

LATE QUAKING NEWS

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LQN submissions deadline is 8am the Wednesday before publication the following Monday.

Upcoming Important Dates

13 Sep., Wed. Ultimate Frisbee game, 6pm at Ebster Field in Decatur

14 Sep., Thu. Afternoon Goals-Setting Conferences; **MS dismisses 11:30am; ES dismisses 11:45am; No Aftercare;** Board of Trustees meets 7pm; ITBS Registration Deadline

15 Sep., Fri. Goals-Setting Conferences; **No school for students**

16 Sep. Sat. Black Parents Forum admissions event

17 Sep., Sun. Fall Fest! 3–6pm

18 Sep., Mon. Goals-Setting Conferences; **No school for students**

20 Sep., Wed. Deadline for school photo orders
<http://lindentreephoto.com>

24 Sep., Sun. Pancake Brunch, 11:30am–12:30pm at the [Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse](#)

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Fall Fest This Weekend!

Fall Fest is Sunday, September 17 from 3–6pm at FSA. Food trucks, games, and more! To volunteer, click [here](#). For more information, contact [Logan](#) or [Laura](#).

Goals Setting Conferences

The Friends School of Atlanta will close early on Thursday, September 14, for Goals Setting

conferences. The All classes will dismiss at 11:45am. There will be no Aftercare. There will be no school for students Friday, September 15, or Monday, September 18, also due to Goals Setting conferences.

Once again, parents will sign up for conference times this year online via Sign Up Genius. Teachers have sent links to their classes (ES) or homerooms (MS), inviting parents to the schedules.

Diversity, Equity and Justice Committee Off to an Engaging Start!

Thanks to all the FSA parents and friends of FSA who attended our first DEJ meeting of the year. We had a great discussion about Confederate monuments and lots of forward looking energy for our next events.

DEJ Book Club: get a copy of *Tell Me How It Ends*, by Valeria Luiselli. read it and join us for a book discussion at Twain's Restaurant on Sunday, Nov. 5, at noon. Order the book from Amazon here: <https://www.amazon.com/Tell-Me-How-Ends-Questions/dp/1566894956>

Join us at our next DEJ meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 4 at 8am in the lunchroom. Topic for discussion to be announced. To submit a topic for consideration, please email Waman at waman.french@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Black Parents Forum: Volunteers Needed

Each year, FSA serves as the host site for the Black Parents Forum, an organization that provides information and guidance to parents of color wishing to know more about independent school opportunities and the admissions process. Part of the Forum happening at FSA on Saturday, September 16, is an Admissions Fair from 11:30am to 2pm. Representatives from independent day schools and boarding schools from throughout the metro Atlanta area and beyond will be at the Admissions Fair to provide information about their schools, the admissions process, and opportunities for financial assistance.

We are looking for volunteers to help us talk about FSA to prospective parents at the Admissions Fair. We are also looking for parents who can help us put away tables and clean up after the Forum is over. Please click [here](#) to sign up.

Our House Program and Needs

Twice a week, middle school students walk to Our House, a preK and day care located across the street from FSA, that supports families who are experiencing homelessness, to work one-on-one with preK kids in learning activities.

It's a blast! The love and the enrichment, socially and academic for FSA and Our House kids, is palpable. It's a tremendous partnership.

As partners, we like to offer our support and help to Our House all year long and not just at the holidays or at back to school time. Thus, we have heard from our teacher partners at Our House on some items they could use in the classroom. Would you consider donating some? You are welcome to drop them off in Alex's room (311) at any time. Thanks for your support!

- Small individual cups
- Kleenex

- Clorox type wipes
- Paper towels

Ultimate Frisbee

FSA Ultimate had two great games last week! The all-girls game ended in a 4–4 tie and the Quakes won the coed game 9–8. Go Quakes! The next match is Wednesday, September 13, at 6pm at Ebster Field in Decatur.



Our thanks to Heather Wurtzel and Roger Benson for contributing photos.

Hello 8th Grade Parents of Critter and Nature Lovers!

The Atlanta Urban Ecologists is a program that is being hosted by Atlanta Audubon, Blue Heron Nature Preserve and The Amphibian Foundation (which FSA parent, Crystal Mandica is the co-founder of!) The AUE has put together an exciting program that will introduce 8th–12th graders to the incredible ecology of Metro Atlanta. If you are interested, please take a look at the [website](#).

Please let [Crystal](#) know if you have any questions. **Also, scholarships are available, so don't hesitate to inquire if you are considering it!**

School Photo Orders

Dear FSA Parents,

Thank you so much for giving me the opportunity to photograph your beautiful children! I have your photos ready for proofing/ordering. I hope you are as pleased with them as I am!

