

THE FARM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday March 28th, 2008

Important Farm School Dates

Fri. Apr. 4: No classes, Teacher Work Day
Thurs. Apr. 10: Downing Hollow Farm Field Trip
Thurs. Apr. 17: Very Important PTSA meeting with guest speaker Jennifer Cantrell, 3:00 pm
Fri. Apr. 18: Farm School Community Dinner, 6pm
Sat. Apr. 19: KTC Earth day in Nashville
Fri. Apr. 25: Farm School @ Home Experience Day
Fri. Apr. 25: Farm School Movie Night
Sat. Apr. 26: Earth Fest in Knoxville
Fri. May 2: Renaissance Festival Field Trip

School Meeting Notes - Wed. 3/26

Agenda: Microwave oven, NCACS, graduation, getting a rug for the secondary classroom and a possible new T-Shirt vendor. **Discussion and Resolutions:** We all agreed that although there are real negatives associated with having a microwave oven in the kitchen that it would also be hard for staff to do without its convenience and that we don't have any reasonable place to move it. *So, for now, it stays where it is.* Peter, Michael, Noah, Zack, Christina, Kim and Karuna remain interested in going to the NCACS and it's expensive (well over \$2,000). Peter is looking into ways of reducing the cost (e.g., work-trade at the conference). We postponed discussion of graduation due to Molly's absence from the meeting. It is looking like it will be a combined end of the year program and graduation on Friday, May 9th. We postponed discussion of getting a rug for the secondary classroom pending Kim checking in with Kathie which didn't happen as Kathie has not been at school since last week because she has been out of town. We postponed discussion of a possible new T-Shirt vendor pending more information from Michael who was also absent. **Next Week Topics:** NCACS, graduation, getting a rug for the secondary classroom and a possible new T-Shirt vendor

School Holiday - Friday, April 4th

We will have a teacher's workday on April 4th. No classes will be held, so enjoy the long weekend!

Quote of the week: "To me, love, spirituality and life are all the same thing. To me they're all about honoring the circle, and they're just different ways of defining the same understanding. Our society as a whole, because we have placed our love for money above our love for life, has devalued the sacred and devalued love." ~ Julia Butterfly Hill

Field Trip to Downing Hollow Farm - 4/10

On Thursday, April 10th we will visit Downing Hollow Farm in Olive Hill. We'll leave school at 9:00 am and be back by 3:30 pm.

Organic Gardening at The Farm School

The combined MS & HS Science class is making an organic vegetable garden as their lab project. Students have built the soil, made a huge compost pile, and planted seeds & seedlings. They have plans to cook some delicious lunches with produce from their garden! If you have not been by the school lately, come by & check it out!



Science Class: (from L-R): Karuna (behind shovel), Dakota, Zachary, Phorest, Kimberly, and Christina

Bamboo Craft Potentials - 3/29, 2-4pm

In a special free demonstration seminar, Matthew English, self taught bamboo expert, will present "A Place for Bamboo" at the Strand Theatre Art Gallery in Hohenwald on March 29th, from 2 to 4 p.m. Call Rita Grow at 931-589-6517 to register.

Last FS@H Experience Day of the Year!

Our last Farm School at Home Experience Day of the '07-'08 school year will be on Friday, April 25th! Among other activities, we are planning a tour of the Ecovillage. Stay tuned for more details!