



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 14, 2014



Dear Parents,

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on three upcoming **half days of school**. Please note: You will receive your child's report card at your conference. You will also be able to access it on our website through the Parent Portal beginning on March 20th. Instructions were sent home last week; we have included a copy in this week's Table of Contents for your convenience.

Students will be dismissed from school at 12:00 on the following Fridays:

March 21st March 28th April 4th and *April 11th (*Note: this is a Staff Development Day)

******There will be no lunch served on half days of school, but please send a snack for your child.***

To avoid confusion, please keep your child's usual dismissal plan. If a change is absolutely necessary, please adhere to the following guidelines;

Pick-ups:

- 1) Please park and enter the cafeteria door between 11:50 and 12:00.
- 2) Send a note that morning using the yellow transportation pad and include the phone number of the adult picking up your child.
- 3) If your child will be going home with another child and his/her parent, please send in a note to that effect in the morning and include the adult's phone number. **Please also double-check with the parent in the morning to be sure that his/her child will be attending school that day!**

Van Riders:

- 1) Because kindergarten students and first graders will be dismissed at the same time on half days, **the routes home are DIFFERENT** from the usual 2:00 or 3:00 routes. Therefore, **we cannot accept notes requesting that a child be released at another child's stop.**
- 2) There will be more children riding the van home with your child on half days, so **the routes may take a little longer.** Please don't worry if the van is a few minutes late!

Preparing For Your Conference

As you prepare for your parent-teacher conference, think about ways you can strengthen the partnership with your child's teacher by sharing your insights about your child and setting goals together.



- Let your child's teacher know about the positive experiences your child is having. This gives her insight into what "works" for your child.
- Share your observations about your child's progress. Express any concerns you may have. Remember that the teacher has a broad perspective about children's development. Listen to what she has to say about your child's progress in relation to grade level expectations. Ask about what you can do to support her plan to help your child develop necessary behaviors and skills.
- Be aware that the teacher may need to communicate a concern about your child's interactions in school. Remember, teachers are in a unique position to observe your child in a social setting outside of your

influence. Consider the conference to be a problem-solving discussion. No one expects children to be perfect. Our goal is that all children continue to learn and grow---academically and socially.

After the conference, please let your child know how proud you are of his/her efforts. Celebrate all s/he has learned! Children need to feel competent and appreciated. Let your child know that all learners set goals for improvement and that you are there to support him/her---and so is his/her teacher.

Communication and cooperation are the keys to a successful home-school partnership. Thank you for your continued support of your child's education.

Have a wonderful weekend!



Mrs. Herschlein

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NOTES FROM THE GPFA

- Please mark your calendars for the following dates:
April 1st - Alyssa Capucilli of the Biscuit book series is coming to GH for an author visit.
- School Dances- April 3rd at 6pm (K) and April 10th at 6pm (1st).

The next GPFA meeting is April 9th at 9:30 at Goosehill.

We are still collecting Box Tops through the end of the year. Keep sending them in!

Reminder to anyone who will have a child in GH next year: If you are interested in being on the GPFA Board next year please remember to self nominate and send in your forms by March 21st.



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March 3, 2014

Dear Parents:

As you know, last year Cold Spring Harbor updated the format and structure of the Elementary Report Cards. We are now using our student management system, eSchoolData, to create the reports that you receive. **Beginning this marking period, parents will be able to access the report cards on the eSchoolData "Parent Portal".** They will be posted and available on Thursday, March 20 by 5 PM.

If you already have a Parent Portal account in eSchoolData (for a child in the Jr./Sr. HS) you are already set up. If this is your first experience with the portal and need an account, please follow the instructions below:

Setting up an eSchoolData account:

Note: You only need to create one account to access the information for all of your children. In creating an account online, you will need to have the following information handy for one of your children:

- Parent/Guardian Name (apply using one parent's name only) and Student Name
- Student ID Number (can be found on schedule/progress report/report card, also is their lunch system ID number)
- Student Grade Level (as of September 2013)
- School (as of September 2013)

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "For Parents" and click on "Parent Portal"
3. Scroll all the way down to "How can I apply for access to the portal?" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "Yes" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "Online Registration" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the *Account Information* portion (followed by *Personal Information* and *Student Information*).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted. After the data has been reviewed, you will receive an additional email.

Getting the Report Card:

1. Log onto your account
2. Click on the ID number of your child
3. For grades K-5 - click on the "ERC" tab
4. For grade 6 - click on "Report Card" tab
5. Click print for a hard copy.

Please know that for the marking period ending this month, Elementary Report Cards will also be distributed at the March parent conferences. In June, the final report cards will be both posted on the portal and mailed home.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein, *Goosehill Primary School Principal*
Valerie Massimo, *Lloyd Harbor School Principal*
Kurt Simon, *West Side School Principal*

For Kids & Teens! Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!

Nature Into Art! Georgia O'Keefe

Tuesday, March 25th 4:30pm

For children in grades K-6

Discover gorgeous gigantic flowers, seashells, and other natural items in colorful paintings by Georgia O'Keefe. Then turn your favorite seashells or flowers into masterpieces.

Tween Watercolor Art

Thursday, March 27th 4:30pm

For Children in grades 5-7

Using white crayon and watercolor, create a phenomenal piece of artwork.

For Teens & Adults

About Boating Safely Course

Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 am -5:00 pm

Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary

This is a one-day intensive instructional course for those boaters that need to meet the New York State requirements to operate a boat in the waters of the State of New York. **Fee: \$40.**

For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820

For Adults! Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department

New Sessions of Fitness Programs Starting in April

Convenient morning sessions to get you back home for lunch or dismissal!



Tai Chi: Fridays from 10:15-11:15am; Starting on April 4; \$56

Total Body Conditioning: Thursdays from 10-11am; Starting on April 10; \$63

Yoga: Wednesdays from 10-11am; Starting on April 9; \$70

Evening Fitness: Pilates: Mondays from 7-8pm; Starting on April 7, \$80

Register for any program in person at the Information Services Desk.

For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.



ARTS BOOSTER CLUB^{5.}



MARCH During March and
recycle shoes

“SOLES 4 SOULS”

The Arts Booster Club is “kicking off” our shoe recycling program. During the month of March, **MARCH** to your closet and donate your old shoes!

Recycling boxes in all of the schools (CSHHS, LHS, WSS, Goosehill) and the CSH Library.

Let's keep those **SOLES** out of our landfills and pass them on to another **SOUL**! Benefits the “arts” students of CSHHS.

Please! ONLY Shoes in pairs!
**NO slippers, flipflops, iceskates, rollerblades, rubber boots,
or winter boots**

Questions? Please email Laura Riffaud at artsboosterclub@gmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

for the 14th Annual
Literary Luncheon

Wednesday, March 26, 2014

at the
Huntington Country Club

topic:
"BLOGGING"
The new way of writing

The power it holds and its
relationship with our children

Guest Speaker
Josh Marshall
Polk Award winning Journalist & Blogger

Founder of TPM
(talkingpointsmemo.com)
NY Times Magazine calls his work,
"...one of the most popular
and respected sites in
the bloggosphere"



Complimentary mini facial
donated by La Piele Spa for the
first 150 responses (a value of \$80)