



# Wichita Friends School Newsletter

Fall Edition Volume 13

## Reminders

### TODAY-Thanksgiving Play & Dinner

- ✓ 6:30 gather
- ✓ 7:00 eat
- ✓ 8:00 play
- ✓ Northridge Friends Church  
2655 Bullinger, Wichita, KS 67204
- ✓ See you there!

### Inclement Weather/School Closure:

- Check local TV / radio newscasts for information
- Check our website:  
[www.wichitafriendschool.org](http://www.wichitafriendschool.org)
- Closures normally posted by 6:00 am

### All School Feast Tuesday 11/24

- Please *don't* send a lunch with your child

### No School or Latchkey

- Wednesday 11/25 - Friday 11/27

Have a wonderful and safe  
Thanksgiving! May God richly bless  
your holiday!



## Coats, hats, gloves, play!

Several of the children were caught this week without warm coats and gloves! We do go outside for recess every day unless the temperature or wind chill is 15°F or below. Remember that sometimes the morning recess is much colder than the predicted high temperature for the day AND the wind is very chilly on the playground. Please provide your child with weather-appropriate coats, hats and gloves.

## Upcoming Events

### Nov. 20

- Thanksgiving Play & Dinner at Northridge Friends Church

### November 24

- Children's Thanksgiving Feast

### Nov. 25-27

- No School-Thanksgiving Holiday (no latchkey)

### Dec. 18

- End of 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks



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## October SPICE Awards

We have such a great group of students!! The following students (**Brennan Fairall, Sophia Buehler, Kennedy Dawson, Olivia Penner, Cordell Charbonneau and Rachel Duckett**) have been recognized for their extra effort in exemplifying simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship (SPICES) during the month of October. It is such a joy to see the positive contributions of all our students to our school community. Congratulations to these great students!

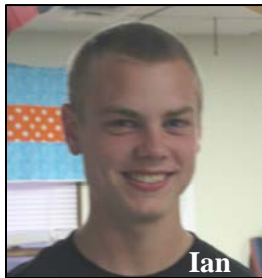
## Kindergarten Going, Growing, and Grateful!

In the weeks before Thanksgiving, we have been hard at work on Thankful Journals and personalized Thanksgiving Poems. The class has been reading "letters" from pilgrim and Indian children. We have been talking about oceans and travel in November and also began to explore different family and community traditions. Reading American Indian legends and poems about animals, and pairing these with factual stories has been a focus this month. The children developed their own stories and poems to share in a "pow-wow". They were thrilled to sit in the teepees and read by flash light!

**What a wonderful month!**

### Our staff in real life

Our very own Ian Christensen is participating in "The Higher Water Campaign." He is currently training to run in the Kansas Marathon in April of 2010. During CIY, a summer youth Christian retreat, Ian received a challenge card which told him to try to run a marathon within the next 12 months. He has taken this challenge and literally "run with it!" Besides physically training for the marathon, Ian and others from his church have combined this challenge with missions. They felt compelled to work with the Higher Water Campaign to fund clean drinking wells in 3<sup>rd</sup> world countries. These guys have designed shirts they are selling for \$15 and donating a minimum of \$5 each to help fund clean water. (Bigger orders mean bigger donations.) Ian and his friends will also be asking for sponsors during the marathon. If you are ever here during the afternoon, stop by and encourage Ian in his run!



### Oops!

The phone number was listed incorrectly for our new family the Atwaters.

The correct number is listed below:

**Elliean Atwater**  
**316-409-3865**

Parents: Emily & Matthew Atwater



Mrs. McElroy's class now has an individual water coloring station. The children have been learning how to rinse out the water cup, get "just a tiny, tiny bit" of water, put on the paint shirt, and then put everything away when they are finished. Everyone is doing a great job of following the procedure! Check out our bulletin board to see some of our beautiful watercolor art work!

### Shopping Suggestions

Great news for those of us who don't have the time or inclination to spend hours between now and Christmas running from store to store in pursuit of the perfect gift. Thanks to the Dillon's gift card kiosks you can use your Dillon's Certificates to purchase gift cards from a wide range of shops and restaurants. Help yourself and help the school! Remember that certificates are available in the school office or by mail, just contact [office@wichitafriendsschool.org](mailto:office@wichitafriendsschool.org) with any questions.

If shopping is your bag, we have a deal for you too! Why not get some private time to shop (or whatever!) while your students are here at latchkey. Remember that with the Referral Rewards program you can cash in on a free latchkey session (for you currently enrolled student) whenever someone you refer to the school comes for a tour. There are 8 slots open in the pre-kindergarten program for next semester. Refer a friend and take a break! Coupons are attached and more are available in the lobby.

### Financial Aid Updates

Financial aid applications for the 2010-2011 academic year are now open. To apply, go online to: <http://sss.nais.org>. Click on the prompt to begin your Parents' Financial Statement (PFS). **Our school code is 8201.** These forms are processed by SSS. All recommendations are kept strictly confidential. Please remember that financial aid awards are made on a "first come, first served" basis and that awards are only issued after a completed Enrollment Form has been received. Do not hesitate to contact Sabrina Duckett at 729-0303 or [sduckett@wichitafriendsschool.org](mailto:sduckett@wichitafriendsschool.org) if you have any questions.

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