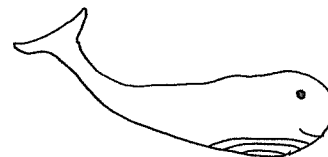


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, December 21, 2012



Principal's Corner

As 2012 comes to a close, it is important that we spend time reflecting on the year that has passed, and set goals for the New Year. Now more than ever, it is apparent how precious the opportunities for our children are, and we must provide them with different ways to flourish. Warren Buffett once said that three qualities he most values in his organization are energy, intelligence, and integrity. Reflecting on these qualities, I see many similarities in how we teach, coach, and approach life with our students. Kids undoubtedly have energy. Our role is to help them channel their energy in positive ways so that they can feel pride in the work they create and the activities in which they participate. As educational standards become more rigorous, we must continue to find new and inspiring ways to encourage our students to think, and to expand their thoughts in more developed ways. Finally, we need to remind our students of the value of integrity and what it means to build one's character and reputation. I believe the West Side community has become synonymous with teaching the qualities identified by Mr. Buffett. Together, we have been working to set good examples for our children in order for them to feel empowered and to take ownership in the learning process. This would not be possible without the tremendous effort of our staff and the parents of our students. Please continue to reach out with questions or ideas, whether to me or your child's teacher. It is so important that our lines of communication stay open as the New Year begins. The staff of West Side will continue to educate our students in exciting and innovative ways in 2013!

Congratulations to Winston McLymont, our Spelling Bee Champion, and Brook Mohr, our Spelling Bee Runner-Up and to our participants: Avery Stark, Alexa Tocante, Jasmine Chandy, Timothy Louie, Allie McCauley, Ariel Schulsinger, Alexa Plancher, Ava Farkash, Ben Reichbach, Anna Ruocco, Elijah Farkash, Noa Sussman, and Sterling Rosado. Also, congratulations to our FLES teachers, Ms. Jordan, Ms. Koob, and Ms. Tassani, for winning a NYS FLES award and receiving a \$1000 prize. Special thanks to our 5th and 6th graders who shared their musical talents on Wednesday in front of their peers in a student-organized small, intimate performance. About fifty students sat in the audience as our students performed a number of holiday tunes. Stephen Davis, Raffi Sanna, Alex Aronow, Sammy Genser, Kelly Gallagher, Erin Tannenbaum, Caroline Walter, Charlotte Howard, Serena Li, Abigail Johnson, Maddy Richmond, and Michael Davis rocked the house in the first ever West Side Unplugged! This concert was part of our H.E.R.O. Project created by the School Improvement Team. From start to finish our students ran the show. Special thanks to Raffi and Stephen for also being the MCs and to Anna Ruocco, Noa Sussman, and Stephen Markotsis for advertising the event. Finally, thank you to Will Blumin and Thomas Milana for capturing the event with our school cameras. Also on Wednesday, class 3S won the West Side Wednesday t-shirt contest for having the most students wearing their spirit shirts. Thank you to Nicholas Aronow, Kaitlyn Fare, and Julia Kopp for sharing your poems at morning assembly. To end the week our jazz band played a lively tune for our students and staff and our student council donated a \$2,000 check to a representative of Newsday for the funds collected for Hurricane Sandy relief.

I would like to thank the DiScala family. In the spirit of giving, they generously donated \$1000 to our PTG with a matching Corporate gift. Our students will undoubtedly benefit from your kindness.

Finally, on behalf of the entire staff and community, I would like to thank Mrs. Grace for 14 years of service at West Side. Today was her last day and she was recognized during morning assembly with an enormous ovation from our West Side family. Grace, your presence, professional demeanor, and warmth towards our students will never be forgotten. We wish you all the best in your retirement and hope you come back often to visit.

Have a wonderful break and a Happy New Year! See you in 2013!

WSSTA

Please check the wssta.org website for information on this year's show.

Movie Night

Please join us for West Side School's Movie Night on Friday, January 11, 2013. We will be showing Ice Age 4: Continental Drift from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza, popcorn and refreshments while you watch a great movie with friends! Dress in pajamas and don't forget your pillow! This special event is for WSS students and their younger siblings only. Parental supervision is required -- please no drop offs. All WSS students have a chance to win raffle prizes! Any questions, please contact Nicole Boutis at nboutis@msn.com or Liz Franklin at lizfranklin@verizon.net. We hope to see you at the movie!

