

BETHESDA
FRIENDS
MEETING



FIRST DAY SCHOOL
HANDBOOK

2011/2012

First Day Schedule

9:15 – Meeting for Worship with a Concern for Business in the Meetinghouse on the first First Day of the month. Childcare is offered.

9:30 – Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse except when Meeting for Business is in session. No child care.

10:45 – Year-round child care opens in the basement of the Meetinghouse for infants and preschoolers up to age 5. Peggy Scott and Martha Shaw are the child care teachers. A parent volunteer is needed each week – please sign up on the BFM website!

11:00 – Meeting for Worship in the Meetinghouse. Children attend Meeting with their parents for 15 minutes.

11:15 – Children leave the Meeting and meet their teachers for First Day School classes. Parents are encouraged to help the teachers on a regular rotation. The first First Day of each month children in grades K-8 meet for Worship and Sing. Parents are welcome to join their children.

12:00 noon – Rise of Meeting for Worship. Children return to Meeting with their teachers. They may wait quietly in the library or rejoin their parents in Meeting. Parents with children in Child Care room are asked to pick up their children after announcements.

12:15 – Refreshments in the Library. On the second First Day of the month, potluck is held in the All-Purpose room of the Groome Building.

Please check the Newsletter, Weekly Bulletin and announcements for changes. A First Day School bulletin board with sign up sheets, curriculum and activities is in the library.

2011-2012 Classes

This year the First Day School classes will focus on Quaker faith and practice.

Calendar of Special Events

September 11 - First Day School registration and classes begin

October 2 - Experiment with Light

October 16 - Walk for the Homeless

November 20, December 4 & 11 – Preparation for Christmas Program

December 18 – Christmas Program

November 27, December 25, Jan 1 – No First Day School

April 24 - Easter egg decoration

May 22 – Distribution of Bibles (4th graders)

June 5 – Last day of classes

Religious Education Committee

Paula Alonso
Corky Bryant
Chris Darnell
Peggy Edwards
China Jessup
Bob Smith
Tina Warnick, co-clerk
Meg Wilder, co-clerk

Religious Education Committee meetings are held once a month at 9:30 in the first floor lounge of the Groome Building.

First Day School Classes & Teachers 2011/2012

Childcare (birth-5 years) Basement of Meetinghouse

Kindergarten & Grade 1
Room 104, first floor of the Groome Building.
Susan Rich, Chris Meyers, Peggy Edwards

Grades 2 & 3
First floor lounge of the Groome Building
Ellen Harter, Corky Bryant

Grades 4 & 5
Art room in the SAM building
Sara Anderson

Grades 6, 7 & 8
Room 107, first floor of the Groome building
Currently meets with 4 & 5

Grades 9, 10, 11 & 12
Teachers' lounge – Manor House
Lu Molenje

Sidwell Friends Lower School Campus Map



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| 1. | Manor House | 5. | SAM Building |
| 2. | Breezeway | 6. | Gym |
| 3. | Groome Building | 7. | Upper Field |
| 4. | Meetinghouse | 8. | Bethesda Library |