# West Side School

# **Friday Notes**

Friday, November 16, 2012



# **Principal's Corner**

During morning assembly this week, Alex Grey addressed the student body and shared his experience during Hurricane Sandy and its aftermath in order to generate support in collecting sweatshirts for the homeless. Let's all help Alex in this worthy endeavor as he works to complete his Mitzvah project.

In the classroom, second graders worked on solving word problems in Math. Many of them also edited their snapshot books using a checklist during Writing. Third graders used their drawings of South African Ndebele houses to begin the process of creating 3-dimensional houses made of clay. After the houses are sculpted and dried, the students will use glazes for color. Students also learned about visualization in the area of Writing and practiced writing using the five senses. In fourth grade, students learned about writing and hearing patterns in Music using scales as a guide. They also created charts in small groups in order to understand inner thoughts while reading nonfiction. In fifth grade, parents joined in as our learners participated in the annual Pumpkin Math festivities in the Community Room. Special thanks to William Blumin for taking pictures of the event in connection with the HERO Project. Finally, in sixth grade, students spoke about utilizing their tool belts in Math, began outlining their Mesopotamia chapter in Social Studies, and participated in discussions about density in Science. Thank you to all of the sixth graders who had lunch with me to discuss your expectations for the HERO Project. We are off to a great start!

# **West Side School Hurricane Sandy Relief Efforts**

Student Council Sandy Relief Drive

Donation boxes created by our classroom representatives have been placed in each classroom at West Side School. Student Council is asking each student to donate to the Hurricane Sandy Relief Fund by placing money into the donation box in his or her classroom. The donation boxes will remain in the classrooms until Tuesday, November 20th. Our goal is to raise \$500. We hope everyone participates in this endeavor to help all those impacted by this terrible tragedy.

### WSS Faculty and Staff Bake Sale

West Side teachers and staff members will be baking goodies to sell as a way to help the victims of Hurricane Sandy. These baked goods will be on sale for parents only on Wednesday, November 21st from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. All food will cost \$20 and proceeds will go to the Hurricane Relief Fund for Long Island.

#### Sweatshirt Drive

A bin has been placed in the Airplane Wing by sixth grader, Alex Grey, for students, staff members, and parents to donate sweatshirts for the homeless in New York City. Alex is collecting both child and adult-sized sweatshirts for the homeless through December 6th.

# **Early Dismissal Wednesday**

Next Wednesday, November 21st, will be a half-day for the students. Please be advised that we will be conducting our annual early dismissal drill which will begin at 11:30. Dismissal will take place at 11:50.

#### **District Calendar Update**

As a result of the school closings due to the recent severe weather, the following days which were previously designated as vacation days will now be days of regular instruction (school will be in session): Monday through Friday, February 18th through 22nd, and April 1st.

# **After School Program**

Our After School Program will continue next week, the week of November 26th, and the week of December 3rd. Our winter session will begin on January 7th.

#### **Photo Retake**

Photo Re-Take Day has been rescheduled for December 3rd.

#### Science Fair

Our Science Fair for grades 2-5 has been rescheduled for Monday, December 10th. This year, we are inviting parents to take a gallery walk to see all projects during the school day instead of in the evening. Please feel free to stop by the school during the day to take a look at our students' projects.

# Winter Concert Update

The Winter Concert scheduled for December 18th has been rescheduled. We are currently looking at two dates in January. Please stay tuned.

# **Coffee with the Principal**

Mr. Simon's first Coffee with the Principal will take place on Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, in the Community Room. Topics may range from questions you have about your student to our curriculum or any other pertinent school issues that parents have questions about.

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Please see the attached document for the updated Parent-Teacher Conference schedule. We will resume on Monday, November 19th, with grade 3.

# 2013 All County and LISFA Selections

Congratulations to all of the 2013 All County and LISFA Selections: Elijah Farkash - Band Trumpet/Cornet, Colin Bacchi - Chorus Alto, Samantha Bennardo - Chorus Alto, Kelly Gallagher - Chorus Alto, Gabrielle Gilchrist - Chorus Alto, Emilie Jimbo - Chorus Alto, Julia Kopp - Chorus Alto, Jonathan McGowan - Chorus Alto, Zoe Nesi - Chorus Alto, Benjamin Reichbach - Chorus Alto, Hank Tsekerides - Chorus Alto, Michael Davis - Jazz Band Trumpet, Raffi Sanna - Orchestra Violin, and Sophia Stearn - Orchestra Violin.