West Side Kids Care

Once again the West Side Community came through for those in need! A heartfelt thanks to all of you who donated toys during this year's drive and made the holidays a bit brighter for some local children. Last Friday, the community room was a gigantic wrapping party where **179 gifts** were labeled and wrapped by 25 very enthusiastic students: Charlie and Sophie Cohen, Eddie Munyak, Ben & Sam Reichbach, Jackie & Robert Shammah, Katie Belfi, Sarah & Luke Lynch, Bella Vallone, Katherine Angelides, Kristen Samuel, Isabelle Apostolakos, Carley & Sammy Genser, Sabrina Haas, Avery Stark, Alexa Tocante, Kelly & Erin Gallagher, Julia Kopp, Stamati Sagos, Royce Reiter, and Anthony Naccarato. Thanks also to the following parents who helped the kids wrap: Heidi Cohen, Ana Shammah, Lorena Munyak, Diane Angelides, Brigitte Apostolakos, Dana Stark, and Tara Belfi. Please forgive me if I missed anyone. What a gift we have given both to those who are suffering and to our own children. Keeping spirits bright - West Side Kids Care wishes you a wonderful holiday season full of family, friends, and happiness! ENJOY!

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.

Important Dates

Banking Day: Our next Banking Day will be held on Thursday, January 3rd.

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

Next PTG Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

Board of Education: The next regular BOE meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8th at 8:00 PM at the District Office.

Movie Night: Friday, January 11th from 5:30-7:30 in the gym

Grade 6 Science Fair: Wednesday, January 23rd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the gym

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

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

West Side Wednesday: Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on January 30th. 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.

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BOE Update



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: _____

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

REMEMBER:
√ - CHECK # _____
√ - T-Shirt Size _____
√ - Music _____

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 _____)

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

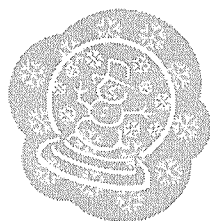
Registration for all programs is required.

Holiday Cookie Decoration (LAST CHANCE!)

Wednesday, December 26th 11am

Children ages 2-5 with adult

Come decorate some yummy cookies to celebrate the holiday season!



Make Your Own Snowglobes (LAST CHANCE!)

Wednesday, December 26th Grades K-2 3pm

Thursday, December 27th Grades 3-6 3pm

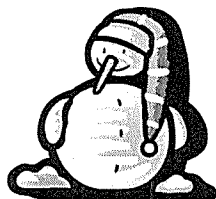
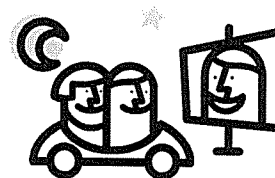
Create a tiny winter wonderland!

Toddler Drive-In Movie (LAST CHANCE!)

Thursday, December 27th 11am

Children ages 2-5 with adult

Decorate your own cardboard box car.
Then "drive in" for a movie with the group!



Model Magic Snowmen

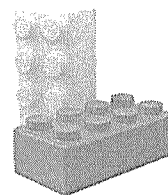
Friday, December 28th 11am

Build a snowman from model magic.

Lego Club

Friday, December 28 2:00pm

For children ages 7-12. Use your imagination to build awesome creations with LEGOS!



Snack and a Movie

Saturday, December 29th 2pm

Come to the library and enjoy a big-screen showing of the movie *Ice Age 4: Continental Drift*. (88 minutes/PG).

Snacks and refreshments provided.

Reminder! The library will close at 1pm on December 31st and is closed on January 1st in celebration of the New Year.

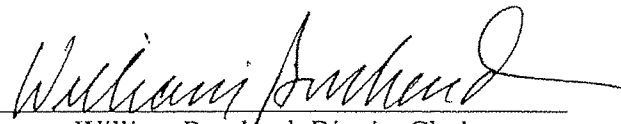
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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on January 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk