

FFE highlights during 2011-2012

David Coffin Performance, Senior Lunch and Chili Dinner

The students and local senior citizens ate a festive lunch and learned songs and stories about life at sea with David Coffin. In the evening, the community enjoyed a performance by David Coffin and a tasty dinner featuring Sissy's Kitchen chili.

VINS Live Animal Program

The students enjoyed an in school program featuring live animals.

Fundraising

Flower Bulb Sale	Yankee Candle
Babysitting Night	Block print Note cards
Chili Dinner and Performance	Wizard Cloth Bag Sale

General Support for the School and Teachers

- Provided food and assistance for First Day
- Recognized and supported our teachers and staff
- Recruited volunteers to chaperone field trips, help with classes, the book sale and other events.
- Teacher Appreciation Day: invited teachers and staff to a catered lunch while FFE covered recess and lunch duty
- Worked with the school to support walking 'school bus' weeks

- Provided financial support for healthy breakfast program
- Purchased new basketball jerseys
- Provided funds for a new scoreboard in the gym

Strengthen connections between the School and Community

- Provided opportunities for the school and community members to communicate and exchange ideas.

Beautifying and enhancing the school grounds

- Helped to cultivate the school gardens and maintain the nature trail in the school woods.

Middletown Springs Elementary School

Friends for Education



August 2013

- Friends for Education (FFE) is an organization committed to fostering a strong bond between the community and the school for the benefit of everyone.
- We support efforts that nurture a sense of community within the school and strive to build collaboration between teachers, students, staff and families to support the educational goals of the school.
- We recognize the diverse talents that teachers, parents and community members can bring to the school and so encourage all members of the community to participate in this important partnership.
- FFE is an organization open to anyone who wants to support quality education in the Middletown Springs School.

Everyone is Invited to Participate!

FAQs

When and where does FFE meet? –

FFE meets monthly at the school. Check Friday Notices and flyers for details.

What if I can't make meetings, can I still be involved in

FFE? Yes! We encourage you to join our e-mail list or contact the school so you can keep informed about events at the school.

How can I find out what FFE is doing? In addition to

communicating by e-mail, notices are put in the weekly school newsletter "Friday Notices" and on the school website.

What are some ways that I can get involved in the school? --

Add your name to the FFE e-mail/contact list

Contact Susan Rosso at the school to get on the list!

Provide refreshments –

Volunteer to provide or serve refreshments for events

Work with teachers to share your talents –

Share your special talents with your child's class

School grounds Projects –

Help with projects like the school garden and nature trail.

Artist in Residence/ Community Event –

Help in planning the annual Senior luncheon and performance for the community.

Workshops for parents –

Help to organize a guest speaker to address issues important to parents

Help with field trips and other events –

Volunteer to chaperone trips or help with school-wide events,

Fund raising

Volunteer to help with FFE fundraising events and writing grants.

Preliminary Friends for Education Events Calendar 2012 – 2013

Wednesday, August 29--

Healthy Start to the School Year -- First Day of School
Celebration & Community Breakfast

Thursday, August 30 – Friends for Education Meeting

Join parents and community members to help plan events
for the coming school year. 7 p.m. at the school.

Spring and Fall – Bike or Walk to School Challenge!

Sign up to join the challenge!

**Special Event, Workshop or Initiative – Perhaps you would like to
help plan an event!**

**Help bring Circus Smirkus to Town – This year for our annual
artist in residence, community performance and luncheon
with senior citizens, we'd like to bring Circus Smirkus to
MSES. Tentative dates Feb. 4 - 8.**

**Teacher and Staff Appreciation Event -- With your help we will
show the teachers and staff how much we appreciate all
they do for the children at MSES.**

