

# LATE QUAKING NEWS

**13 November 2017**

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

## Upcoming Important Dates

**13 Nov., Mon.** Spirit Week begins (new date); Collection boxes for canned goods to go to Atlanta Community Food Bank behind front desk

**16 Nov., Thu.** "Family Traditions" Community Potluck, 6–7:30pm in the Gym, no childcare provided during event

**20–24 Nov.** Thanksgiving break; **School closed**

**1 Dec., Sat.** Admissions Open House, 10am–noon

**5 Dec., Tue.** Deadline for donating canned goods for the Atlanta Community Food Bank

**8 Dec., Fri.** Human Rights Day observed

**13 Dec., Wed.** Registration deadline for Financial Aid Information Night and childcare; Please submit Grandparents/Special Friends Day registration form by this date

**14 Dec., Thu.** Financial Aid Information Night 6pm, childcare with preregistration in the Gym; Board of Trustees meeting 7pm

**15 Dec., Fri.** Last day for Afterschool Clubs Session 2

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## November Query

How can we use our light to change our pattern and help the world show its light?  
—FSA Second Grade

## This Week Is All about Apogee!

We are making progress toward our goal of raising an additional \$120,000 in financial aid through the Apogee Tax Credit Student Scholarship Fund. To date, 20 families and businesses have redirected some of the taxes they will owe to the state of Georgia in 2018 income taxes to funds that will go to support financial aid at FSA! We have now raised \$60,450 in tax credit funds. Thank you!!

If you'd like to help support financial aid at FSA with funds you would owe the state in income taxes anyway, please go to [this link](#) to apply for your tax credit by the deadline of December 15! If you have questions or want help making application, either contact Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions, at [nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org)/404-373-8746 x8135; OR look for Anna Fretwell at the Community Potluck this Thursday. She'll be there with her laptop to help you apply right there on the spot! Thanks, Anna! And thank YOU for helping preserve and enhance diversity at The Friends School of Atlanta!

## A Gift to Kick Off Thanksgiving!

We are pleased to announce that a friend of the Friends School is sharing her good fortune by giving the school a \$145,000 gift, providing significant support directed for financial aid plus funding for an administrative associate to support Admissions. We are so thankful for this investment in the work of The Friends School of Atlanta to provide the kind of education that equips students to go out into the world as peacemakers and bridge builders! Let's keep the momentum going with a successful Annual Appeal in support of our day-to-day operations! You can give online [here](#) or write a check payable to FSA and noting Annual Appeal in the memo line. Thank you!

## 4th Grade Is Collecting Canned Goods!

On Wednesday, December 6, the fourth grade class will be going to the Atlanta Community Food Bank and volunteering in the Product Rescue Center. As a show of goodwill, they are collecting can goods to bring with them to donate. Any and all community assistance is welcomed. Beginning November 13, there will be several labelled boxes located behind the front desk to place your donations in. Thank you!

## Substitute Teachers Needed

The Friends School of Atlanta is expanding its substitute teacher list for all grades. Qualified candidates will have classroom experience or a background in education for age 3 through 8th grade. To be considered, please submit cover letter and resume to [substitutes@friendsschoolatlanta.org](mailto:substitutes@friendsschoolatlanta.org).

## Carpool Reminder

If ES students arrive late (students are already walking from the gym to the building), parents should park and escort their students into the building. Thank you!

## Keeping Students Healthier

Cold and flu season is upon us, so extra vigilance in observing healthy habits is crucial. The spread of illness can be reduced through frequent handwashing and avoiding close contact with others who are ill. Simple things, like coughing or sneezing into a sleeve where germs die quickly instead of on hands or tissues where they are more easily spread, can also help. Find a fun video on this at <http://www.coughsafe.com/watch-videos.html>.

While students are here, teachers remind them of the importance of washing hands at appropriate times and model good health habits. You can help keep your child—and everyone else—healthier by modeling and reinforcing these healthy habits and keeping your sick child at home.

The FSA Illness Policy is designed to help fight the spread of illness. It can be found in the [Parent Handbook](#). Students will not be allowed to remain at school with a fever of 99.5° or higher or with the presence of another contagious symptom such as, but not limited to, rash, sore throat, diarrhea or vomiting. Students must be fever-free for 24 hours before they will be allowed back at school. If your child is too sick to be at school and we cannot reach you, we will call emergency contacts to pick up your child.

If your child is absent, FSA's illness policy requires from parents a [Documentation of Absence](#) form (or, for certain illnesses, a [Doctor Release](#)) before the student will be allowed to return to class. This helps us ensure that students do not return to school until they are healthy enough to be here.

## Spirit Week 2017

### November 13–17

We've got SPIRIT how about you!?! During Spirit Week, our entire community is invited to participate by coming to school in dress that expresses our unique spirit and love of FSA! Thanks, parents, for helping ensure that all dress conforms with FSA dress code.

- Monday - Pajama Day - Come in your jammies!
- Tuesday - Team Spirit Day - Wear a t-shirt or jersey from your favorite team (sports, clubs, any kind of team)!
- Wednesday - Duo Day or Twin Day - Dress as a duo (peanut butter and jelly, cat and mouse) or dress alike with friends!
- Thursday - Character Dress Up Day - Dress up as a favorite character from a book, movie, television show (remember no masks, weapons or clothing that glorifies violence, please)!
- Friday - Decade Day - Pick a past decade and dress like the people from that decade!

Families, want in on the fun?!? How about decorating your car or home with FSA spirit? Be creative and take a picture to post on social media and share your love of FSA with the world!

