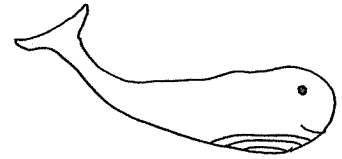


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, December 7, 2012



Principal's Corner

On Monday, our day ended with West Side Kids Care HiHi sandwich making in the cafeteria. Thank you to all of the parents and high school students who worked with our children to make this possible. Also, thank you to third grader, Neena Arneja, for speaking about this event at our morning assembly on Tuesday. Congratulations to the students who performed at Book Revue in Huntington on Thursday: Kelly Gallagher, Abigail Johnson, Serena Li, Maddy Richmond, and Raffi Sanna. I am looking forward to your encore performance at next week's Board of Education meeting. We closed our week on Thursday and Friday with the Holiday Boutique. Thank you to Mrs. Beder, Mrs. Rush, and committee members for running it this year. Our kids were thrilled to be able to have time set aside to shop for loved ones.

This week, our second graders discussed the weather in Spanish during FLES, searched for important qualities of characters in their independent reading books, and played interactive math games on the SmartBoard using our Sentio remote controls. Third graders learned about the different food groups, learned about North America in Social Studies, and spent time writing about family traditions. West Side fourth graders challenged themselves in the area of Writing by working as a group to expand on the idea that "kids are busy." They also played math multiplication games, concentrated on development of character during read aloud, and played interactive science games to review material. Fifth graders took a field trip to the DNA Learning Center, explored features of non-fiction text, made sense of remainders and two digit divisors in Math, and presented Science Fair projects to their peers in preparation for our Science Fair on Monday. Our sixth graders recorded their literary device presentations on the IPTV system, combined like terms in Math, Skyped with students in Spain during FLES, and participated in Social Emotional Learning (SEL) conversations on gratitude.

West Side School Nominated for Prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award

We are proud to be nominated as a Blue Ribbon School in the category of "Exemplary High Performing Schools" based on last year's NYS ELA and Math test scores. According to the New York State Department of Education website, as of fall 2009, there were 4,529 public schools in the State of New York. This year only 19 out of the approximately 4,500 schools across the State were nominated as Blue Ribbon schools. This includes elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. Thank you to our teachers for your endless dedication, to our students for your hard work, and to our parents who continue to support us in educating your children. This truly is an honor.

Science Fair

Our Science Fair for grades 2-5 is scheduled for Monday, December 10th. All parents are invited to take a gallery walk to see all projects during the school day between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

Report Cards

Elementary report cards will be mailed home next Friday. For the first time, report cards will "reside" in our student management system allowing the information to follow our students electronically as they progress through their academic careers. Our report cards have also been redesigned to explain student progress more clearly and concisely. They also present a more professional appearance. The first production runs in Goosehill, Lloyd Harbor and West Side this month.

After School Program

Winter Session will begin on January 7th. Please see the attached program for more information.

FLES Open House for Grades 4 – 6

Please join us for your child's Spanish lesson next week (grades 4-6). Grade 4 will be sharing their Spain/USA storybooks. Grades 5 & 6 will be presenting their Spanish-speaking Vokis! All are welcome!! See flyer for specific dates and times.

West Side Wednesday

Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on December 19th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts! Student Council is sponsoring a class contest to see which class will have the most students wearing them.

Photo Re-take Day

Photo Retake day was a success. Thank you to Mrs. Farkash and committee members for your efforts to capture our students and their classes. These pictures are memories that the kids will have forever.

Holiday Boutique

Thank you to Mrs. Beder, Mrs. Rush, and committee members for running this year's Holiday Boutique. Our kids were thrilled to be able to have time set aside to shop for loved ones in the Community Room.

Talent Show

It's that time again, get ready...set...perform, all you wonderfully talented West Side Stars! The 2013 West Side Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 1st. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. Both Parents and Students should **read all the rules** before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals, see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than 1/25/13. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$25 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. **Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application** (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.) We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, a CD or digital copy of the song must be submitted or emailed to me by January 31, if you would like me to copy and edit the music, please indicate that on the application form. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact either Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jen Genser at Cona@genserlaw.com.

WSSTA

The West Side Theater Association held its Parent Information session last week to discuss this year's show, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and to introduce our new director Helen Murdock-Prep. If you were not able to attend the meeting but you have a child interested in participating, please check the wssta.org website for information on this year's show. You will also find audition requirements and forms that need to be completed and brought to the audition on December 12th: 3:15 - 5:30 pm. Please encourage your child to audition - everyone who does will have a chance to shine in this year's show!

Book Fair

This year's Book Fair has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th.

