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Chicago Friends School announces a series of Friday night events for community families

Chicago, IL – The Chicago Friends School is pleased to announce a series of First Friday Family Fun Nights, beginning with the first slated for Friday, October 7, 2011 from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. The event will be held at the school's new location at 1244 W. Thorndale Avenue. Interested families should RSVP by calling (773) 442-2371.

The theme of the October 7 event is Arts and Crafts. Family-friendly activities will include face-painting with Celia Calder, Creepy Critters with Contessa Miller, Origami from Trash with Faith Gately, Make Your Own Headband with Sophie de la Mar, and Introduction to Beading with Genevieve McCann. "We teach the three C's—courage, compassion, and creativity—in addition to the three R's," said Sophie de la Mar, Administrative Co-Clerk of the Chicago Friends School, "and we hope families will exercise their creative streak at our Arts and Crafts night." Pizza and refreshments will also be served.

First Friday Family Fun Nights begin as the Chicago Friends School moves to its new location on Thorndale in the Edgewater neighborhood. "We are excited to be here," de la Mar said. "We can't wait to get to know our new neighbors." Events will be held the first Friday of each month and are open to all interested families.

Chicago Friends School is a coeducational elementary school that is preparing to reopen in the fall of 2012 at 1244 W. Thorndale with a kindergarten/first grade classroom. Guided by Quaker principles of peace, equality, simplicity, integrity, community, and service, the Chicago Friends School welcomes Quaker and non-Quaker children of diverse backgrounds. The school provides an educational environment that meets children's intellectual, social and emotional needs, nurtures relationships, and that fosters a sense of belonging, social awareness, and personal responsibility. For more information, visit www.chicagofriendsschool.org.

Future Chicago Friends School events are scheduled for the following dates:

Friday, November 4, 2011 – November's First Friday Family Fun Night will feature a sing-a-long with Ted Ehnlé and the "Rise Up Singing" songbook from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with pizza and refreshments.

Saturday, November 5, 2011 – An open house for prospective families at Chicago Friends School will be held at 2:00 p.m.

Saturday, November 12, 2011 – A "Faith and Play" storytelling and discussion will be led by Sophie de la Mar from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., featuring the story "Gifts", which is about each person's unique gifts.

Friday, December 2, 2011 – December's First Friday Family Fun Night will feature a screening of the movie "Toy Story" from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. with pizza and refreshments.

Saturday, December 17, 2011 – A "Faith and Play" storytelling and discussion will be led by Sophie de la Mar from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., featuring the story "Listening for God" about the ways we know the Spirit is present.

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