

July 2010

Dear Lower School Parents,

I am delighted to join Friends Select School as the new director of lower school. I have been busy settling into life in Philadelphia and happily connecting with the good people at school. I have been continuously engaged and energized by the thoughtful conversations I've enjoyed with my new colleagues. Your children are in good hands.

I know that former lower school director Michael Zimmerman wrote to you earlier this summer about the comings and goings of the lower school faculty. Here is a quick recap:

### CHANGING ROLES

- **Andrew Thompson** will return to his role as a pre-kindergarten assistant teacher working with Kate Rice.
- **Robin Landis** will return to her kindergarten class after maternity leave. She will work assistant teacher **Alec McGovern**, who will also serve as the pre-kindergarten art teacher.
- **Ariela Kuh** will become an assistant first grade teacher working with Anne Thomforde-Thomas.
- **Liz Moyer** will take on the new section of third grade as a lead teacher.
- Dance and movement instructor **Lisa White-Jones** will assist learning specialist Amy McCann.
- Assistant teachers **Craig Bierman** and **Dave Mayberry** will support all three third grade classes next year.

### NEW FACES

- **Jessica Brister** will work with Carol Sime as a second grade assistant teacher.
- **Sherry Schaeffer** will teach the new section of fifth grade.
- **Francoise Thenoux** will join the school as lower school Spanish teacher.

New families should know that a separate mailing will be coming at end of August with class placement information including the name of your child's teacher and room number.

I very much look forward to working with the fine lower school faculty and getting to know Friends Select families this fall. Until then, I hope you have a little extra time this summer to relax with family and friends.

See you in September,

David Wood  
Director of Lower School

**P.S. Please note this change in access to the building:** Starting September 7, the front door (at 17<sup>th</sup> Street and Benjamin Franklin Parkway) will be locked and the reception area will be closed at 5 p.m., instead of 6 p.m., as in the past. The back door (16th Street entrance) will continue to be staffed from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m., and from 2:30 – 6 p.m. Entry to the school from 8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. will continue to be via the front door only. As always, parents and visitors will be asked to provide proper identification before proceeding into the building.