### **Searching for Natural-Colored Cardboard**

The Art Department is collecting cardboard scraps that are brown in color for a city relief project for fifth grade. Any scraps that people can deliver would be greatly appreciated. Please send them to the Art room.

# West Side Wednesday

Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on November 28th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts!

## **WSSTA**

We are pleased to announce that this year's West Side School theater production will be "You're A Good Man Charlie Brown", a crowd-pleasing show that has been adapted to include the whole Peanuts gang from Woodstock to Schroeder. We will also be double-casting the lead roles this year, ensuring that as many children as possible can participate. If you are interested in having your child audition, please mark down Wednesday, November 28th for a Parents Information Meeting that will take place in the Community Room at 2 pm. You will have a chance to meet this year's director and have any questions answered about this year's production. Auditions will be on December 12th and the show dates this year are April 6th and 7th. You can find out more information about the show at <a href="https://www.wssta.org">www.wssta.org</a>.

# **DNA Saturday**

DNA Saturday has been postponed. A new date is in the works. An update will follow in the coming weeks.

# **Upcoming PTG Meeting**

The next PTG meeting will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 AM.

# **Board of Education**

The next regular BOE meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 8:00 PM at the District Office.

# **Banking Day**

Our next Banking Day will be held on Thursday, December 6th. We will continue to have banking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

# **Attachments from the School**

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# Cold Spring Harbor Central School District Buildings & Grounds Department

75 Goose Hill Road Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

(631) 367-5938

# **MEMO**

To: All Parents

From: Mark Margolies

Date: November 13, 2012

RE: Early Dismissal Drill

# **NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS**

# EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL - EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENT

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District has scheduled its annual test of the Early Dismissal Drill for:

# Wednesday, November 21, 2012

All pupils in Grades K through 12 will be released <u>10 minutes earlier</u> in order to test the early dismissal response of the DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

# Early Dismissal Time:

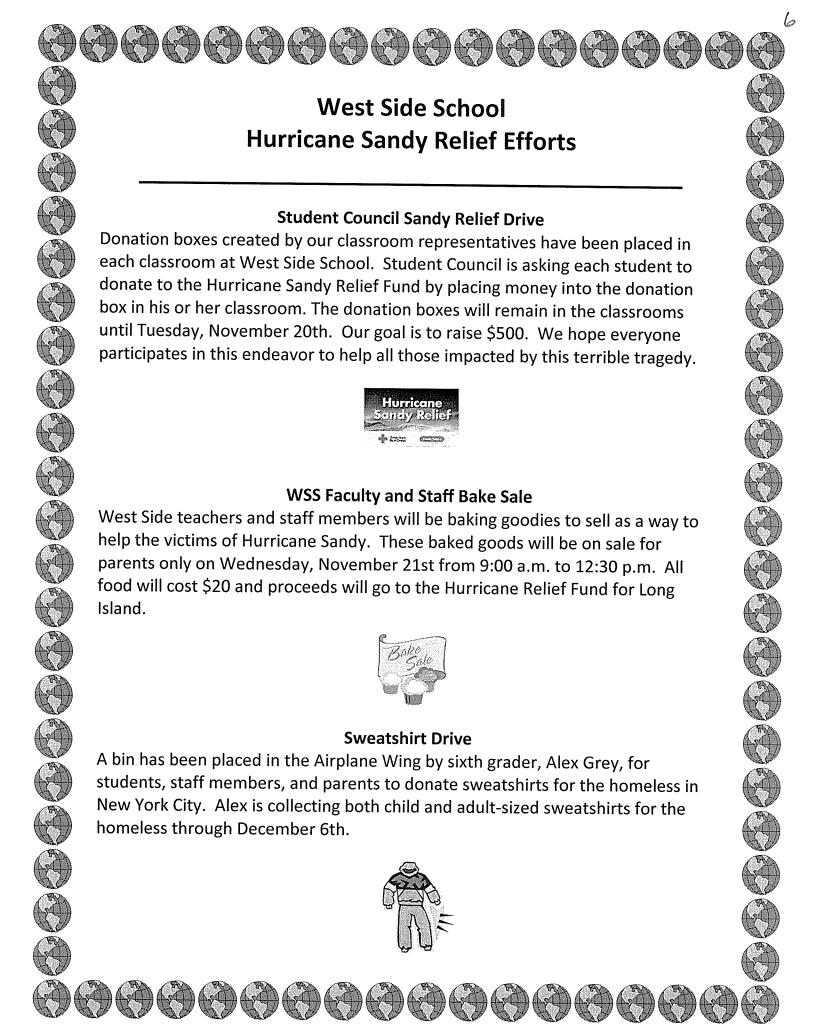
Goose Hill Primary	11:50 a.m.
West Side Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Lloyd Harbor Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Jr/Sr High School	2:15 p.m.

