

Dear Parents,

### **Service**

An important part of our program is service. For any person, engaging in service encourages one to be part of their larger community, helps one acquire skills and knowledge and gives a person psychological benefits such as life satisfaction, better self-image and reduced stress. Service is also important because it teaches all of us what are the needs in our community and in society

One on-going part of our service program at LFS is cooking for Life Center of Eastern Delaware County. On the first Friday of each month, a different class cooks for the homeless. We serve between 150-200 meals each time and that the school's participation and contribution to the meal is critical in order to meet that need.

Various individual classes have additional service projects. Moreover, each year we have three days of service. The first will be this coming Thursday, when between 1 and 3, the first through 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be doing work on the campus. At 1, we will hear a talk on the importance of native plants to the environment by Dan Duran. (This is part of our native plant project.) This will put the work we do immediately after Dan's talk in context. The first, second, fifth and sixth grade will be removing the licorice mulch from where we will be planting, and will relocate it to a place where we are not trying to have plant growth (behind T. Al's shop.) The third and fourth grades will be preparing beds for planting of native species later this year. The beds will be underneath the pergola and outside the fence at the corner of Lansdowne and Stewart. Another small group of third and fourth graders will be helping out at the Lansdowne Public Library. If you are able, we would welcome volunteers that day to help with this important projects.

### **Parent Event on October 22**

I also want to invite all of our parents to an exciting event sponsored by the Quaker Life Committee. The event is on the evening of Thursday, October 22 and is entitled "Quaker Values in School Life: A Dinner and Conversation With and For Parents and Faculty." It is designed to help parents better understand the Quaker philosophy and values underlying our school. The event, which will include dinner, will run from 6:15 to 7:45. (You are invited to bring a dish of your own to share, but if you cannot bring one, please come anyway.) Childcare will be provided. Please join us for a great evening of conversation which we hope will deepen your understanding of the how our ideals manifest themselves in your child's education.

### **Book Fair, Chili Dinner and Conferences**

This is a reminder that this coming week is a very busy one. We will also have the book fair, the chili dinner and conferences. The book fair, which runs from Wednesday to Friday, is one of the highlights of the year. Our librarian, Teacher Jacqueline does a wonderful job of bringing in some superb books to enrich your home library. The chili dinner is a wonderful wonderful event, which, like the book fair, helps raise money for the library. We have many volunteers working from our parent community making delicious chili and macaroni and cheese for the Thursday dinner. I hope that all of you

can attend. Finally, conferences are Thursday afternoon, from 3 til 8, and all day Friday.  
(There is no school on Friday, nor on the Monday following that.)

Have a wonderful weekend.

Sincerely,  
John