Winter Concert Update

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

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, January 3rd. We will continue to have banking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

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FLES Open House

You are welcome to join us for our Spanish FLES lesson the week of December 10th!

Please refer to the dates and times listed below:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>Time</u>
Wednesday 12/12:	Mrs. Dudek	11:30-12:00
Wednesday 12/12:	Mrs. Gerver	12:50-1:30
Wednesday 12/12:	Mrs. Baratta	1:35-2:15
Thursday 12/13:	Mrs. Dopico	12:15-12:45
Thursday 12/13:	Mrs. Agnello	12:50-1:30
Thursday 12/13:	Mr. Arloff	2:20-3:00
Friday 12/14:	Dr. Dawkins	11:20-12:00
Friday 12/14:	Mrs. DeRosa	12:50-1:30

¡Hasta pronto!

Gracias,

Señora Tassani



Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$25 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2012 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 1/25/13. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 1/31/13. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 1/31/13, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. Feb 28 to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14 at Westside in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Feb 28 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2013 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

A Message from Randi and Jen. To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

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**West Side School Annual Talent Show,
Friday March 1, 2013
Participation Form**

(Must be submitted by 1/25/13 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cellphone number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____
(Please write neatly as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$25 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.
Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2013 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

REMEMBER:
√ - CHECK # _____

√ - T-Shirt Size _____

√ - Music _____

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ Total # of T-shirts Ordered _____

(Youth S _____ Youth M _____ Youth L _____ Youth XL _____ Adult S _____ Adult M _____ Adult L _____ Adult XL _____)

West Side School After School Program



Winter 2013

Weeks of:
January 7th
January 14th
January 21st
January 28th
February 4th
February 11th
February 18th
February 25th

For class descriptions, please go to the West Side School website.

Classes begin on Monday, January 7th.
You must register by Wednesday, December 19th.

Hurry-
Classes fill up quickly and are offered on a first-come first-served basis.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Monday:	All Sports	2-3	Gym	\$75.00
	All Sports	4-6	Gym	\$75.00
	Yoga	2-6	TBA	\$120.00
	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Keyboarding Club	3-6	Computer Lab	\$75.00
Tuesday:	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Bridge Club	2-6	Cafeteria	\$12.00
	Arts and Crafts	2-6	Art Room	\$75.00
	Lego Motorized Mania	2-6	TBA	\$155.00
Wednesday	NO CLASSES OFFERED			
Thursday	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Chess Nuts	2-6	Art Room	\$110.00
	Basketball/ Capture the Flag	4-6	Gym	\$75.00
Friday				

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15.

Changes in Our Winter Schedule

Classes will begin on January 7, 2013. Keep an eye out for any changes in schedule from your child's instructor.

After School Program

Most of the classes will be conducted for eight weeks from 3:15 - 4:15 PM. The fee for the program is \$75. Outside vendors often charge additional fees.

MATERIAL FEES ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Please do not send materials fee with registration. Send the fee in with your child for the first class.

Registration is by mail only and must be
POST MARKED BY Wednesday, December 19th.

Mail checks, payable to the WSSPTG, and mail registration forms to:

Mrs. Dimaio
1395 Ridge Road
Syosset, NY 11791

Registration is on first-come first-served basis. We cannot accept phone reservations or registration forms without checks attached. Otherwise, it is unfair to those students who want to get into the classes. Classes will generally contain between 10 - 20 students. Class limits are set by the instructors and will be on first-come first-served basis. If there is insufficient enrollment, the class will be cancelled, and you will be notified.

Registration will not be permitted without a check for the correct amount accompanying the registration forms.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes. If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.

If you should have any questions, please contact:
Mrs. Dimaio 516-692-9565

Registration Form
Please make checks payable to the
WSSPTG.

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email Address: _____

Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

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Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

Parent Signature _____

Checks should be made out to the WSSPTG.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes. *If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.*

All registration forms must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 19th.

Changes and Refunds

Changes in course selection may be made within the first two (2) weeks of the start of each session.

Refunds will NOT be given after the first two (2) weeks.

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
 Classes end at 4:15

Student Behavior

Students are **expected** to behave properly during after school activities, like they would during regular school hours. Students are to keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves and refrain from using foul language.

If a student does not behave in a proper manner, the instructor will follow the below procedures.

1. Instructor will give a warning to the student and discuss ways to correct his/her behavior.
2. Instructor will contact the child's guardian and make them aware of the situation.
3. After speaking with the child's guardian, if the child's behavior does not improve, the student will NOT be permitted to attend classes and a refund WILL NOT be given.

Children may not attend after school activities unless they have been registered for the eight-week term. This includes children attending play dates.

