



Fraser School News[®]

A Newsletter for Parents of Fraser School Students



A message from Mary

Welcome to summer session 2007! Excitement is in the air with all of the changes happening! We have new staff members and the children have new classrooms and new friends.

Summer is a time for family vacations. If you are planning a vacation, it would be helpful for our staff to know in advance so that we can plan appropriately for staffing and activities.

Thank you once again for all of your support for Fraser School staff on the staff appreciation day! There was a tremendous response from parents, and it was very much appreciated by the staff. Thank you to Kristin Hartley for organizing the event and spending most of her day here. Thank you also to Erica Wattson, Anita Newhouse, Shelly Murray and Keith Swanson for your help with set up, clean up and keeping things running smoothly.

Change of information forms: If you have a change of address or phone number or your child has just been diagnosed with a medical condition or special education diagnosis, please stop by the front office and fill out a Client Change of Information Form. This form must be signed by you before we can enter the changes into our

database and route the information to the appropriate individuals.

Summer brings outdoor play – which in turn requires sunscreen. If you are willing to donate a bottle of sunscreen to your classroom, it would be helpful. The other product that we go through very quickly is baby wipes – especially for infants, toddlers and young preschoolers. Both of these will appear on the fall 2007 supply list for parents. Thank you for any donations that you can make.

Lastly, the Program Committee met in May to continue our discussions on building community within Fraser School. The minutes are attached to this newsletter. We are planning a new summer event this year – a Fraser School family rummage sale for new or gently used children's toys and clothing. You will hear more about this August event throughout the summer.

Have a wonderful June and July, and thank you for your continued support of Fraser School.

Sincerely,

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Thank you for supporting Fraser School staff appreciation day!

Schedule Notes

July 21 — Bright Gardens for Fraser Tour

August 10-11 — Fraser School Rummage Sale

The Fraser School calendar can be found at www.fraser.org/calendar

A Note From Our New Coordinators

Let me take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Kimberli Roberts. I am the staffing coordinator for the school. I have been in this position since March and have been enjoying getting to know the staff and children throughout the classrooms. During this time, we have had a few changes with staff moving on and new staff coming in. Please know that with these changes we put a lot of effort into finding the right fit for each classroom and with that takes time. Thank you for being patient with us so that we can make the transition time as smooth as possible as well as provide your children with the best staff possible. Here are the new faces that you will see in the building:
Emily Gunderson- Hummingbird room
Jennifer Korba- Frog room
Julia Langer- Fireflies
Laura Krause - Iguanas
Molly Tjosaas- Butterflies
Let's welcome the summer and our new staff with open arms. I look forward to both.

My name is Katie Hoffman and I am the new Education Coordinator. I have been working in the early childhood field for more than 16 years and have a degree in early childhood education from the University of MN – Duluth. I have taught in infant, toddler, and pre-school programs and have been a director for La Petite Academy. Though I have only been part of the Fraser team for a short time, I can already see and feel what a great place this is for children and those who teach and guide them. I look forward to meeting all of you and getting to know you and your families. I am here to support you, so please stop by my office or give me a call. I am here everyday, generally from 9:00-5:30.

Katie Hoffman
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Join us for the Bright Gardens for Fraser Tour on Saturday, July 21

Eight private homeowners in the Twin Cities area invite you through their gates to experience breathtaking gardens, including:

- native plant garden overlooking Minnehaha Creek;
- woodland garden;
- garden created from an artist's perspective;
- recipients of prestigious local awards, including 2006 "Beautiful Gardens" *Star Tribune* contest winners.

These gardens are located in Eagan, Sunfish Lake, Edina, Lake of the Isles and Shorewood (Minnetonka).

New this year — Bright Gardens for Fraser Tour will feature the work of local artists at each garden. Visitors will have the opportunity to appreciate watercolor, sculpture or other media in a beautiful garden setting.

For one day only, you, your family and friends can visit these beautiful gardens and observe many talented artists creating their unique artworks. The Fraser tour also includes an opportunity to learn from the experts as Hennepin County master gardeners will be on hand at each garden to answer questions. Included in the ticket price are informal gardening classes which will be offered at select locations.

Tickets \$20 per person (children 3 and under are free). Order online at www.fraser.org/calendar or call Rose at 612-798-8343 for more information.

Fraser Rummage Sale

Fraser School is going to have a rummage sale in August. The plan is to have parents drop off and donate gently used children's clothing and toys for the sale. The sale will be open to Fraser families only from 3 to 7 p.m. on Friday, August 10, and then will be open to the public on Saturday, August 11 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A small entry fee will be charged to get into the event. All the proceeds of the sale will go directly to Fraser School programs. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a success for the school. Please contact Becky Hall at 612-798-8341 if you are willing to help. Keep looking in the newsletter for a date and place to drop off your items and pick up a tax receipt for your donation.

