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Meet Teacher Melody: Our Cool, New Assistant Principal

By Benedict T. and Charlie K.

You may have met Teacher Melody in her office or in the cafeteria or just walking around the halls. But did you know that our new Assistant Principal swam with manatees, loves ice hockey and used to work at Greene Street Friends' School?

When she worked at Greene Street Friends', Teacher Melody had many different jobs. She was a School Counselor, Dean of Lower School, Director of Support Services and she even started a summer camp called "Horizons". She said Greene Street Friends' felt like home to her and she wouldn't leave unless she found another place that felt like home. "I loved Friends' Central from the moment I came here," she said. "I loved how thoughtful and warm everyone was...the kids and the grownups. After my interview, I didn't want to leave." When we asked her to summarize our school environment in one word she said, "Nurturing"

Teacher Melody thinks that everyone has an internal gift and she wants to help each student find it!



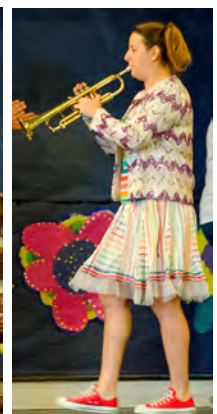
TEACHER MELODY SWIMMING WITH MANATEES IN FLORIDA!

Lights, Camera, Action!

By Maira Z. and Chloe M.

Have you ever heard the saying, "Mistakes are a part of an artist's masterpiece?" Well, we heard the teachers say it at the hilarious faculty play on Friday, September 29th. It's a lower school tradition to introduce the fall theme with a play. This year the theme is...The Arts!

The play showed us how art isn't just painting and drawing, it's in almost everything. It may seem crazy, but the message is also that "Everyone's an artist at FCS". The audience absolutely loved the play. We would rate this play 5 stars!



The Glorious Harvest Festival

By Bailey C. and Duncan M.

Have you ever been to a Harvest Festival? Well, FCS had a harvest festival that lasted for a whole week! On Monday, October 9th, the kids brought in all different fruits and vegetables from their gardens. Teacher Tiffany arranged them on tables in lots of hallways. There were pumpkins, peppers, tomatoes, potatoes, corn on the cob, basil, green beans and more! Also on Monday, the whole school tasted cooked potatoes and squash from the lower school garden.

On Tuesday, everyone in the school tasted pickled beets and cucumbers that also came from our garden. They were good and sour. The next day, we planted spinach for the winter with our book buddies. Each of us planted three seeds in the shape of a triangle with Ms. Daley. Then on Thursday and Friday, Nursery-4th graders prepared vegetables for Stone Soup. The fifth graders made the Stone Soup on Friday with about ten seniors from the Upper School. The soup was very good.

Finally on Friday afternoon, we had an assembly and the seniors read the story *Stone Soup* to everyone in the lower school. And that was our week of Harvest Festival!



Seniors from the Upper School helped us cook and then read the story *Stone Soup* to us.

Halloween Day

By Olivia A. and Parker H.

On October 31st, the vampires and zombies rose and the unicorns jumped with joy at the annual FCS Lower School Halloween parade. The costumes were amazing and scary. Everyone was unique in their own way.

The day began with every class getting ready for the big parade. Everyone circled around the building two times. Afterwards, they all went back to their classes to change out of their costumes, eat rice crispy treats, and drink apple cider.

Soon after snack, everyone gathered in the meeting room to hear some teachers tell stories. Ms. McBee told a story about a boy who loved to draw cats. Ms. Tedesco told a story about a skeleton that loved to dance. In between each story, "Carla" (aka Ms. Ovalle), and friends from different grades delivered singing telegrams, which were Halloween songs they learned in music class. The teachers told a couple of Halloween jokes, then ended the assembly with Ms. Lubking telling us about UNICEF.