Please make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of your children as a result of this drill. If your child is picked up at school, please adjust your schedule accordingly. Thank you.

MM/ga

# Rescheduled Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences November 2012

Monday 11/12	Veteran's Day – School Closed
Tuesday 11/13	P/T Conferences Gr 4 (*as previously scheduled for Mon 10/29)
Wednesday 11/14	P/T Conferences Gr 5 (*as previously scheduled for Tues 10/30)
Thursday 11/15	P/T Conferences Gr 6 (*as previously scheduled for Thurs 11/1)
Friday 11/16	P/T Conferences Gr 2 (*as previously scheduled for Fri 11/2)
Monday 11/19	P/T Conferences Gr 3 (*as previously scheduled for Mon11/5)
Tuesday 11/20	P/T Conferences Gr 4 (*as previously scheduled for Wed11/7)
Wednesday 11/21	Noon Dismissal
Monday 11/26	P/T Conferences Gr 5 (*as previously scheduled for Thurs 11/8)
Tuesday 11/27	P/T Conferences Gr 6 (*as previously scheduled for Fri 11/9)
Wednesday 11/28	
Thursday 11/29	
Friday 11/30	



# HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE CALLING ALL BAKERS Thursday 12/13/21012

It is almost time for our annual West Side Holiday Cookie Bake. If you would like to volunteer, please bring 4-6 dozen cookies, bars or other tasty holiday treats, which will be made into beautiful gift trays for our West Side Teachers and Staff. Not a baker? bakery goods are fine but please no pre packaged cookies. If you would like to donate cookies or would like to help wrap and deliver on Thursday 12/13 please email Gina at rgm39hill@aol.com please put COOKIE BAKE in subject line.

Cookies can be dropped off Thursday morning to the community room between 8:00 and 10:00 wrapping will begin 10:30. Thank you in advance for your help!!!! Happy Baking!!!!

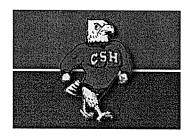
\*\*Disposable trays are recommended

# COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

\*\* PLEASE POST \*\*

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on November 29, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

William Bernhard, District Clerk



Parents,

Registration **IS NOW OPEN** for 2013 Spring Intramural and Travel Lacrosse, K - 6th Grade.

Please go to the website, www.cshlax.com to register.

**Registration will close on 12/15/12 for Travel**, Boys 2nd - 6th/Girls 3rd - 6<sup>th</sup>.

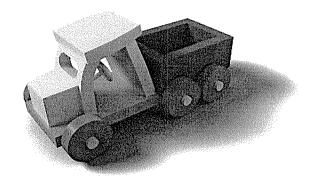
**Registration will close** on 3/31/12 for **Intramural** Boys K - 1st/Girls K - 2nd.

The registration fee **INCLUDES** a newly designed uniform. All Travel players need a uniform. Intramural players will receive reversible jerseys. Our new **CSH Lax Team Store** will have additional items available for purchase.

Sincerely, The CSHLAX Board

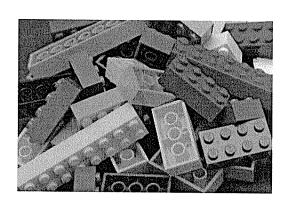
# Cold Spring Harbor Library Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

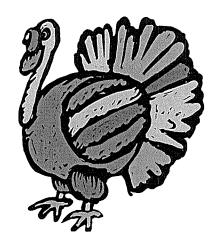
Friday November 23rd- NO SCHOOL!!



Movies for Little Ones
Friday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am
Children aged 2-5 with adult
Come see a big screen showing of
"I Stink! And More Stories on Wheels."
Perfect for the car and truck lover!

Lego Club
Fridays, November 23 2:00pm
For children ages 7-12. Use your imagination to build awesome creations with LEGOS!





Afternoon Arts and Crafts Fridays, 3:30-4:30pm For children of all ages November 23

Unlock your inner Picasso and let the artist in you shine! Visit our Creation Stations in the Hands-On Learning Center, and explore the possibilities of your imagination.

We wish you and your family a Happy and Healthy Thanksgiving!