

## Family Update      September 6, 2011

Last week we had our first Safety Drill of the school year.

This is a monthly event in which we sound the fire alarm and exit the school quickly and safely. For the first drill, we tell the children in advance so they are not surprised and we always call it a "safety" drill instead of a fire drill. Storm drills are done in the Spring. This year we had several actual tornado warnings so the drills came in very handy. Our teachers and students do an excellent job responding quickly and calmly to weather events. Some sad news to report this week is that Buddy the Frog has died. For years, he was the classroom pet in Lower Elementary and then he moved across the hall where Ms. Denaee became his caretaker for several years. Lately, Ms. Ruthie, Ms. Rachel and Ms. Molly and the children in Preschool 2 have loved and cared for him. African water frogs can live a long time and Buddy was at least fourteen years old. He was active and extremely food-motivated right up until the end. We will miss him badly.



### Upcoming Events:

<u>Tuesday, September 6:</u>	Preschool Extended Day Art begins with Amelia Breed
<u>Wednesday, September 7:</u>	Drama Club begins after school
<u>Saturday, September 10:</u>	Middle School Lock-In
<u>Friday, September 16:</u>	Garden Explorers Club begins
<u>Tuesday, September 20:</u>	Matt Hinkin, Meteorologist visits Upper Elementary
<u>Thursday, September 22:</u>	Middle School visits Fountain City Library to hear Bill Landry
<u>Friday, September 23:</u>	Conference Day, no school Coupon Book Sales Begin
<u>Monday, September 26:</u>	Scholastic Bookfair begins
<u>Wednesday, September 28:</u>	Montessori 101 for parents
<u>Thursday, September 29:</u>	School-Wide Potluck
<u>Tuesday, October 4:</u>	Speech & Hearing Screenings
<u>Friday, October 7:</u>	Middle School Field Trip, Battle of Fort Sanders
<u>Thursday, October 13:</u>	Inservice, no school
<u>Friday, October 14:</u>	Fall Holiday, no school
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This week, our elementary and middle school classrooms will take time to reflect on the events of 9/11/2001 as the tenth anniversary of that tragedy is observed. Our students will hear a story called 14 COWS FOR AMERICA, a true story about a Maasai tribe in Kenya who heard America's story and had broken hearts for us. To honor our people they donated their greatest treasure, their cows, because "there is no nation so powerful it cannot be wounded nor a people so small they cannot offer comfort."

This is a lovely book with a message of hope and love which were the true gifts we received from the people of Kenya.