

Day: Thursday
Date: January 11, 2017
Time: 8:00 am
Place: The Community Room



Dear Parents,

PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS **NOT** THE FIRST THURSDAY OF JANUARY

At Friends School Haverford growing up and interacting with people who are different than you is a benefit that enriches every student's daily experience and serves her or him well as preparation for life and living.

A group of FSH parents have been meeting regularly for two years to talk about the value derived from our school's diversity and how to celebrate this aspect of our program with such events as last year's panel discussion.

At the **January 11 Thursday Coffee** I hope you will join representatives of our parent diversity group, several middle school students, learning specialist Amy McCann, and me for a book group style discussion of diversity.

Among other things conversation will focus on the book, *Brown Girl Dreaming* by Jacqueline Woodson. You need not have read the book to attend the coffee. However, we have a number of copies of the book in the school office and would be happy to provide you with one. If you are interested, please stop by the office to pick one up or send a note to the office and will send a copy of the book home with your child.

If you have questions about our Carousel Connections friends or our partnership with Brandywine Senior Living facility; if you wonder about how best to talk with children of various ages about diversity; if you have questions of your own; if you have experiences pertaining to diversity that you would like to share—please join us for this Thursday Coffee!

We will gather at 8:00 am to enjoy refreshments and each other's company. We will begin the meeting at 8:15 am.

If the topic of this month's coffee is of interest to you but you are unable to attend the meeting, please feel free to contact Nancy Hurley in the office to schedule an appointment to meet with me at a time that is convenient for you.

Regular and forthright discussion, open lines of communication, and the exchange of ideas improve our community. I am grateful for your support. I am always happy to hear from you. Please feel free to come to First Thursday coffees with topics of your own to propose for discussion.

I hope to see you there,

Michael