

PMFS Remembers Frumi Cohen, Music and Drama Teacher (1977-2017)



"And when we're gone, our hearts will still belong.."

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Dear Friends,

I am writing to share the sad news that former longtime PMFS music teacher, Frumi Cohen, passed away early Wednesday morning. Frumi served Plymouth Meeting Friends School with devotion for an incredible 40 years before retiring in 2017. Her creative spirit and drive for social justice left an indelible mark on the lives of

countless alumni and their families as well as scores of colleagues who had the privilege of working with and learning from her.

In her role as both music and drama teacher, Frumi nurtured and challenged generations of Plymouth students and their families. Iconically, she will be remembered for composing our beloved school song and for the sixth grade musicals she not only directed but also wrote and scored herself. More than fun elementary school productions, Frumi's productions spoke to the times with meaningful messages and, most importantly, provided opportunities for students to create, collaborate, and find their voices.

"So, the lights come up on this year's sixth grade as they revel in their accomplishments, hard work, new skills, and newfound confidence. And, in the end, of course, there is the applause. But that's not what stays with me, not why I do this year after year. It's the memory of that bright light shining on all that teamwork and all that self-discovery and growth that plays in my mind long after the lights fade to black." Frumi Cohen, "Journal of a Middle School Musical."

I invite you to take some time to read <u>Catching Up with Frumi Cohen</u>, a wonderful interview in the Alumni Spotlight article from March 2024 that captures Frumi's experiences at Plymouth in her own words and includes links to some of her original songs, a video about the making of the sixth grade musical, and a gallery of her beautiful post-retirement photography.

A memorial service will be held this Monday, November 3, 2025, at 11:00 a.m. at Congregation Kol Emet, 1360 Oxford Valley Rd., Yardley PA 19067.

In closing, I invite you to join me and the entire Plymouth Meeting Friends School community in holding Frumi's spirit, her wife Noa, and her entire family in the Light.

In peace,

Matthew Bradley; Interim Head of School







"So here's our song...from us to you..."