

Family Social Organization (FSO)

The FSO had several great events over the winter break and in January! We hope everyone enjoyed these winter outings.

- We kicked off winter break with a "Morning at the Movies". We packed the theatre for our own special showing of "Frozen". Thanks again to the generous support of the Gancy family (parents of Julia, 4's), for arranging the showing for the Children's School community!
- Over the winter break, families also got together for informal playdates at the Science Center and Phipps Conservatory. At the Science Center, friends got active in SportsWorks. Racing each other, playing ice hockey, and rock climbing were just a few of the fun activities we enjoyed. We also had a chance to see the winter railroad all lit up for the holidays!
- At Phipps, we went on a scavenger hunt throughout the gardens. We also got to make special ornaments and potted plants to bring home with us. Of course, who can leave Phipps without a trip to the grocery store! Children's School friends cleaned out the shelves at the "Phipps grocery store" and got to learn about healthy eating at the same time!
- On January 18, more than 25 Children's School friends got together to try a free martial arts at the Ryer Martial Arts Academy. It was a wonderful class where children got active and learned about self-discipline.



The FSO book club had a great meeting as well. The next book club meeting is scheduled for after greeting on Wednesday, February 12th at Resnick Cafe. Our February reading is a short story called "Birthday Girl," which can be found in the book "Blind Willow, Sleeping Woman" by Haruki Murakami. Please contact Michelle Landau (mklandau@mac.com) if you have any questions.

If you haven't had a chance to participate, we hope you join us at a future event. We have several events between now and Spring Break.

- **Aviary Programs** on Feb 17th at 10 am and Feb 28th at 1:30 pm. Tickets are \$8 and include the "Talons" show, plus "Mother Nature's Diner" on the 17th and "To Be a Penguin" on the 28th. Please send an envelope with your name, child's name, number of tickets you want for which date(s) and either exact change or a check made out to the Children's School to Miss Hancock by Thursday, February 13 to reserve your spot. Contact Miss Hancock at lh37@andrew.cmu.edu with questions.
- **"Aladdin"** at the Gemini Theatre on March 1. Join the Children's School at The Factory on Saturday, March 1 at 3:30 for a special showing of "Aladdin". Tickets are \$11 and include a private tour of the theater following the show. Please send an envelope with your name, child's name, number of tickets you want and either exact change or a check made out to Gemini Theater to Ms. Drash by Monday, February 24 to reserve your spot. If you have questions, please contact Jessica Morowitz at jessicachristiemorowitz@gmail.com.

As always, we look forward to seeing you at the next event!

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