

Friends School Parents Association 2009 – 2010 Accomplishments

The Friends School Parents Association (PA), which exists to instill unity among the constituents of the school by cooperating to enrich our children's lives, can count a number of achievements in the past academic year. These include:

- Provided representation and assistance at major school-sponsored events, including picnic for new families, ribbon cutting for new Dining Hall, Back to School Nights and receptions for accepted families.
- Receptions after major concerts and art shows.
- Provided a private music lesson scholarship
- Increased involvement by Parents Supporting Athletics in after-school activities.
- Supported year-long activities for the 225th Anniversary Celebration, including hosting the 225th Anniversary Gala at the Engineers' Club.
- Hosted first Holiday Meeting for Worship at the Stony Run Meeting House.
- Established a new email protocol and created a Facebook page to enhance communication with parents and other constituents.
- Hosted Mark Williams, author of "10 Lenses," in November, 2009 to initiate a discussion on diversity. More than 130 people attended.
- Held a 2010-2015 Strategic Planning process involving many constituents.
- Held successful Scarlet & Gray Day and Holly Fest.
- Held first Holiday Meeting for Worship at Stony Run Meeting House.

The PA also raised more than \$91,000 in 2009/2010, one of its best fund-raising years ever. A portion of these funds allowed the PA to contribute more than \$31,000 to purchase needed school items (the "Wish List") and to support other programs, including:

- A new choral riser and new cello rack for the music program
- 2 garden wagons for Pre-Primary
- Lower School purchases that included new carpeting, Friends School chairs for entry hallways, white boards and bookshelves
- Middle School purchases including textbooks for extended day students, a wall-mounted world map, sex education for grades 6 and 8, an AIDS speaker, sports equipment for lunch and breaks and Math Sequence floor paint.
- A new tablet cart, 9th Hall bench and robotics club purchases for the Upper School
- Set aside funds for a guest speaker for the Diversity Program
- Contributed an annual gift of \$2500 to the PA Tuition Fund. This Fund was established in 2000 and now totals about \$54,000.
- Contributed to the Haitian Relief Fund