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## **PROGRESS UPDATE**

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### **And the Winner Is ... Saber Tooth Tiger!** (News from Campus)

- **Carnivores vs. Herbivores: Election Results In.** To study the election process, the students ran a mock campaign between the carnivore party and the herbivore party. Each party chose its candidate (Saber Tooth Tiger and Yoda) in a primary. Each party then went to convention and wrote platforms based on the Testimonies. Finally, the election was held, and Saber Tooth Tiger was the winner. One of the high points in the process was a visit from Dan Murrey, a candidate for County Commissioner, who spoke about what it is like to run for local office. The students did a wonderful job with the election and it was a great way to help create our FSC community as we began the year.
- **Conflict Resolution Workshop.** FSC offered a 10-session conflict resolution workshop in October. The students focused on being good listeners and going through steps to solve every day conflicts with their peers. After the students completed their training, they invited their parents to a student-run workshop. Parents were led through listening exercises and given a chance to solve conflicts with one another. It was a meaningful and fun way to share our work with our families and help the students continue to learn how best to resolve conflicts peacefully.

## **Grant Awarded to FSC by Mecklenburg County**

The Mecklenburg County Fruit and Vegetable Coalition Produce Garden Contest, sponsored by the County Health Department, awarded a \$1000.00 grant to Friends School of Charlotte. The students will grow garden vegetables so that they can eat salad from the garden once a week in late April and May. Crops will be started indoors at school in January, site soil preparation will take place in February, and planting will be in March. Studies will include nutrition, plant and soil life, a visit to a farmer's market, and a talk given to the students by a local farmer.

## **A Higher Profile for Friends Education**

As you may have heard, the Obamas chose Sidwell Friends School in Washington D.C. for their daughters. Some unsolicited comments posted on the New York Times caucus blog:

"Friends schools are a great choice and help build a strong foundation for morals and ethics. We so need that in today's world." - *Seymour Goode*

"Wise choice!" - *Suzanne*

"the friends turn out well educated and well rounded students." - *JP of Milltown, NJ*

Time Magazine link: <http://www.time.com/time/nation/article/0,8599,1861334,00.html>

"Why Sidwell" FCE Link: <http://www.friendscouncil.org/pdfs/ObamasSidwell.pdf>



## **“For the Love of Friends” ... Thank You!**

More than 60 people gathered for an enjoyable evening of fundraising at our first silent auction, netting more than \$8,000 for the School's operating and scholarship budgets.

## **Admissions Update**

We are close to capacity for the current year, with limited space available in each class. Applications for 2009-10 are due January 15.

### **Remaining 2008 Open House Dates**

December 4<sup>th</sup>, 7pm and December 5<sup>th</sup>, 9:30-11am

Our Open Houses are child-friendly!  
School is in session during morning Open Houses

## Support the School

Tuition payments do not cover the entire cost of educating a child at FSC. Why?

- As a new school, our per-student fixed costs are comparatively high
- We are committed to just and responsible salaries for employees
- Our responsible budgeting process includes a buffer
- We are committed to providing financial aid to eligible families

Giving is an essential way for you to take part in the life of the School. Our fundraising goal for the year is \$92,400. All contributions are tax-deductible and can be made by check or through our web site. Gifts of stock may also be made. Please make checks to *Friends School of Charlotte* and mail them to P.O. Box 30623, Charlotte NC 28230.

## Board Events

- **Webinars.** As part of ongoing development, Board and staff members will take advantage of a series of webinars being offered by FCE in December and January.
- **Welcome to New Trustee Bill Farnsworth.** Friends School of Charlotte welcomes new board member and FSC parent Bill Farnsworth. Bill has been with the Microsoft Corporation for the past nine years, working in technical, strategy, industry and account management roles. Over the course of his career in technology, Bill has also worked with several academic institutions, including the Carmel school district in Indianapolis, Saint Meinrad University, and Chesterton Montessori School in Northwest Indiana. Bill lives in Charlotte with his wife, Wendy, and two sons, FSC student Noah (7) and Evan (5). Bill is also active in the community, serving as president of the Freedom Park Neighborhood Association and as a board member of the Autism Society of North Carolina – Charlotte/Mecklenburg Chapter.
- **Board Membership.** FSC currently has twelve active Trustees: Shari Blair, Tracey Cain, Bill Farnsworth, Bill Graves, Beth Griffiths, Beth Hinshaw, Howard Hinshaw, Ashley Joseph, Sandy Kohn, Jan Rieman, Lyn Sutterlin, and Jason Newsome. Jan Rieman serves as Clerk of the Board with Tracey Cain serving as Assistant Clerk.

**Our 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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