To view the images, go to <http://lindentreephoto.com>

- Click "Client Proofs"
- Click 2017_026 The Friends School
- Password is "Friends"
- To find your child's class click "Images (458)" at the top of the page. Choose your class.
- To order - choose which images you'd like and then choose your package. Package options will be on the left hand side of your screen.
- Once you have made your selections choose "check out" and follow the instructions.

Orders are due SEPTEMBER 20, 2017!! All images will be delivered to the Friends School of Atlanta.

Thank you again for giving me this opportunity. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions!

Lindsey

Iowa Test of Basic Skills

The Iowa Test of Basic Skills will be offered in the fall only. FSA offers parents the option to register their 3rd through 8th grade students for the Iowa Test of Basic Skills. ITBS testing will occur the week of October 2.

Registration forms and payments are due by September 14. For information about registration this fall, please click on the link below or get a copy at the front desk desk.

[ITBS information and Registration](#)

Pancake Brunch for All, and a Volunteer Opportunity for MS Students

To support the FSA financial aid and connect FSA families and members of Atlanta Friends Meeting, the Quaker Ed Committee holds a yearly pancake brunch at the Meetinghouse. This year the breakfast is Sun., Sept. 24, starting after Meeting for Worship at 11:15am.

There are a couple of ways that students can support the effort and also earn their service hours.

- MS students can earn extra credit for baking Muffins before the weekend and dropping them at school on Friday, Sept. 22 (box will be available in reception area of FSA on Friday morning). Students can drop them off at school or drop off at the event on Sunday 9/24.
- MS students will also get community service hours for serving, setting up, cleaning, or baking, if they get a community service slip completed. Students can help from 9:30am–12pm.

MS students, let [Cball](#) know if you plan to help!!

SSAT for 8th Graders

FSA is hosting the SSAT for our 8th graders on November 11. Please click [here](#) for information about the test and the preparation class. Contact [Laura James](#) if you have questions.

Needed: Small Shed

Joanna is trying to get a small shed to house materials that are currently all over the place in the circle garden, her room, and the garden box area. If you have a portable shed to donate—or are inspired to build one—please [contact her](#). Thanks!

A Note From FSPATA: Speaker at Atlanta History Center

A small group of parents and teachers are planning to attend this event. Please buy your own ticket and plan to meet up after. Contact fspata@friendsschoolatlanta.org for more information.

Author Beverly Daniel Tatum, Ph.D., is speaking about her book, "Why Are All The Black Kids Sitting Together In The Cafeteria?" on Tuesday, September 26, 8pm at [Atlanta History Center](#). Tickets are \$10 for general public, \$5 for members.

Volunteer Opportunities!

Please sign up for upcoming events as well as other ongoing volunteer opportunities throughout the year. Make sure to check out all the tabs, each one representing different volunteer opportunities. We are still looking for room parents, specifically in the 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Thank you for helping run this school, we could not do it without our volunteers!

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ba8ae2da1fe3-parent>

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a4ba8ae2da1fe3-room1>

How Billing for Aftercare, Clubs and Incidentals Works at FSA

Tuition and activity fee installments are done through the SMART plan and should already be in place for this school year. All installment payments need to be made directly to SMART. [Here](#) is a link to FAQ for SMART.

Tuition and activity fees not being paid through SMART should be paid in full at this time.

Aftercare Fees: Aftercare attendance is charged at \$15 per day (or \$12 per day for families receiving financial aid). If your student is not picked up directly from an aftercare club then the daily charge is reduced to \$7.50 per day (or \$6 per day for families receiving financial aid).

Aftercare charges are determined using the sign-in and sign-out sheets managed by aftercare staff. Your student is signed into aftercare by aftercare staff. You are responsible for signing out your student when you pick them up. Aftercare ends promptly at 6:00pm. Students who are picked up after 6:00pm will have a late fee added of \$10.

At the end of each week charges are added to your billing account based on the number of days your student attended that week. These charges are due within 30 days. Any charges not paid in full within 30 days of the charge date will accrue late fees. A five percent (5%) late fee will be added for payments received more than five (5) days after the due date. Payments more than thirty days (30 days) in arrears will be charged an additional 1.75% (annual percentage rate of 21%).

Afterschool Club Fees: Afterschool clubs are offered in 4 sessions throughout the school year. Club enrollment is now handled electronically and charges will be added to your billing account once the clubs you have signed up for are confirmed. Again payment is due within 30 days of the charge date and late fees will apply for charges that remain unpaid after 30 days.

Current statements have been added to your NetClassroom accounts. If you have an outstanding balance from the previous year please make payment on those amounts within 30 days of the statement date to avoid late fees.

Questions or concerns about your billing account or a request to work out a payment plan can be addressed to Elsie Santway at elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

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