



Shining Stars Town Crier

Friendship Academy of Fine Arts

Building leaders through arts education

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Important Events

Poetry Slam

Friday, April 29, 2011
2:00pm

Parent Involvement Committee

Meeting Monday, May 2, 2011
5:00-6:00pm

Flowers For Kids

Thursday, May 19, 2011
2:00pm

Family Fun Bingo

Friday, May 20, 2011
6:00-7:30pm

Show Time at FAFA

Friday, June 3, 2011
6:30-8:00pm

Field Day

Monday, June 6, 2011
11:00-3:00pm

Awards Ceremony

Tuesday, June 7, 2011

Graduation (KG & Sixth)

Wednesday, June 8, 2011

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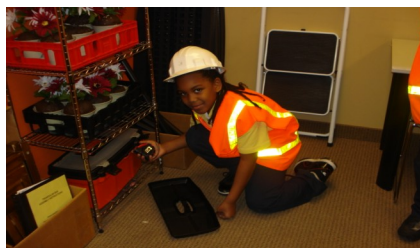
FAFA's Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth Graders at JA BizTown



DJ David-3rd grader was the Disc Jockey
at Radio Disney AM 1440



Teller, Javier closing out bank transactions
with BizTown Supervisor.



Construction worker Joshua loading up
his tool box to go on work site.

JA BizTown provides a simulated community where students assume the roles of workers and consumers. Through daily lessons, hands-on activities, and active participation at BizTown, students learn the basic concepts of business and economics and how education is relevant to the workplace.

While elementary school students are not old enough to drive, work, vote, or be the boss. At JA BizTown the students assume the roles of workers and consumers to develop a strong understanding of the relationship between what they learn in school and their successful participation in a worldwide economy.

JA More than Money teaches students about earning, spending, sharing, and saving money, and businesses they can start or jobs they can perform to earn money.



International Entrepreneurs;
Kylee Jo & Marionna ready to
assist with purchases.

Annual Read-A-Thon

This year "Ferm the Worm" came out to kick off our Annual Read-A-Thon. Thanks to all of the Parents, Grandparents, Family Members, Rotary Club and athletes at the University of Minnesota for making this week a success!!!

Spelling Bee Queen Naijia



Congratulations to our very own 3rd grader; Naijia Russell for representing FAFA in the MN Seven County Metro Area Regional Spelling Bee on March 12, 2011.



FAFA Presents the "Wax Museum"



In celebration of Black History Month, FAFA students created their own live wax museum of historical Black personalities. The students prepared speeches and created costumes for all of the featured Historical Black Personalities. The students then presented their speeches to fellow classmates, community and family members with the push of a button launching the first ever interactive Wax Museum.

Each grade level was assigned a theme: kindergarten students were inventors, 1st grade students were poets and writers, 2nd grade students were abolitionists, 3rd and 4th grade students were unsung heroes, 5th grade students were musicians, and 6th graders were lawyers and judges. All students were expected to conduct research on their assigned historical figure and to participate in the process. Among the many personalities were; President Obama, Al McFarlane, Barbara Jordan, Diana Ross, Shirley Witherspoon, Ray Charles, Thurgood Marshall, Maya Angelou, Phillis Wheatley and Harriet Tubman just to name a few.

The parents were part of the driving force, they encouraged their students to rehearse their parts. Parents at FAFA have demonstrated that they are committed to the academic success of their students. They are investing the necessary time and energy to support their students learning.

FAFA Sock Hop Dance

In February, the students enjoyed dancing to the latest tunes in their favorite socks at our very first sock hop. The students themselves voted on their classmates in the dance contest and best sock contest.



Walker Art Center



This year our K-2nd graders have the opportunity to go to the Walker Art Center to view the museum's large collection of paintings, sculptures, drawings and the must-see Spoon-bridge and Cherry' sculpture. The 55-foot spoon topped by a 15-foot red bing cherry is the garden's most famous display.



B. Safe Bear

American Red Cross Safety Mobile and B. Safe Bear paid a special visit to FAFA to talk to the children about important safety information and ways to prepare for and prevent emergencies.

Spring & Summer Weather Safety Tips : Weather can change without a lot of warning so kids are taught how to stay from lightning, floods, the sun, and the difference between a tornado watch and a tornado warning.

Parent Involvement Committee

Work with your child's school to support learning.

Studies show that the more parents work with their child's school, the better the school is. **Get a copy** of the school calendar. Write down important dates, and parent-teacher conferences. Attend as many as you can. **Find out** what your child will be learning. Ask the teacher how you can reinforce this at home. **Tell the teacher** you're eager to help. Ask about tasks you might do at home. **Help out** with school activities. Chaperone field trips or after school activities. Raise funds. Don't feel guilty if you don't have a lot of time to give. Your positive attitude and the quality of your involvements are what counts.

Back Popular Demand!
Family Fun Bingo Night
Friday, May 20, 2011
6:00-7:30pm
Fun for all ages!!