Triathlon Volunteers Needed

What: Life Time Fitness Triathlon
Bike Route Marshal

Where: Lake Nokomis – Minneapolis

When: July 14, 2007, 6:30 a.m. – noon

Life Time Fitness is offering a generous incentive to Fraser if we can recruit 50 volunteers for the event. Your volunteer efforts will raise awareness and funds for Fraser. Pairs of volunteers will be assigned to locations along the bike course to secure the route and cheer the athletes. Bring a chair, umbrella, sunscreen, cold beverages and anything else to keep you comfortable outside in the summer sun. Volunteers will receive complimentary snacks and beverages and a T-shirt from Life Time Fitness. Volunteers must be at least 18 or accompanied by an adult. Must be able to sit or stand for the duration of the shift and be prepared to be outside in the elements. For more information, visit www.fraser.org/calendar or call Lori at 612-798-8313.

Upcoming Seminars - Practical Information from Fraser Experts

You can benefit from decades of Fraser experience! Our seminars are for parents, care providers and others who are interested in gaining knowledge and skills.

Planning Vacations and Recreational Activities for Children with Autism

This seminar provides useful tips and strategies for planning a successful vacation with or activities for children on the autism spectrum. Learn ideas for creative recreational activities and how to incorporate therapeutic goals. Great seminar for families, childcare centers and school-age care programs.

Tuesday, June 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.,
Fraser Child & Family Center, \$20

Assisting Children and Extended Family in Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders

This workshop provides ideas and information on how to discuss your child's autism diagnosis with others. Learn ways to discuss autism with extended family how to include them in your child's life, and how and when to talk with your child about his/her diagnosis.

Tuesday, July 10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fraser Child & Family Center, \$20

Building Character Education through Literacy

Character development activities build traits such as confidence, kindness, listening, acceptance and emotional regulation in children. This seminar teaches literacy-based large group activities that provide a moral compass for children. Learn how to adapt activities to children at all developmental levels.

Thursday, July 19, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fraser School, \$20

Register for the above seminars at www.fraser.org/seminars or contact Molly at 612-798-8359 or molly@fraser.org.

What's Next? A Workshop for Families of Children Diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorders

This workshop is designed for families of children who have been recently diagnosed with autism spectrum disorders. Parents, grandparents and caregivers are encouraged to attend to learn more about: the needs of children who have autism; multi-perspective approaches to intervention; other parents' experiences in planning intervention; community resources available to families, including Arc, Autism Society of Minnesota, Hennepin County services and other community support services.

Thursday, July 12, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Fraser Child & Family Center, \$30 per individual, \$50 per couple, \$15 per additional family member.

Register by contacting Jill Crumpler at 612-331-9413 or jillc@fraser.org.

Beginning Signs using American Sign Language

Learn how to sign the alphabet, numbers, colors, animals and common expressions to use with your child. Includes an overview of signs for family and food terms.

Thursday, July 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Fraser School, \$20 per person

Register for this seminar at www.fraser.org/seminars or contact Molly at 612-798-8359 or molly@fraser.org.

The 3rd Annual Inclusion Institute

"Together We Can! Setting the Stage for Success!"

Saturday, June 23, 2007
Concordia University, St. Paul
Keynote speaker: Mary Sheedy Kurchinka author of *The Spirited Child* and *Sleepless in America*

For registration details, visit www.inclusivechildcare.org

New FraserWear Shirts Available

Fraser friends of all ages will love the new T-shirts featuring glitter and corduroy screen printing. Available in many fun colors and children's and adult sizes. Items are for sale in the front office area.



features glitter-look
screenprint



features corduroy-look
screenprint

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June Birthdays

Linda Phillips, June 9
Mollie Frymire, June 19
Carol Barthelemy, June 22
Verica Karic, June 23
Heidi Pederson, June 23
Jacklin Wani, June 26

June Anniversaries

Heather Deveny, 1 year
Andrea Nelson, 4 years
Mirsada Dedic, 7 years
Linda Stotts, 7 years
Chris Bentley, 21 years
Priscilla Weigel, 23 years
Al Kolstad, 26 years
Heinke Lee, 28 years

July Birthdays

Carrie Geske, July 1
Diane Cross, July 8
Mac McCawley, July 10
Heidi Anderson, July 17
Chris Bentley, July 19
Valerie Olheiser, July 19
Ginnie Curtis, July 20
Marilyn Doran, July 21
Ana Reiter, July 21
Robin Strommel, July 22
Lucas Kunach, July 28

July Anniversaries

Mac McCawley, 1 year
Kristin O'Brien, 1 year
Emily Anderson, 2 years
Lauren Phipps, 2 years
Letty Faller, 4 years
Joan Ortmann, 10 years
Elizabeth Eng, 22 years

