



Phoenix Press



We Bring News From FCS Lower School

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Welcome to Another Year at FCS

By Duncan McLuckie and Bailey Connors



Ring for the Joy of Learning
Ring for the Love of Friendship
Given by David and Marcia Slade
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Welcome to the first issue of the *Phoenix Press* and welcome back to school!

On Friday, September 8th, the lower school gathered outside around the Friendship Bell. Our principal, Ms. Pierre called 5th grader, Emily up to ring the bell and start the new year. Ms. Pierre read the plaque next to the Friendship Bell which states, "Ring for the joy of learning, Ring for the love of friendship". After the bell ringing, we all went down to the Meeting Room to meet and greet all the new students and teachers.

You are reading the first issue of the *Phoenix Press*. This is a newspaper written by some students in 5th grade during newspaper club which happens at lunch time.

Hope you have a great year here at FCS and enjoy the *Phoenix Press*!

The lower school newspaper is brought to you by the following 5th graders:
Alex, Bailey, Ben, Benedict, Charles, Chloe M., Duncan, Maira, Olivia, Parker, Sam and Theo.

Meet Teacher Brandi

By Olivia Anyumba, Charlie Klein and Theo DeSouza

Have you ever wanted to know why and how new teachers come to the school? Well, we have a story here about our new 5th grade humanities teacher, Teacher Brandi. Teacher Brandi says that her students are the best part of being at this school. "Everyone here is different and unique in their identities," she said. She is enjoying getting to know her students better.

We asked her to describe our school environment in one word and she said, "Family". That's because she can talk to her students and laugh with them about their common interests like

movies, books and sports. Teacher Brandi has taught many grades including first and third grade. "I don't have a favorite grade," she said. "I just love teaching."

Teacher Brandi came to Friends Central from Chicago. She loved it there because she felt that she was surrounded by "Black Excellence"...black people with great qualities and abilities that went very far. But she decided to come to Philadelphia because she wanted to challenge herself with a new grade and take herself out of her comfort zone. She wanted to become a better teacher. "I want to teach my students how to find their own voices and to care for others," she said. "Social justice is really important to me. It's okay to be yourself."

Teacher Brandi thinks that 5th graders can change the world!



All About Ms. Lee

By Alex Duvivier, Ben Hebert and Sam Lord

"When I visited here last spring, I noticed that the teachers were very intelligent and the children were open-minded," says Ms. Lee, our new 5th grade mathematics teacher. "I was very impressed by that." That's why she decided to come here from her old school, Baldwin, an all-girls school.

Before coming here, Ms. Lee taught 4th grade for the majority of her teaching years. She also used to work at a school called Pennsbury. Ms. Lee says she never thought she would be a teacher, but she liked young kids and her mentors always said she would be a good teacher. While she was a kid, Ms. Lee's favorite subjects were reading and social studies. But we can see that she likes math! Ms. Lee also likes to cook, play the piano and socialize with friends.



We are so happy to have Ms. Lee teaching here in 5th grade!

The Bully Buster Comes to FCS

By Parker Hoppy and Benedict Tessler

Do you know how to deal with bullies? Well, we do now! On September 29th, actors from The Walnut Street Theatre came to FCS and put on a fantastic performance about how to deal with bullies. The skits were funny, entertaining, and gave students helpful strategies. In one of the skits, Alex, the bully, was stealing Timmy's lunch money, grabbing his arm, and snatching his hat.

Being bullied makes you feel really bad inside. If you are being bullied, you start by telling a teacher or an adult you can trust that someone is picking on you. After you tell an adult, you can try to understand why the person behaved like a bully. You can try to talk to the bully and resolve the situation. The most important thing we learned is to be an upstander, not a bystander. That means if you see someone being bullied you try and fix it, not just watch. You can try to tell the bully to stop, but if they don't listen, tell a trusted adult.



PIGGLES AND THE PAINTING

A STORY BY MAIRA ZAIDI

Hi there! My name is Mr. Piggelbottum but you can call me Piggles. I'm five years old. Today, I am painting a picture for my mommy, Ms. Weird. She is the human who adopted me and I love her so much! By the way, did I tell you I'm a pig? Well anyway, I am going to paint a picture, but I don't know what to paint. Hmm...Oh, I know! I'll build a time machine so I can get some advice!

Piggles builds a time machine

Okay and now I'll take Piggies, my stuffed pig, and go to meet Leonardo da Vinci!

**Piggles goes back in time to Leonardo da Vinci's house*.*

Whoa, this is too cool, right Piggies? Suddenly I heard, "Ahhhh! Murderer! Please don't kill me!" It was Leonardo. He doesn't know who I am. "I come in peace for inspiration for a painting," I said to Leonardo. "Oh, well all you have to do is be imaginative. Like me imagining to be with my true love," da Vinci said. "We all have imagination. We just have to learn to use it," he said. "Ok. Bye Leonardo," I said. "And by the way, thanks for the advice." And with that, I left.

Leonardo looked shocked but hey, I had to get back to draw my painting. After I came home I drew the picture. It is a picture of my mommy, Ms.Weird! She said she loves it and that it looks like the Mona Lisa. I guess everyone has an artist on the inside just waiting to come out. Bye-bye.

