

THE FARM SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Tuesday April 15th, 2008

Important Farm School Dates

Thurs. Apr. 17: "Empowering You to Protect Your Children" program with Jennifer Cantrell, 3:00 pm

Fri. Apr. 18: Farm School Community Dinner, 6pm
Call now to make your reservations! (See note below)

Sat. Apr. 19: KTC Earth day in Nashville

Fri. Apr. 25: Farm School @ Home Experience Day

Fri. Apr. 25: Farm School Movie Night, 6pm

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 Community Dinner - 4/18

Featuring: Stuffed Shells, Organic Green Salad, and Ice Bean! This Farm School Community Dinner happens to fall during a Farm Experience Weekend, so we expect it to be more heavily attended than usual. This time, we're trying something new: If you make a reservation before Thursday, April 17th, your dinner is only \$7. Adult dinners will be \$8 at the door. (As usual, the student dinner is \$5, and the kid's dinner is \$4.) Make your reservations through The Farm School (964-2325) by Thursday April 17th, at 3 pm to reserve your dinner at \$7. We can't think of a more delicious way to support The Farm School! See you there!

KTC Earth day in Nashville - Sat. 4/19

You are cordially invited to join us Saturday, April 19, 2008, for the Kids To The Country Earth Day celebration at the Peace Garden and Compost Site, in the Greenway (along #440 at 10th and Gale Lane) in Nashville. The event will run from 11am until 2pm with the Kids To The Country reuniting with each other and reconnecting to the Earth. The KTC Spring Program consists of turning the compost pile in celebration of the value of our Earth and her gift of growing food. In this part of our curriculum program we have the opportunity to reconnect with the children and enable them to see how our human roots depend on the Earth. We have games and activities like "Rake Aerobics" and "Recycle Relay" as well as making items to take home to remember the occasion.

RSVP to (931) 209-8119 (Mary Ellen @ KTC) or (615) 300-2941 (Sizwe).

FS@H Experience Day - Friday, 4/25

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.

Farm School Movie Night - Friday, 4/25

Featuring: "The Iron Giant." This film follows the incredible adventures of Hogarth Hughes who late one night discovers and befriends an enormous robot fallen from the stars. But Hogarth now has a very big problem: how do you keep a 50-foot-tall, steel-eating giant a secret - especially when there's a nosy government agent asking questions around town and the U.S. military is mobilizing to demolish the "alien invader?" Join us for this family friendly film with a wonderful message.

"I have found that among its other benefits, giving liberates the soul of the giver." ~ Maya Angelou