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## PROGRESS UPDATE

### August-September, 2008

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### **Twice The Students, a World to Save**

School staff, faculty, and Board members gathered at the school on Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> to prepare for the new school year, starting with a Meeting for Worship. Friends School of Charlotte opened its doors to 19 students on Tuesday, August 26, 2008. With more than double the enrollment of our founding year, excitement was high as returning teacher, Michelle Freeman Anderson, and our new teacher, George Fox, welcomed the students and their families. Once everyone arrived the school community gathered for introductions and each student was given a book specific to his/her interests (with titles as diverse as "*Snowy White World to Save*," and "*Dinosaur Valley*") that will be left for the school library in that child's name after they enjoy reading it.

In addition to Michelle and George: Karen Vaccaro is the classroom assistant and art teacher; Barbara Bonner teaches music; and Kelly Webb teaches Spanish. "Back to School Night" will be held September 25.

### **Silent Auction, October 11<sup>TH</sup> - "For the Love of Friends"**

Our first silent auction is coming soon and we need your help! First, mark your calendars and tell all your friends, then check out our website, [www.friendsschoolofcharlotte.org](http://www.friendsschoolofcharlotte.org). Click on the "Support FSC" tab and go to the Silent Auction page. You'll get an early peek at the goods and services that will be offered for bidding. If you or someone you know has a donation, please call or ask them to call Shari Blair at 704-614-1981 – or just call the school and we'll take it from there.

We are planning a wonderful evening, with good food and drink and especially – good friends! All for the benefit of FSC and our students. Watch for the invitations in early September, but let us know as soon as you can if you have items to donate or want to serve on a committee.

We especially need: donations from nice restaurants, gift baskets, travel packages, symphony tickets, gourmet meals, etc. If you need more ideas, email or call [Shari4kids@bellsouth.net](mailto:Shari4kids@bellsouth.net) or just cruise other silent auction sites for great ideas.



## Volcanoes and City Busses: Summer Camp Success

Over the summer Friends School of Charlotte hosted a parent-led three week cooperative summer camp, allowing the building to be used in a way that strengthens our commitment to the principles of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and service. Daily themes included water day, concoction day, nature and music day, construction, and two days of science led by a parent who teaches science at Queens University, Sharita Womac. The volcanoes Sharita made and the rockets she set off were a huge hit with the kids. We also made sail boats, a box city, and rain sticks which required hammer and nailing practice. The last week of camp was community exploration.

There were four field trips including riding the bus uptown to the Mint Museum of Craft and Design, a lunch out on the town, free movie Tuesday, Plaza Fiesta Play Zone, and the Lazy 5 Ranch (a drive-through petting zoo in Mooresville, NC where we had an exciting group wagon ride).



## FSC in the News: We're "Out of the Woods"! (well, almost)

Friends School of Charlotte was featured in an article of the August 29<sup>th</sup> Charlotte Weekly titled "Out of the woods ... almost: Friends School of Charlotte has one 'solid' year down, but more to go." In the article, Head of School David Kern describes what helped the School survive its critical first year and how FSC is positioned to thrive going forward. As soon as we can, we will post the article on our web site for all to review.

## Fall Open House Dates

It is time to consider enrolling for the Fall of 2009! Please join us at one of our fall admissions Open House events:

October 2, 7:00 pm
October 3, 9:30 am
November 11, 9:30 am
December 4, 7:00 pm
December 5, 9:30 am

## Board Events:

As part of on-going Board and faculty development, the following events will be attended:

- 10/2: Pat Bassett, Executive Director of NAIS (the National Association of Independent Schools), will speak to Trustees and Heads of School from 12 Charlotte area schools. Charlotte Latin to host.
- 10/6-8: Irene McHenry, Director of Friends Council on Education, will visit FSC. She will meet with our Board, visit the School, and meet with our teachers.

## Support FSC

Tuition payments do not cover the entire cost of educating a child at FSC. This is true for all independent schools, but especially for start-ups like FSC. Giving is an essential way for you to take part in the life of the School.

Friends School of Charlotte is a non-profit organization. All contributions are tax-deductible and can be made through our website at [www.friendsschoolofcharlotte.org](http://www.friendsschoolofcharlotte.org), through Paypal, or by check. In addition, gifts of stock may be made. Please make checks to *Friends School of Charlotte* and mail them to P.O. Box 30623, Charlotte NC 28230-0623.



## **Welcome New Board Member: Ashley Gigandet Joseph**

Ashley Joseph is a new FSC parent; her son Will is in Kindergarten. Her resume includes business and volunteer experiences that will complement and enhance the FSC Board makeup, including: Associate Principal at McKinsey & Company here in Charlotte (and previously in Atlanta, where she was a leader in the Firm's Operational Effectiveness Practice); Brand Management (marketing) at Procter & Gamble; part of the team that created the Athlete's Village and Aquatics Venue for the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta; experience running several hands-on math and science programs for elementary and middle school students at Georgia Tech in Atlanta; and owner of two Gymboree Play & Music franchises (Charlotte and Greenville, SC). Ashley holds a BS in International Affairs from Georgia Tech and an MBA from Harvard Business School.

On the personal side, Ashley has been married for almost 10 years to Matthew Joseph and they have three children – Will (5), Max (3) and Allie (1).

## **BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Friends School of Charlotte currently has eleven active members of the Board of Trustees: Shari Blair, Tracey Cain, Bill Graves, Beth Griffiths, Howard Hinshaw, Beth Hinshaw, Ashley Joseph, Sandy Kohn, Jason Newsome, Jan Rieman, and Lyn Sutterlin. Jan Rieman serves as Clerk of the Board of Trustees with Tracey Cain serving as Assistant Clerk.

## **FSC MISSION**

*Friends School of Charlotte, grounded in the Quaker values of simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality, and service, is dedicated to providing an educational experience that integrates the head, the hand, and the heart, resulting in a unique balance of academic excellence and spiritual depth. It is a learning community where each individual is treated with respect and where his or her uniqueness is honored. Friends School of Charlotte strives to teach students to listen within and to others, to express themselves, to think critically, to take responsibility, and to make a difference in their world. We expect our students to develop the skills, values, and confidence that support a lifetime of learning, leadership, and service.*

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