



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- January 17, 2014



Dear Parents,

The Social Emotional Feeling Words for this month are *belong* (kindergarten) and *accepted* (first grade). The teachers are reading books to the children to exemplify the feelings and engaging them in discussions about the tenets of our School and Classroom Charters which say: “We all want to feel included” and “We will be nice to everyone and invite people to play.” Our Spirit Day Assembly on January 29th will have the theme: “*Count Me In*” based on a wonderful song and video produced by the creators of Sesame Street. Connections have been made to the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr. The discussions focus on acceptance of differences and respect for all people. As we honor Dr. King’s birthday on Monday, I hope your children will share some of what they have learned in school about his life. I know you will also have important conversations with your child when you complete the Feeling Words homework this month and share a story with your child about a time you felt (or didn’t feel) accepted or a sense of belonging.

Our students are also learning the power of the written word. They are writing “how-to” books in first grade and learning how to teach others through their writing. The kindergarten students have been learning to write their own stories and to write about what they observe. Mostly they are learning that what they write has an impact on an audience. Recently, when students from Mrs. Gross’s class approached me about having a school pajama day, I asked them to write me a letter. Upon receipt of it this morning, I made a school announcement. Their letter convinced me that we should have Pajama Day this month! There is no better way to learn the power of writing than to have your words make a change in the world! (Our Pajama Day will be on January 31st.)

Thank you to the GPFA for a wonderful workshop at Wednesday’s meeting. Nutritionist Kim Gilroy shared some terrific insights and tips for ways parents can incorporate positive nutrition and wellness habits into their children’s lives.

Enjoy the three-day weekend with your children!

Warmly,

Lynn Herschlein

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School Calendar for 2014-15

The Board of Education adopted the school calendar for next year. A copy is provided for your convenience. It can also be accessed on the school district website.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Our school nurse, Mrs. Gurtowski, is conducting NY State-Mandated Vision and Hearing screenings this month. If there is any concern, she will contact you.

Electronics

Please remember that children should not bring electronics to school. (e.g. iPads, iPods, phones, video game devices) Technology is a valuable educational tool when supervised by adults. However, we cannot ensure that children are only accessing appropriate material if devices are available at other times, such as while riding the school vans. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Green Tip from our Green Committee

Thanks to Mrs. Thatcher and Mrs. Henning, our Green Committee chairs, parents have been volunteering to assist with our recycling efforts during lunch and recess. Earth-Friendly tips will be read by the children during Tuesday morning announcements. Next Tuesday's tip will be:

It is good for the earth to recycle. It is even better to reuse things instead of just throwing them away.

Instead of a plastic water bottle, I can bring a reusable bottle to school and fill it up every day. I can also use reusable containers for my lunch. We are working on a plan to continue Trashless Tuesdays and ways to include all children in the effort.

Request for Push and Pull Toys (toddler type) for the Science Room

The kindergarten children are learning about forces and motion. We are in need of some push and pull toys to use in science investigations. If you have something to donate, please send it in with your child. Thank you!

Kindergarten Registration

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2014, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2014. Please contact the District Registrar, **Gloria Albert (631-367-5910)** to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive a registration packet from the Superintendent next month. Registration begins in February.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 29th - Spirit Day - Wear School Colors!

January 31st - Pajama Day!

February 28th - 100th Day of School (morning program for K parents-more info to follow)

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

Thanks to all who came to this week's GPFA meeting! We appreciate your support.

The Nominating Committee is now forming to help elect the Executive Board for the 2014-2015 school year. We are asking for 6-8 volunteers and one chairperson to organize the meetings and present the new Board members to the current Board and to the entire GPFA. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Christiane Franzese [@christianefranzese@gmail.com](mailto:christianefranzese@gmail.com) by January 31st.

REMINDERS:

The upcoming Islander Game is Jan 25 @ 1:00PM. The children can go on ice after the game and take a shot on the goal. Tickets are \$38.

Family fun nights are science programs this year. The whole family is welcome!

January 30th @ 6PM (K) - Bubble Mania

February 6th @6PM (1st) - Slaptick Science



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

No School!

Model Magic Snowmen

Monday, January 20 @ 2:00

For Children of all ages

Using Model Magic clay, create a Snowman that will last all season

Adventures in Art: Pollock

Wednesday, January 22 @ 4:30

For Children in grades K-6

Learn about the famous artist Jackson Pollock and create your own work of art using his technique.

Preschool Parachute Play

Friday, January 24 @ 3:30

Join us for some fun parachute games and songs at the library. Kids love playing with recreational parachutes and we are dedicated to promoting this fun, healthy activity.

Not only are parachutes great fun, they also teach teamwork and cooperation.

For Teens!

TEEN Community Service

For students in grades 7-12,

Contact Miss Kate for more information on how to earn community services credit @ the Library!

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

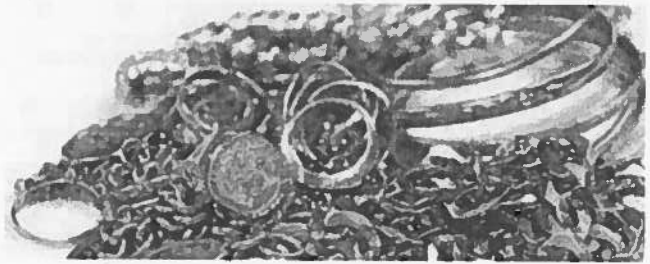
For Adults! *Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department*

How to Sell Your Unwanted Silver and Gold

Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 12pm

Pamela Burns, a 25-year veteran of the jewelry business, will teach you how to get the best price.

Attendees are invited to bring one or two pieces of jewelry for a verbal appraisal.



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

**"Your Taxes, Your Schools,
and
Your Property Values"**

Jan 21st at 7pm

CSH Library



Due to the great response and interest in our first *"Your Taxes, Your Schools, Your Property Values"* Foundation Forum, the Cold Spring Harbor Education Foundation will be hosting an encore presentation. New material such as the specifics of the Star exemption will also be discussed. Speakers are Tom Calabrese, COO at Daniel Gale; Patricia Marcin, trusts and estates attorney at Farrell Fritz and Willets Meyer, tax grievance attorney at Farrell Fritz.

Come and learn the facts and misconceptions about your property investment. Everyone Welcome!

Coffee & Dessert sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management.

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Cold Spring Harbor Central School District School/Office Calendar 2014-2015

JULY 2014

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July 4 Independence Day

AUGUST 2014

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SEPTEMBER 2014

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September 1 Labor Day
2 Staff Conference
3 First Day of School
25-26 Rosh Hashanah

OCTOBER 2014

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October 13 Columbus Day

NOVEMBER 2014

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November 4 Supt's Conference Day
11 Veterans Day
26-28 Thanksgiving Recess

DECEMBER 2014

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December 22-31 Winter Recess
25 Christmas

JANUARY 2015

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January 1-2 Winter Recess
19 Martin L. King Day

FEBRUARY 2015

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February 16-20 Presidents' Day
(Mid-Winter Recess)

MARCH 2015

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March

APRIL 2015

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April 3-10 Easter/Passover
4 Passover
5 Easter

MAY 2015

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May 25 Memorial Day

JUNE 2015

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June 25 Regents Rating Day
Last Day of School

ADOPTED: January 14, 2014

TOTAL 181+2

This Calendar is subject to change in the event of unforeseen emergency closings.