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

Upcoming Important Dates

9 Oct., Mon. MS second quarter begins; Makeup week for Afterschool Clubs Session I begins

10 Oct., Tue. MS play, 7pm in the CMR

11 Oct., Wed. Auction meeting 8:15–9:15am in the CMR; Registration deadline for Open Mic with the Board

12 Oct., Thu. Open Mic with the Board (by pre-registration only), 6:30pm; Board of Trustees meets 7pm

13 Oct., Fri. Noon registration deadline for Afterschool Clubs Session II

15 Oct., Sun. FSA at Atlanta Pride Parade, 12pm

16 Oct., Mon. Afterschool Clubs Session II begins; Registration deadline for childcare on Quaker Ed Night

17 Oct., Tue. Mandatory Quaker Education Night, 6–7:30am in the CMR, childcare provided in the gym, with preregistration

20 Oct., Fri. Staff Development Day; **No school for students**

22 Oct. Sun. [Maker Faire Atlanta](#)

23 Oct., Mon. Fall break; **School closed**

24 Oct., Tue. MS basketball parent meeting, 6pm in the lunchroom; Viewing of [Screenagers](#), 7pm in the CMR

25 Oct., Wed. Wake Up with Your Heads coffee for parents of students in PreK through 2nd grades, 8:15–9am in the Lunchroom

26 Oct., Thu. Wake Up with Your Heads coffee for parents of students in 3rd and 4th grades, 8:15–9am in the Lunchroom

27 Oct., Fri. Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Quakers coffee, 8:15–9am in the Lunchroom

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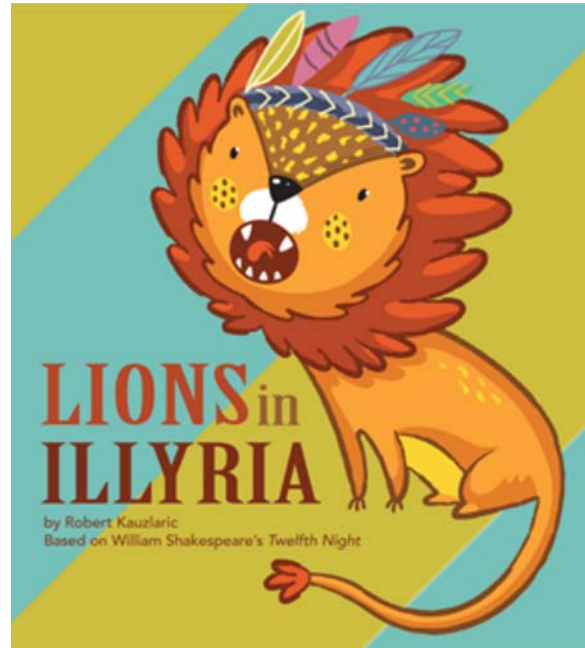
Middle School Drama Presents Lions in Illyria

by Robert Kauzlaric, based on William Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*

Tuesday, October 10, 7pm, Community Meeting Room

\$5 admission

Giraffes are gentlemen, aardvarks are card sharks, and animals rule the world in this retelling of Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*. When young lioness Violet is separated from her twin brother by a storm at sea, she must find her way alone in an unknown country. Disguised as a boy, she finds work helping a preposterous peacock win the love of the most graceful gazelle in town, but it's not long before Violet is torn between multiple masters and the whole menagerie is tangled in matters of the heart. Travel to the weird and wonderful land of Illyria in this magical, clever comedy.



Smart Lunches October Calendar

Be sure to check out new offerings from our lunch delivery service [here!](#) If you have been meaning to sign up so you can order your child lunches, head to the website where it only takes two minutes of your time. With the holidays right around the corner, having this as an option is really great!

[Smart Lunches Website](#)

FSA on Halloween

Every year, we receive several questions about the school's observance of Halloween. Our tradition is to acknowledge and honor the diverse beliefs of our community. The school does not officially celebrate Halloween because some of our students and faculty would be obligated to miss a day of school. Each classroom should send a letter home that explains exactly what they will or won't be doing October 31, so please look for that information soon. Also, please see our policy on holidays and celebrations as expressed in the [Parent Handbook](#).

SAYF Invitation to 7th and 8th Graders

The Southern Appalachian Young Friends (SAYF) community (the regional Quaker teen program of SAYMA) has extended an open invitation to FSA 7th and 8th graders to join in the fun of their upcoming retreat weekend at Atlanta Friends Meetinghouse October 13–15, Extensive info about SAYF, including retreat forms and guidelines, can be found at <http://AwesomeSAYFers.org>. Parents of Young Friends interested in attending should contact the AFM SAYF coordinator, Aaron Ruscetta, to discuss the full details and confirm attendance arrangements: 404.315.0406 or arxaaron@gmail.com.

