

THE FARM SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER

Friday April 4th, 2008

Important Farm School Dates

Thurs. Apr. 10: Downing Hollow Farm Field Trip
Thurs. Apr. 17: "Empowering You to Protect Your Children" program with 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

Special Presentation - 4/17 at 3:00 PM

Rather than our usual PTSA format, "Empowering You to Protect Your Children" is a special program for teachers, parents and grandparents presented by Jennifer Cantrell, the Education Manager for The Rape & Sexual Abuse Center (RSAC) of Nashville.

The RSAC is a private, non-profit agency that provides both community education for prevention of abuse, and counseling for victims. Educational materials will be provided free of charge for parents to take home and refer to. We encourage parents to take advantage of this special opportunity.

This program is for adults only, and will not be a forum for discussing personal experiences. Childcare will be provided at the school so come early so that you can get your child settled in before the program starts.

If you have any questions, feel free to call PTSA President Tonya Jones at The Farm School (2325).

Farm School at Home Experience Day

Friday April 25th will be our last FS@H Experience Day of the 2007-2008 school year, and we're planning a great one! The schedule will include a Faculty meeting for teachers and parents, Ecology and Permaculture activities for students, and visits to Farm businesses such as the Farm Soy Dairy and the Ecovillage. We intend to have a Farm midwife speak (pending availability) and we're also pleased to announce that Stephen Gaskin, teacher, author, and co-founder of The Farm community will join us to speak and answer questions.

Supplies Needed for Elementary Science

Elementary parents need to send baking soda, vinegar, and small, easy to blow up balloons for a special science activity for young folk next week.

School Meeting Minutes from Wed. 4/2

Agenda: NCACS and graduation.

Discussion and Resolutions: We postponed discussion of graduation until further conversation with Molly (our graduating class) who was not in attendance. We spent the rest of the meeting talking about NCACS. While all of us would like to attend, the thought of three days driving to get there (it's being held in Colorado) and another three days to get back lead us to decide not to attend. We also discussed the idea of either a whole school day field trip including a lunch cooked out doors over a fire or a one night over night followed by a longer secondary school campout to replace NCACS.

Next Week Topics: Graduation, finalizing end of year campout plans and getting a rug for the secondary classroom.

Oak Ridge Environmental Peace Alliance Anti-Nuke Actions in Knoxville, Oak Ridge

[OREPA](#), which has organized an anti-nukes event in August in past years, is having it in April this year. **Sat. April 12 2008:** Non Violence Workshop at Church of the Savior, Weisgarber Rd, Knoxville
Sunday April 13 2008: Rally, March, Action for Peace -- Bissell Park to the Y-12 Nuclear Weapons Plant, Oak Ridge TN.

From The Olde World Theatre Company

Come join the adventure as we retell the story of Sleeping Beauty. At the birth of a long-awaited princess, a curse is cause for fear. Many attempts are made to avoid the curse, but at the age of 15, the princess falls asleep for 100 years. All performances are kid-friendly and include dance, mask, mime and special effects. All performances are at 10 AM on Saturdays: May 3rd, May 10th, and May 17th at the Belcourt Theatre, 2102 Belcourt Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212. General Admission: \$5.00. For more info, contact Richard Stein 615-300-0374

"Don't agonize. Organize." ~ Florynce Kennedy