March 23rd – FDS Spring Book Fair (last day)
- Wednesday, March 24th – 4th Quarter Begins
- Thursday, March 25th – Report Cards to Parents

NOTES FROM FDS PARENT GROUP ARE ATTACHED AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!

Dear FDS Parents,

It is hard to believe that we have been on virtual learning since March 13, 2020. We began with paper and pencil, then quickly moved to online learning. FDS scholars have done well with our Enriched Virtual Learning which includes the core academic subjects and creative arts. We know to learn anything; our scholars must be focused. As B. Goodwin says, “We really only learn what we find interesting, what makes us curious, or what seems valuable to learn.” The job of staff was to think critically, collaborate and implement the things we feel are interesting while teaching on remote learning. We are very aware while sitting and looking at a screen all day can be exhausting ... so what do we do to make our online experience interesting?

Here are some highlights we sought to add to our Enriched Virtual Learning:

- Add hands-on engagement in our lessons
- Pull small groups to better meet academic needs in reading and math
- Give scholars time to socialize with peers by using breakout rooms

- Use experiments during science program with Generation Genius
- Spark interest with Suzuki violin, Visual Arts, Physical Ed., Mindfulness, and Scholar TV
- Continue to learn Spanish using total physical response & exposure to other Spanish speaking countries.
- Use videos, print material and “Show & Share to maintain interest

Goodwin says, “We don’t have to do all the work to make students curious.” Teachers ask scholars to come up with their own activities that spur curiosity like make “Bottle Buddies”; 100 Days of School activities; give presentation on a famous African American while dressing up like that person. Yes, we take pride in our Enriched Virtual Learning. We also thank parents for their listening, guidance, and involvement from day to day. **Together, we do make a difference!**

March is: READ ACROSS AMERICA MONTH!

Are you ready to READ?

Reading Across America was launched in 1998 by the National Education Association (NEA). The goal was to get children and teens to celebrate the joys of reading all year. It also was to bring awareness to the importance of reading in education and to motivate kids to read more.

Since Dr. Seuss is so beloved by young and old alike, the celebration began to center around the week of his birthday and now has expanded to the entire month of March. The FDS celebration kicks off reading on Monday, March 1st.

FDS will celebrate throughout March with fun and engaging daily and monthly activities to celebrate books and the love of reading.

Teachers will send home information about our exciting school-wide weekly events. So, stay tuned... they will knock your socks off, have you seeing stripes, make you don unusual head and foot coverings, twirl your mustache, and make you “wanna” curl up in your pjs with a good book!

ENROLLING NOW: Now is the time to begin enrollment for the 2021 -2022 school year with grades kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. If you have friends, relatives, acquaintances who may not be aware of FDS, you may be our Ambassador and share the benefits of your child attending our school. Remember to share our “Pillars of Excellence” – Strong Academic Program, Innovative Engagement, and our Human Connection.

Prospective parents are to complete the Intent to Enroll form and send that to us as soon as possible. The second step is our “Talk and Tour”. Interested parents may be directed to the FDS Website, www.friendshipcharlotte.org for additional information. **Let’s get Ready To Soar!**



Friendship Day School Parent Group (FDSPG)

Hello FDS Parents,

Please take note of the following dates. If you have any questions, please contact Anita Baker at 704 724 6869 or e-mail me at bakerfamily1017@gmail.com.

March 10th thru March 23rd Virtual Spring Scholastic Book Fair

March 12th Last day to submit photos for the Yearbook

March 15th Last day to order a 2020-21 Yearbook

[March 20th March Parent Group Meeting 10am](#)

March 22nd "This Christmas" DVD Fundraiser Sale [details to come]

April Virtual International Festival Date TBD

Volunteers are needed to help with following,

Spring Book Fair activities events

Teacher Appreciation Committee (May)

2021-22 FDS Executive Board Nominations:

Parents who are interested in serving on next year's Executive Board or would like to nominate a parent, please contact Angela Rivers at 70609-8464

or arivers@me.com Positions available,

President

Vice President

Treasurer

Executive Secretary

Secretary

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