Clinic Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have assisted in the clinic since school began! We do not have any volunteers signed up from October 16 through December, so please sign up [here](#) if you can help! Feel free to bring some work or a book to occupy any down time. Please let me know if you have any questions, contact Anna at aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Annual Benefit Auction

We are beginning to plan for this school year's FSA Benefit Auction! The Auction will be held on Saturday, March 17. Please join us for a kickoff meeting on October 11 from 8:15–9:15am in the CMR. There is lots to do to prepare and make this year's Auction a successful fundraiser and a memorable experience for all. If you're interested in being a part of this great school event, please attend. If you'd like to help but can't make the meeting, please email your Auction Co-clerks—Erica Stevens and Matt Sullivan—at auction@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Afterschool Clubs Registration

Please view the brochure and then click on the Google Form to sign-up for clubs. The deadline is noon on Friday, October 13. Please be sure to sign-up by this date! If you have any questions, please email Anna at aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

[Club Brochure](#)

[Google Sign-Up Form](#)

[Sports Waiver](#)

The Quakes Basketball Team and Parent Meeting

FSA invites your middle school child to participate in the 2017–18 FSA Quakes basketball season!! Registration information will be available at the front desk the week of October 9. There will be a meeting Tuesday, October 24, from 6-7pm, in the FSA lunchroom to answer questions and fill out registration forms.

FSA has participated in The Decatur Active Living Basketball League's co-ed basketball program for the past several years. This year, FSA hopes to field two teams, an 11–12 year old team and a 13–14 year old team. Our 10 year olds "play up" on FSA's 11–12 year old squad. The age control date for basketball is Dec. 31, 2016 (no exceptions).

Our coach this year is Kenny Rochester, who will be supported by volunteer parent assistant coaches. If you're interested in learning more about volunteering as an assistant coach,

please contact Waman French at waman.french@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Decatur Active Living provides the team uniforms and there is a fee of \$230 for all practices and games. Financial aid for qualifying families is available. Please contact Elsie Santway at elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org for more information about financial assistance. All games will be scheduled by Decatur Active Living and that schedule will be available by November (most games are played on Saturdays). The FSA Quakes practice at our gym on Thursdays from 3:30-5pm. Beginners and old pros, all are welcome!

Plan to Attend Quaker Education Night on Tuesday, October 17

FSA is pleased to announce that Drew Smith, Executive Director of Friends Council on Education (FCE), will be our featured speaker at Quaker Education Night on October 17, from 6–7:30 pm. As Executive Director of FCE since 2014, Drew provides guidance and support to the 78 Friends School (PreK–12th grade) nationwide, which gives him great depth of experience and insight into his topic for the evening: The Role of Friends Education in Divisive Times.

Drew attended Westtown School and Earlham College, both Quaker schools, and has worked in Quaker education as a teacher and administrator, including head of school, for over 25 years. He is a member of Haddonfield Monthly Meeting and has served on the boards of numerous Quaker institutions. Please plan to attend this mandatory event for parents. It is sure to be enlightening! Childcare in gym; RSVP for childcare to jsweeney@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Be Sure to Check NetClassroom for Your Weekly FSA Billing Statement!

Questions and concerns about your statement can be addressed to Elsie Santway at elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org.

Screenagers Viewing at FSA

FSA is partnering with the Willow Foundation to host a viewing of [Screenagers](#). The average kid spends about 6.5 hours per day looking at screens, and the film explores the impact this has on their development and their interactions with friends and family. It offers ways of empowering kids to manage screen time, and ways for adults to set appropriate tech limits. The viewing will take place Tuesday, Oct. 24, 7pm in the CMR. Open to the public. Adults \$8/Kids free. Tickets available [here](#). Please spread the word!

Join the Parade! FSA Families Marching and Making Merry at Pride!

Please join the FSA school community at the Atlanta Pride Parade on Sunday, October 15, 12pm. [Here](#) is more information about ATLANTA PRIDE PARADE. Wear your school swag and let the world know that we're proud of our school and the diversity of our community! The parade steps off from Peachtree and Ralph McGill (Civic Center MARTA) at noon. We will be in section H on West Peachtree south of Ivan Allen. From the Civic Center MARTA, come south (facing the same way the people lined up are) and look for us on the other side of Ivan Allen. Wear comfortable shoes and bring water, lunch or a snack, and sunscreen. Contact Laura 404-762-3540 lmacorlin@friendsschoolatlanta.org for more info!

SSAT for 8th Graders

FSA is hosting the SSAT for our 8th graders on November 11. Please see link below for information about the test and the preparation class. Contact Laura James if you have questions.

<http://friendsschoolatlanta.org/documents/2016/09/ssat-prep-class-and-test-information.pdf>

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