West Side School

Wednesday Notes

Wednesday, November 21, 2012



Principal's Corner

Our Thanksgiving recess was jumpstarted by student council members who enthusiastically encouraged families to purchase baked goods in the cafeteria during arrival this morning. These yummy treats, baked by West Side staff members, helped to raise money for the victims of Hurricane Sandy. Thank you to all who supported this endeavor.

This week second graders worked with buddies to search for clues to help infer while reading poetry. During FLES students learned Spanish words for traditional Thanksgiving foods. They also made slideshows about trees and the changing of the seasons. Third graders created Thinkmarks which will help them refer to strategies while reading. They also participated in discussions about the first Thanksgiving and learned about the meaning of traditions. Fourth graders participated in discussions about how to summarize their thoughts effectively and continued making nonfiction charts about inner thoughts. They also shared ideas during a Thanksgiving read aloud. Fifth and sixth graders created Vokis which are Spanish speaking Avatars. Fifth graders created South American Spanish-speaking Vokis. Meanwhile, sixth graders created Central American or Caribbean Spanish-speaking Vokis. This week our fifth and sixth graders also participated in workshops led by scientists from the DNA Learning Center. Finally, during Phys Ed our students participated in the annual Turkey Trot which will continue next week. Thank you to all of the parents who came in to support the program.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. I am so thankful to be a part of this wonderful community.

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.

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 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.

Holiday Boutique

The Holiday Boutique is scheduled for December 6th and 7th and will be held in the Community Room.

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 has been rescheduled for January 28th. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM in the WS Gym.

West Side Wednesday

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

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 Kids Care

West Side Kids Care would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the West Side Community for the tremendous offering made during our Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Helping Hands Rescue Mission was overwhelmed by a minivan jam packed full of food and over \$350 to buy turkeys for families in need. Despite our shortened donation period, your generosity prevailed once again. Thanks to Ms. Santoro, Mr. Toscano and all the Student Council representatives for their hard work collecting the donations from throughout the school and loading the food into the minivan. Thank you for all your support and enjoy a wonderful Thanksgiving with your families.

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 www.wssta.org.

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.

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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!!!!

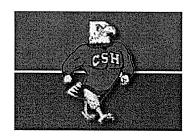
**Disposable trays are recommended

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 - 6th.

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

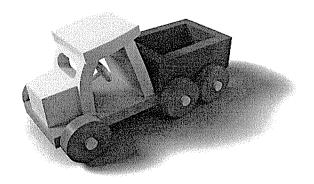
The registration fee **INCLUDES** a newly designed uniform. All Travel players need a uniform. Intramural players will receive reversible jerseys. Our new **CSH Lax Team Store** will have additional items available for purchase.

Sincerely, The CSHLAX Board

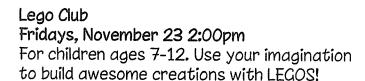


Cold Spring Harbor Library Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

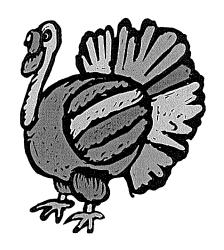
Friday November 23rd- NO SCHOOL!!



Movies for Little Ones
Friday, November 23rd 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!







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!