

LATE QUAKING NEWS

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

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.

Upcoming Important Dates

16–19 Feb. Late winter break; **School closed**

17 Feb., Sat. Basketball FSA Quakes 8th grade and Cinque, 11am at Ebster Gym

20 Feb., Tue. 2018–19 Financial Aid applications deadline for new families; 2018–19 enrollment applications deadline for new families

22 Feb., Thu. FSA Makers Faire; Makers Faire potluck in ES classrooms and MS combined (all welcome, with or without participating project; Makers Faire Open House 4–6pm

23 Feb., Fri. Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Quakers coffee, 8:15–9am in the lunchroom

5 Mar., Mon. Staff development day; **No school for students**

8 Mar., Thu. DEJ planning meeting in the lunchroom, 6–7pm; Board of Trustees meets, 7–9pm

9 Mar., Fri. FSA Variety Show, 6pm in the CMR; Afterschool Clubs session 3 ends

12 Mar., Mon. Makeup week for Afterschool Clubs Session 3 begins

14 Mar., Wed. Board finance committee meeting 9am

16 Mar., Fri. MS 3rd quarter ends; Registration deadline for Afterschool Clubs Session 4

17 Mar., Sat. FSA Benefit Auction (adults only)

6:30pm at ColorWheel Studios (reception for premium ticket holders 5:30pm)

Be sure to visit our [Community News](#) section!

Welcome Alvanita Negrón, FSA's New Assistant Director of Admissions

Please join the FSA faculty and staff in welcoming Alvanita Negrón, FSA's new Assistant Director of Admissions. Alvanita brings her talents and experience in admissions and marketing to FSA having previously served as Associate Director of Admissions at Agnes Scott College, where she is an alumna. Alvanita has also served "on the other side of the admissions desk" in her capacity as Associate Director of College Counseling at The Weber School. Most recently, Alvanita was the co-founder and chief strategist for the Negrón Group, which provided marketing materials for secondary and post-secondary schools and consultation regarding student recruitment strategies and college counseling.

FSA Summer Camp Program: Don't Miss the Early Bird Discounts!

We are excited to once again present a wide array of summer camp sessions for students grades rising K–10. Since its introduction in the summer of 2010, our summer camps have grown in popularity around the Atlanta Metro area as we have continuously expanded the opportunities for fun, high-quality educational experiences. This year there will be camps in the arts, digital arts, math, making/tinkering, critters and storytelling, among other topics!

Online registration is now open! Click [here](#) to begin. Please note that Aftercare is available each week of camps from 3–6pm. If your student will be attending Aftercare, please be sure to register and pay in advance for the weeks needed. Note refund restrictions on the aftercare description and at checkout.

Use the promo code EARLY through April 6 to get \$10 off on all camps. There is also a sibling discount (promo code SIBLING): the first pays full price; all other siblings receive a 10% discount. To get both the sibling and Early Bird discounts, enter the promo code EARLYSIB.

Please sign up as soon as possible, as spaces are limited and fill very quickly. For more information, click [here](#) for our Summer Camp webpage.

Auction 2018

Greetings FSA Families!

Are you ready for the 2018 FSA Benefit Auction? The Auction is an adult dinner party with Silent and Live Auctions and takes place on March 17, 2017 at 6:30pm at Color Wheel Art Studio in downtown Decatur. The auction is FSPATA's main fundraising event and provides crucial operating support so that FSA can continue to ensure a diverse and inclusive community. The Auction is also a wonderful, fun way to spend an evening with the FSA

community.

Learn more about the Auction: [FSA Auction 2018](#)

We need your help! For auction success, there are 3 steps that FSA asks your family to follow:

STEP 1

BUY OR SELL at least two tickets: \$40 each before March 1, 2018. Visit the Auction Website at [FSA Auction 2018](#) to buy your tickets.

Don't let finances keep you away, [contact Elsie](#) if you need financial help with your ticket.

STEP 2

DONATE one of the following:

- Elementary Families donate two restaurant gift certificates each valued at \$20 or more (or one restaurant gift certificate valued at \$40 or more); or at least \$40 in cash;
- Middle School Families donate two bottles of wine each valued at \$20 or more (or one bottle valued at \$40 or more); or at least \$40 in cash; or
- Donate a vacation home stay or a unique experience you can provide, such as music, cooking lessons, or a dinner party. Check with us to see if your experience will work.

