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We Bring News From FCS Lower School



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World Class Philadanco Performs at the LS

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What special event was so fantastic that all the sixth and seventh graders came down to Lower School to view it?

Philadanco...an international dance company that hails from the city of Philadelphia and specializes in modern dance. On Friday, November 13th, the dancers performed three dances for us. They were enthusiastic, flawless and energetic.

The first dance honored Rosa Parks. The dance was a ballet showing Rosa Parks on the bus. Next was Suite Otis, a modern ballet featuring the male dancers. Lastly, a dance was called Pretty is Skin Deep, Ugly to the Bone. It had a lot of jumping and movement in pairs. One of the highlights of the assembly was taking many students from the audience to teach them some dance moves. It was a great performance!

The LS and the sixth and seventh grade audience enjoyed Artistic Director Joan Myers Brown 's Philadelphia Dance Company. Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Rohrer said, "I teared up at the beginning because there was so much emotion without words". Students said, "It was awesome....really, really good".













William Penn And Chief Tamanend Visit FCS

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Who put the Penn in Pennsylvania? William Penn, that's who! On Friday, November 6th, Mr. Briggs and Mr. Bower put on a play about how Pennsylvania came to be. In the play, Mr. Bower is William Penn and Mr. Briggs is Chief Tamanend. Their meeting is the story that created Pennsylvania. This article will tell you how William Penn got to Pennsylvania and what challenges he faced when he met the Native Americans.

William Penn was born in England and faced many challenges. His father belonged to the Church of England but William became a Quaker. The penalty for being a Quaker was to go to jail. King George of England owed William's father some money but he couldn't pay it. When William's father died and William came out of jail, the King repaid the debt with land in America.

After William arrived in America he had a meeting with Chief Tamanend under the Elm Tree in what is now Penn Treaty Park. They made a treaty where they promised to have peace between the Lenape and the Quakers as long as the sun shines. Chief Tamanend was surprised that William brought no weapons. He said, "No swords, no guns?" Chief Tamanend gave Penn a beaded shell belt and William gave the Chief gold coins and other useful items. As they departed William said, "We are all related, sons of the One Spirit".

Alas, the Peace did not last. William Penn's sons later cheated the Lenape Indians and the tribe moved West.

Now we know how Pennsylvania came to be. Remember...we live in *The City of Brotherly Love!*







<u>l know you're gonna eat me, but</u> have a good Thanksgiving anvwav



HAPPY THANKSGIVING FROM THE EDITORS, MAX SCHUSTER & MILES RAINWATER, AND ALL OF THE FIFTH GRADERS.

Poetry Corner

The Magic Of Silkworms



By Lauren Coss

First you start small
Closed up inside
Wonder you wonder
When will you open your eyes?
Then you are living
and then too soon
it is over

in a blink of an eye
just as soon as I finish a line on this paper
hidden in these words forever.