

FRIENDS SCHOOL OF PORTLAND

An independent Quaker day school for preschool-8th grade

The Ecology of Hope: Engaging Families in Environmental Education

A workshop for Educators with Dr. Sandra Steingraber Tuesday, May 11th 3:30 – 5:30 p.m.

What is the relationship between everyday environmental toxins and children's health and readiness to learn?

What role should educators play in family education about environmental health? What can we learn from each other about creating clean classrooms?

These are some of the questions that teachers will engage in during <u>Sandra Steingraber's</u> afternoon workshop at the Friends School of Portland and the following public lecture **The Ecology of Hope: Reflections on Parenting, the Environment and Activism** at the Abromson Community Education Center, USM.

Steingraber is an internationally renowned speaker who will discuss the intersection between environmental health, children's health and the importance of policy reform. She is also the mother of two young children and her current research emphasizes the importance of environmental consciousness for children and those who care for them. Resources will also be provided by the Learning Disabilities Association of Maine's Healthy Children's Program. There will be time for teachers to share ideas and meet others who are interested in the importance of environmental health and education as an integral aspect of early childhood education. Those requesting CEUs will be asked to develop and share lesson plans or other resources by June 10th.

Please register early, as the workshop is limited to 25 participants.

- If you would like to earn <u>one</u> CEU please send in your registration and a \$75.00 fee. The full program includes the 3:30-5:30 workshop, a light dinner, and the 7:00pm public lecture, as well as a follow-up sharing of lesson plans or action documents.
- To register for the workshop without the CEU please send in your registration and \$35.00 fee
- The public lecture is free and open to the public -- Please distribute the attached flyer to the families you work with!

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Age of children that you work with _		
I'm registering for the workshop		

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