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15

Monday Classes

All Sports

Grades 2-3

Minimum 10 students

CAPTURE THE FLAG, KICKBALL, SOCCER, KNOCK-OUT, GAGA, BASKETBALL, OBSTACLE COURSES...AND MORE! What a great way to jumpstart the week! Each week the children will select one of eight unique sports to play. Come and join the fun. Boys and girls are welcome. We will be outside, if the weather permits.

Instructor-Ms. Dudek

All Sports

Grades 4-6

Minimum 10 students

CAPTURE THE FLAG, KICKBALL, SOCCER, KNOCK-OUT, GAGA, BASKETBALL, OBSTACLE COURSES...AND MORE! What a great way to jumpstart the week! Each week the children will select one of eight unique sports to play. Come and join the fun. Boys and girls are welcome. We will be outside, if the weather permits.

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

Keyboarding Club

Grades 3-6

Minimum of 5 students

Students will be introduced to Touch Typing-the fastest way to write! During the first half hour, students will learn NEW keys and practice previously learned keys. During the second half of the class, students will build their skills and speed with interactive typing games. All learning is individually paced instruction.

Instructor: Ms. Balzano

YOGA

Grades 2-6

Minimum 6 students

Ms. Singh is back for a fun and creative yoga class specially designed for kids of all ages. The use of animated poses and basic stretching exercises promotes strength, flexibility and coordination while helping kids to focus and relax.

Tuesday Classes

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

New Class

Bridge

Grades 2-6

Join the American Contract Bridge League in learning to play the lifelong game of Bridge. Instructors will make learning the game easy and fun while improving math, problem solving and logic skills along the way.

Arts and Crafts

Grades 2-6

Minimum 8 students

Join us to try out some favorite crafts and explore new ones! Sculpt, weave, sew and decorate crafts. A \$15.00 materials fee is due at the time of the first class. Please give to the instructor on the first day. The fee must be cash or a check made out to cash.

Instructor: Mrs. Letica

LEGO Motorized Mania

Grades 2-6

Minimum 8 students

Maximum of 12 students

Join Bricks 4 Kidz and build one of their motorized model plans designed for all skill levels! Each week kids will build a motorized LEGO project while learning math and science concepts along the way. Different projects of varying difficulty are available.

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Thursday Classes

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

Chess Nuts

Grades 2-6

Minimum of 10 students

Chess is the fastest growing sport among children in the United States. The game of chess fosters critical thinking, creativity, self-esteem and discipline, concentration, imagination and dealing with victory over defeat. Your child will learn strategies and compete against fellow classmates. There will be a tournament the last week of class.

Basketball/Capture the Flag

Grades 4-6

Minimum of 8 students

Kick back and have some fun! Come and join an afternoon of sportsmanship and skills while playing capture the flag and basketball. We will enjoy the great outdoors, weather permitting!

Instructor: Mr. Thau

HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE

CALLING ALL BAKERS

Thursday 12/13/21012

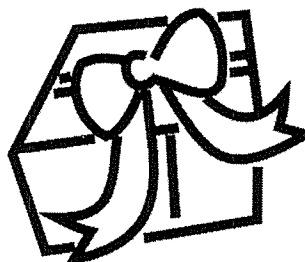
It is almost time for our annual West Side Holiday Cookie Bake. If you would like to volunteer, please bring 4-6 dozen cookies, bars or other tasty holiday treats, which will be made into beautiful gift trays for our West Side Teachers and Staff. Not a baker? bakery goods are fine but please no pre packaged 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**

WEST SIDE KIDS CARE

HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE



Remember how wonderful it feels to receive a gift during the holiday season? Let us all do what we can to ensure that others share this joy and teach our kids that giving is the true gift. West Side Kids Care will continue its annual tradition of collecting unwrapped, new toys in the airplane wing through Friday, December 14th. Donations will go to both the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington and the children of Tangier Smith Elementary School in Shirley/Mastic Beach whose community was devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

Join West Side Kids Care after school on Friday, December 14th to help wrap gifts in the Community Room. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, and labels are all appreciated.

Please contact Tara Belfi (tara.belfi@me.com), Diane Angelides (libbyangelides@aol.com) or Dana Lynch (dana@theblacktop.net) with any questions.

Supervisor Frank Petrone and Councilwoman Susan A. Berland invite you to a HOLIDAY SKATE!

(IF YOU ARE A TOWN OF HUNTINGTON RESIDENT IN GRADES K-8)

WINTER is finally here, join us
at the rink for some **HOLIDAY**
CHEER!

Come dressed in your favorite
holiday color and receive **FREE**
ADMISSION and skate rental at
this special skate session!



Dix Hills Ice Rink

Thursday, December 20, 2012
3:45—5:45

For more information please call the Ice Rink at (631) 462-5883.



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