

Family Committee News

The **Library Committee** met on October 3rd and discussed reviewing books for possible purchase for the Children's School library. This year, we are primarily looking at books that address the seven pillars of character education – trustworthiness, respect, community, fairness, caring, resilience, and identity. Members took books home to review with their children so we can start purchasing appropriate texts for our library. Many of the books approved by the committee will be available to purchase for the school at our Barnes and Noble Book Fair on December 2nd, and the profits from the Book Fair will be used to buy other volumes. If you have suggestions for books to purchase or would like to review books with your child, please e-mail Maggie Rosenblum at rosenblu@andrew.cmu.edu. The **Book Fair Committee** met on October 30th at 9 am and 12:45 pm. We discussed possible themes and activities to offer during the event. A signup sheet for volunteers will be sent out shortly so please sign up and join us on that day!

The **50th Anniversary Committee** will be meeting on November 7th at 9 am to discuss plans for our kick-off event on January 22nd and for monthly events throughout 2018. Please join us if you can or e-mail Maggie Rosenblum if you have some suggestions for the year-long celebration.

A big **Thank You** to the members of the **Repair Committee** and the **Sewing Committee** who have been responding so promptly to our requests for help! Thanks to all the **Garden Committee**, **Monthly Appreciation Event Contributors**, and **End-of-the-Year Celebration Committee** members who have volunteered.

Family Social Organization Fun

On October 7th, friends came together at The Children's School for a fall T-ball game. Parents and children enjoyed hitting the ball and running the bases as well as playing the field. While some friends enjoyed a solid 45 minutes of t-ball, others felt drawn to play on The Children's School playground. After the game, everyone basked in the beautiful fall day while snacking on pretzels and apple cider and taking full advantage of the playground. This first ever Children's School T-ball game was a great success for both parents and children!



Friends met on October 22 at Amazing Yoga Oakmont to share their flexibility and breath. Favorite poses included down dog, giraffe, crab, and candle. The children and parents sang together while combining movement and motion. We ended with a dance party to spooky music!



You Are Invited to Participate!!

Join us for the November meeting of the FSO Book Club!

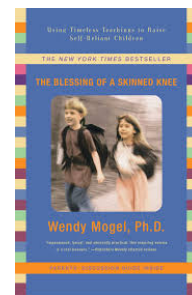
Thanks to everyone who joined us for the first book club meeting last week. We had a great discussion, and we're looking forward to chatting again next month! Our next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 2nd at 8:45am**. We'll be reading Chapters 3 & 4 of **The Blessing of a Skinned Knee**, by Wendy Mogel, Ph.D. (<http://a.co/ftkLtxl>) - but feel free to come and chat, even if you haven't read the book!

Date: Thursday, November 2nd @ 8:45am

Location: Carnegie Mellon Cafe (Not sure where that is? Meet outside the school office at 8:35 and walk with us!)

Reading: Chapters 3 & 4 (The Blessing of Having Someone to Look Up To & The Blessing of a Skinned Knee)

Discussion theme: Granting our kids freedom - where do we draw the line?



If you're interested in joining us, please RSVP to Sarah Deutsch at sarah.deutsch@gmail.com. Hope to see you there!

Give Thanks and Give Back with the Children's School FSO at the Squirrel Hill Food Bank

We've partnered with the Squirrel Hill Food Bank to give Children's School students a chance to learn about the work the food bank does and get hands-on experience with participating in helping neighborhood children. On **Friday, November 10th at 10am**, children will decorate a paper bag and then fill it with food and treats for a child in need. They'll also tour the food bank and learn about the work being done there. This event can accommodate 12 children each with an adult chaperone along with a donation item from the need list. Please rsvp to jocelynster@gmail.com to confirm your space and select a donation item.



Not able to attend but still want to utilize this learning moment with your child?

Donations from the need list can be dropped at the Children's School and will be transported to the food bank on the day of the event.

Contact jocelynster@gmail.com to find out what we need or list your donation directly on the public Google sheet below.

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1suRqdDuHqrN9GbSar67cbvrAgyIrqyvOheMUV2YQhDw/edit?usp=sharing>

Back by popular demand is a visit to Hatch Art Studio!

On **Sunday, November 19th at 3pm** the FSO will be hosting an "animal's in the wild" art activity. The cost is child is \$15 per child and there are 15 spaces available. We do ask that only one adult companion attend as there is limited space in the studio. The event lasts one hour and it is not to be missed! Don't wait to register; this event always fills. Please contact Jocelyn to rsvp or for any additional questions at jocelynster@gmail.com