## Community Potluck Returns!

On Thursday, November 16, we will all come together for the Community Potluck. It's always a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the very best of the FSA community, where everyone pitches in with food for the feast and revels in the friendships, the diversity and the shared dedication to children that defines who we are as a school.

Whether this is your first FSA Community Potluck or your tenth, we want to remind you of what we need from our families to ensure the success of the evening. Here are the essentials:

**When and where:** The Potluck is from 6–7:30pm in the gym.

**What food to bring:** We ask that each class contribute to the main offerings of turkey, ham or a vegetarian protein. Please read and respond to communications from your Room Parents, who are coordinating the main dish effort. In addition, we ask that each family bring a side dish large enough to feed 12. We are asking that the different grades bring side dishes in the following categories:

8th grade: Desserts and Fruits

7th grade: Main Dish Casseroles

6th grade: Potatoes, Dressing, Yams, Starchy items so traditionally loved

5th grade: Rolls, Breads, Butter, Gravies & Sauces

Preschool (3yo) – 4th grade: Vegetable side items, Salads (green and other)

**Please click on [this link](#)** to sign up on genius.com and let us know what you plan to bring.

**What to expect** when you arrive: Please arrive at the gym with your food as close to 6pm as possible. Volunteers will let you know where to put your food. Please bring serving utensils for your dish and label your dish and utensils with your name. Also, please label the ingredients of your creation! Plan to take home any leftovers (in the highly unlikely event there are leftovers).

**Where to sit:** You may sit wherever you like. The dining tables, however, will be color-coded per classrooms via colored table cloths to help folks who would like to gather with other families in their child's class.

**How to keep it GREEN:** To cut down on waste, please bring your own eating utensils, plates, napkins and cups for you and your whole family. We also ask that everyone bring their own drinks.

#### **Other Potluck Pointers:**

- Parents help support a welcoming and inclusive Potluck by reviewing with your child ways to be inclusive and welcoming!
- Please go through the food lines and eat with your children. Also, please be responsible for your children throughout the evening. Teachers will be enjoying their own meals, and with hundreds of people in the gym, there can be an outbreak of chaos at any moment!
- There will be planned activities for different age groups, but again, please keep an eye on your own children.
- Please note that the playground will be closed during the Potluck.

**Bonus item:** Eighth grade mom Anna Fretwell will be on hand with her laptop if you want her help applying to the Apogee Tax Credit Student Scholarship Program.

We are thankful for your presence at this celebration of community and for your help to make it fun for everyone!

## **Grandparents/Special Friends Invitations**

Wonderful FSA Families, we are still in need of names and addresses for invitations for the annual FSA Grandparents/Special Friends Day (GP/SF), February 2, 2018.

If you have not already done so, please click [here](#) and complete the information for your student's Grandparents or Special Friends by Wednesday, December 13, 2017.

For FSA new families, Grandparents/Special Friends Day is the first Friday in February (February 2, 2018 this year), when we invite FSA student's Grandparents or Special Friends to join us from 8am–11:30am, for a light breakfast, a welcome, activities in their student's classrooms, snacks, Silent Meeting, and lots of Community! Lots more information will be coming to you soon!

## Lost and Found

Parents please take a few minutes to check and see if your child(ren) has items on our Lost and Found rack located in the Gym (by the girls restroom). The rack is currently OVERFLOWING with clothes, books, lunch bags, water bottles, etc.

## Clinic Volunteers

Thank you to all of our volunteers who have assisted in the clinic since school began! There still are open dates to choose from, 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](mailto:aknipfer@friendsschoolatlanta.org).

## Be a Holiday Angel!

Our House, our community partner that is a daycare and preK for families experiencing homelessness located across the street from FSA, is about to launch its Holiday Angels program to support the approximately 150 families Our House serves.

Holiday Angels is a way for you, your family, or a group of co-workers or friends can come together and help a family experiencing homelessness feel the joy of the holiday season.

Click [here](#) to register to become a family sponsor. Through this link, you will submit your contact information and indicate the family size you would like to sponsor. If you or your group would like to adopt more than one family, please complete a separate sponsor form.

Our House families submit their wish lists which include the parent(s) and children, and the sizes for each member. Each family member is asked to list up to three items with a value of up to \$25/each. Sponsors are not required to spend a certain amount, but we ask that you purchase at least one item for each member of the family, we appreciate all donations!

Unwrapped gifts can be delivered to Our House's Atlanta location (on Boulevard) M–F between 9am–5pm through December 1. We will have one weekend drop-off day, Saturday, December 2 from 11am–2pm at the Atlanta location.

Thanks for considering becoming a Holiday Angel!

## A GIFT for You!

Josh Golin, Executive Director, CCFC: [Campaign for a Commercial-Free Childhood](#), will be in Atlanta this month to speak at the National NAEYC meeting, and he has agreed to offer a talk

on Friday, November 17 at 8:30am in Hospitality Room at Waldorf School (diagonally across the street from FSA).

His talk will focus on how commercialism undermines children's wellbeing, relationships, and creativity, and what we can do about it. Included very much in the "what we can do about it" is limiting screen time. He will also focus on how we need to deal with these issues as communities, not just every parent for themselves. CCFC's mission is to support parents' efforts to raise healthy families by limiting commercial access to children and ending the exploitive practice of child-targeted marketing. In working for the rights of children to grow up—and the freedom for parents to raise them—without being undermined by corporate interests, CCFC promotes a more democratic and sustainable world.

As we enter a season of gift giving, we are grateful for the work of Josh Golin and CCFC in their movement to reclaim childhood from corporate marketers. Please join us for this informative talk.

### **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](mailto:elsie.santway@friendsschoolatlanta.org).

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