For cash donations, (1) make your check payable to FSPATA, write "Auction" in the memo line, and give the donation to Anna at the front desk or (2) donate using a debit/credit card on the auction website, [FSA Auction 2018](#). Please deliver gift card donations to Anna at the front desk and all other donations to the auction workroom outside Waman's office. Tell us about your family vacation or unique experience at [FSA Auction 2018](#).

STEP 3

VOLUNTEER your time: Sign up to help at Carpool, Set up, Check in/out, During the event, or Clean up. Be on the look out for the Sign Up Genius and let us know how you will volunteer.

With your help, we can have the most successful auction ever!

Your Auction Co-Clerks: Erica Stevens, stevensae4@gmail.com and Matt Sullivan, groundwork6@gmail.com

We Are the 25 Percent?

FSA's Annual Appeal is well underway, but we have only heard from 25 percent of our families with gifts and pledges to date. Remember, this year we would like to hear from 100 percent of our families as we gear up to do some major grant seeking from foundations. Foundations will not invest in FSA if our "family" hasn't invested first. We have until June 30, 2018, to complete this year's Appeal. Please join us so that we can truly proclaim that the FSA community is 100 percent invested in the work of this amazing school!

You can [give online](#) or send a check made payable to FSA, noting Annual Appeal in the memo line. For more information, please contact Nancy Bent, Director of Advancement and Admissions, at nancy.bent@friendsschoolatlanta.org or 404-373-8746 x8135. Thanks!

FSPATA Tech Talk

Thanks to Logan Ritchie for [these notes](#) on the FSPATA Tech Talk, which was held on January 31. This is a great resource for research on cell phones and students.

Pebble Tossers

Greetings, Friends. I just learned this week about an organization called Pebble Tossers which, if you are not familiar with it, I wanted to commend to your attention:

Founded in 2008, [Pebble Tossers, Inc.](#) is a 501(c)(3) Georgia non-profit youth service organization with a mission to ignite a passion for life-long volunteerism in youth that develops their character and impacts our world. They accomplish this by matching children's talents and abilities with the need of their community. Pebble Tossers teaches the value of volunteerism, philanthropy and encourages kids that everyone can make a difference. Young people are encouraged to think about the world beyond their front door, address issues with constructive methods, and be catalysts for positive change in their communities.

Let's get the seed of community service planted and germinating early!

With love and light, Sarah Rosenberg

Brain Education with Sara

If you want your child (7 years through 10) to grow more confident in their physical, emotional and mental capabilities, I urge you to check out the Brain Education class that I am teaching at the Decatur Body Brain Center in downtown Decatur. This class will be very physically active as well as reflective. It's a great class for the child who struggles with attention issues, or needs more strategies for managing emotions. This is not therapy, but is intended for supporting a child's natural instincts towards health and confidence. I understand that this first session is starting very soon, but other sessions will follow if you cannot jump into this one. I am so excited to be offering it after my extensive training last year. Please feel free to ask for more information. Please click [here](#) for the poster.

House for Rent

We are offering this great home to our Friends Community first for 2 weeks of February, while we make the finishing touches. If you or someone you know is interested please contact Susi.

Spacious 3 bedroom/3.5 bath 2 story home.

Upstairs has 2 bedrooms with their own bathrooms.

Downstairs has master bedroom w/bath. Formal dining room, half bath, living room and den/office

Home was built in 1900, so the rooms are large and roomy. The house has character, Hardwood floors, Large kitchen. Nice screened in front porch, small deck off the kitchen in a small fenced in back yard.

The house is part of Friends School of Atlanta that backs up to our playground right next to our school. It's a great Decatur location, close to everything you need, city bus line runs right by there.

\$2,000 a month, with \$2,000 security deposit. Call Susi (678-278-8141) for an appointment to

see the house. Showing times Tues & Wed 8am–1pm and Thurs 8am–12pm

If your interested don't wait, it won't last long.

Celebrate Valentine's Day?

Does FSA celebrate Valentine's Day? Because of our tradition of acknowledging and honoring the diverse beliefs of our community, the school does not officially celebrate Valentine's Day. However, individual classrooms may choose to celebrate on that day. Each classroom should send a letter home, explaining exactly what they will or won't be doing February 14, so please look for that information soon. Also, please see our policy on holidays and celebrations as expressed in the [Parent Handbook](#).

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