



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- January 31, 2014



Dear Parents,

Thanks to the GPFA and the support of all of our parents, the kindergarten children enjoyed a fun-filled science program last night. Through *Bubblemania!* the children learned that bubbles are spherical, how it's possible to make a cube bubble, and a little bit about bubble bursting. Opportunities like these get our students marveling at how things work. It was wonderful to see the pure delight on their faces! Next Thursday, all of our students will enjoy *Slapstick Science—The Notion of Motion* during in-school assemblies. They'll learn why objects behave and move the way they do as the Slapstick Scientist demonstrates each of Newton's Laws. Concepts and vocabulary related to the Scientific Method, force, acceleration, action and reaction will be presented in a fun and engaging way. That night, first graders are invited to enjoy the program again with their parents at Family Fun Night (2/6 at 6:00 p.m.). Once again, thank you to the GPFA for providing these exciting assemblies.

Goosehill students love science! They read wonderful books about all kinds of topics---animals, plants, weather, magnets, and how things work. The teachers engage them in scientific investigations regularly where they observe, predict, and experiment with objects. They are learning to use their senses to examine, sketch, and label what they see and to record their predictions/hypotheses. They follow multi-step instructions and record results. Sometimes they simply explore how things work and pose incredible questions for discussion, problem-solving, and research.

We want children to know and appreciate that science is everywhere. There are many ways to engage your child in scientific thinking at home--- in your own kitchen. Here are some ideas from PBS.org:

**Follow recipes:** Encourage your child to pour, mix and measure when appropriate. Wonder aloud as you work with ingredients- "*I wonder what will happen to this pudding mix when we put the water in?*" This might not seem like science, but cooking contains many elements of chemistry and mathematics.

**Heating:** Find a safe place for your child, such as a chair, from which she has a view of the stove. Help her see how heat changes foods. Encourage her to describe what she sees. Notice what happens when water boils. Think about why pots are made of metal and why a potholder was invented...

**Melting/freezing:** Put an ice cube out on a plate and predict what will happen and talk about why. Would the same thing happen if the plate was in a different part of the room? Outdoors? What do we think would make the difference?

Remember, you don't need to have answers for all of your child's questions! It's just important that you nurture his ability to pose questions and then show him that there are many ways to find answers.

Have a great weekend--- Enjoy the big game!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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### **Chinese New Year**

Today we wished all our friends celebrating Chinese New Year *good luck in the Year of the Horse!* Enjoy your family and festivities during this special time of the year. Gung hei fat choi!

### **First Grade Learning Clubs**

Today was the first "trip" for our first graders! They received their passports and "traveled" to one of the five countries they will visit this year (Kenya, Australia, Greece, China, Uruguay) through our SIT project designed to promote respect and understanding about cultures and diversity. Please ask your child to tell you about the experience. You may wish to help him retell using *First, Next, Then...*

### **Valentine's Day**

If you plan to purchase Valentines for your child to give to his/her friends, please remember that **candy cannot be distributed in school**, even if it is attached to a card. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Goosehill Family Directory- change of address**

Please note a new address for Warren Wei (Kindergarten – Mrs. Gross' class)  
4 Seaforth Lane, Lloyd Neck 11743 (same phone number)

### **Green Committee**

Thank you to the Green Committee and our parent volunteers who have been helping the children learn more about recycling in our cafeteria. **Green Tip of the Week:** *I turn off the water when I brush my teeth, so I save clean water for the earth and the fish.*

### **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. Registration begins in February.

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 6<sup>th</sup>**- First Grade Family Fun Night – 6 -7 p.m.

**February 12<sup>th</sup>**- GPFA meeting 9:30. Mrs. Herschlein will talk on the topic of *Homework*.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>**- 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School (morning program for Kindergarten parents-more info to follow)

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### **NOTES FROM THE GPFA**

Thanks to all for a great Kindergarten Family Fun Night last night! A special thank you to Mr. and Mrs. Tozer for chairing the event.

Thanks to the families who attended the Islander game on Saturday. A great time was had by all!

First Grade Family Fun Night @6PM @GH. \$10 per family. Entire family welcome!

We need more people to volunteer for the nominating committee. We need 6-8 people and currently have 1 person. We would appreciate any and all volunteers. If you could please email Christiane - [christianefranzese@gmail.com](mailto:christianefranzese@gmail.com) that would be great!

Please consider donating new or gently used Legos, Tinker Toys, Duplos, Mega blocks, other building materials, small figures, cars, trucks, craft and jewelry kits, coloring books or anything else you think the kids might enjoy during indoor recess. The donations can just be dropped off in the front desk or if it's a small one can be brought to school by the kids as long as they can let their teachers know it is for indoor recess.



