FSO Fun for Families

Many thanks to Jocelyn Mayr and Sarah Hummel for co-chairing our FSO Committee this past year! The co-chairs and committee have organized a wide variety of engaging experiences for families and helped promote community connections. If you would be interested in helping with this committee for the 2018-2019 school year, please contact Mrs. Rosenblum.

On Saturday, March 3rd, several friends collaborated on cooking a delicious afternoon snack at Gaynor's School of Cooking. We starting by rolling out cookie dough to make heart shaped cookies with crushed candy pieces in the center. Then, half the friends coated chicken fingers with breading, while the other half made delicious honey butter. And finally, there was lots of chopping of fruit and brushing butter on tortillas to make fruit salsa and cinnamon chips. We all got to enjoy our tasty creations together and take home the recipes to make again at home. Thanks to all who were able to join us!

On a rainy, cold and windy March 30th, two boatloads of Children's School families bravely took a Just Ducky Tour through downtown Pittsburgh. We started at Station Square and waddled our way downtown. To ensure our safety, we were unable to go into the river due to the high water levels. When the dam is open, the water travels at 8-9 knots and the Just Ducky boat only travels at 4-5 knots. We did, however, adventure down to the river walk to learn many interesting facts. There was a lot of quacking, and children even had a chance to "drive" the boat!
Children's School families visited the Squirrel Hill Food Pantry on Friday, April 13th for a wonderful volunteer activity. The children (and adults) had fun decorating brown paper bags with colorful designs. Then, we took a tour of the pantry, learning about the items available, such as matzah and diapers. One child even noticed that the rutabaga was on the wrong shelf in the cooler! We had lots of fun trying to assemble the snack bags in an orderly fashion. The bags were filled with items that Children's School families donated. Thanks so much for your 42 pounds of donations!

On Friday, April 20, Children's School families visited the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium for Wild Earth Day. We saw lots of wild animals, snacked at The Islands, enjoyed a talk with the shark keeper, made a craft, and played in Wild Kingdom. There was a small group of families but the enjoyable event lasted long. Some families stayed for close to six hours!

One More FSO Opportunity

Flight Trampoline Park

On Saturday, May 12th, please join the FSO at Flight Trampoline Park from 10:00am - 11:00am. This will be our last event of the year! Flight Trampoline Park offers a large trampoline area for children taller than 46 inches, as well as a Kiddie Court for children under 46 inches with small trampolines, a bounce house with a slide, and a foam pit. While we are there on Saturday, May 12, children under 46 inches, will be allowed to jump on the "big" trampolines from 10:00am - 11:00am. During that time, children taller than 46 inches will not be permitted to jump on the big trampolines. (Most of the Children's School friends are under 46 inches, meaning this rule should only affect older siblings.) After 11:00am, children taller than 46 inches will be allowed to jump on the big trampolines and children smaller than 46 inches will only be allowed in the Kiddie Court area. Cost is $9 per child, per hour. Each family will be able to pay separately as they arrive for however long they'd like to stay. Please tell them you are with the CMU Children's School to get the $9 price. All children will receive a pair of "flight socks", included in the price. All families will have to sign a release before their child can jump. Please RSVP to Jeni Hergenreder at jhergenreder@gmail.com. For more information or to complete a release online, please visit: www.flighttrampolinelark.com. RSVP to Jeni by Friday, May 4th so she can give the trampoline park an estimate of how many participants we’ll have. We hope to see you there!