# COLD SPRING HARBOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

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Presents **RESCHEDULED** Foundation Forum

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

### Feb 4th at 7pm

CSH Library



**Tom Calabrese**  
COO, Daniel Gale



**Patricia Marcin, Esq.**  
Farrell Fritz



**Willets Meyer, Esq.**  
Farrell Fritz

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.

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

**Celebrate!**

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**

Saturday February 1 @ 2:00 pm  
For Children and their Families

Come in with your family to make a cozy Fleece no-sew Tie Pillow!

**VALENTINE'S DAY PICTURE FRAMES**



Monday, February 3 @ 4:30 pm  
Wednesday, February 5 @ 4:30 pm  
For Children in Grades K-6



Create a beautiful picture frame to give to your special valentine

**VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA!**

Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:30  
Wednesday, February 12 @ 4:30 pm  
For Children in Grades K-6



Learn all about chocolate then dip delicious Valentine's Day chocolate treats

**For  
Teens!**

**TEEN Community Service**

For students in grades 7-12,

Teen Book Reviews begins February 3! Read and review can earn you 2 community service hours!

**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***

**Canta Libre Chamber Ensemble**

Saturday, February 2, 2014 at 2pm

A return engagement, this talented group of conservatory-trained musicians will perform music specifically written for flute, harp, and strings. This program is free and open to all.



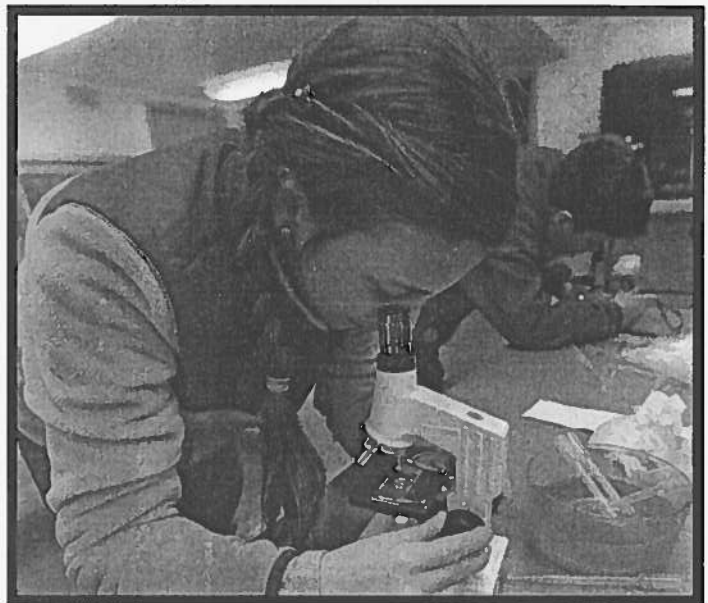
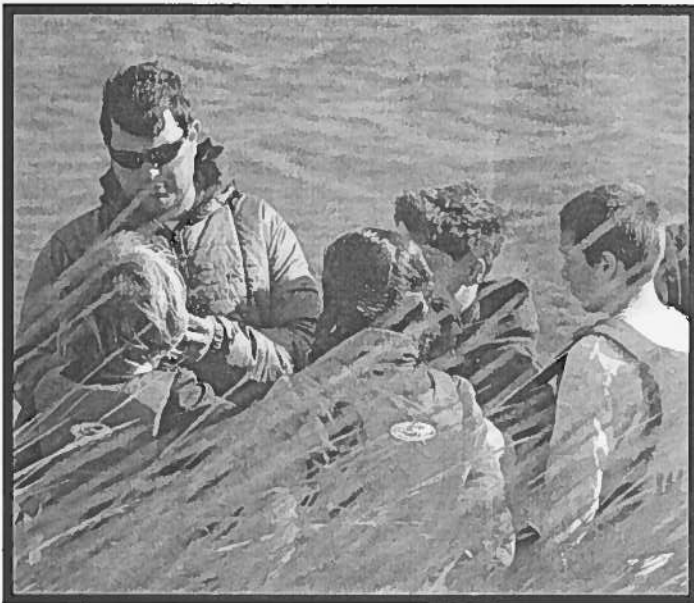
**For more information about any Adult Program, contact a Information Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.**



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# School Vacation Programs

Winter & Spring Break:  
Feb. 17 - 21 & April 14-18



*Discover the Oyster Bay National Wildlife Refuge!*

**Who: Kindergarten - 6th grade students**

**Schedule: Monday - Friday, 8:30am - 1pm or 8:30am - 4:30pm**

**Cost: \$40/\$160 Half Day, \$80/\$320 Full Day**

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**[www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org](http://www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org)**