



# Goosehill Primary School

## Weekly Notes- February 14, 2014



Dear Parents,

The children enjoyed exchanging Valentines with their friends today! Thankfully, the snow abated enough to allow for a day of school before our winter break. Thank you for supporting your child's efforts to write notes to all of his/her classmates. All of the children clearly loved the compliments and notes of affection they received from their friends.

The teachers, staff, and I wish you a fun-filled week ahead! Enjoy the precious time with your children. Please remember to read and enjoy a few books with them this week. It is important to keep children learning, thinking, and talking about stories, characters, and ideas--- especially when they are not in school.

Have a wonderful week!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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### Board of Education

The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. in the District Office.

### DATES TO REMEMBER

February 15<sup>th</sup> -23<sup>rd</sup> - Winter Recess

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

### Head Lice

Although I do not wish to raise undue concern, I would like to address the topic of head lice. Cases of head lice occur in all schools throughout the year and typically increase immediately following school vacations. Our staff is educated about the topic and continually remind children to avoid head-to-head contact, which is the most common method of transmission. It is important that parents have accurate information and work with schools to reduce the number of cases in the community.

According to the American Academy of Pediatrics, infestations of head lice are a very common occurrence in school-aged children. At Goosehill, we respond to reported cases by informing the parents in the child's class so that they can inspect their children and monitor them for symptoms.

With the help of our school nurse, Mrs. Gurtowski, I have collected some current information from the American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Association of School Nurses for your review. If you would like additional information, please see their websites. Here are a few important points to remember:

- Head lice are not an indication of poor hygiene. They do not cause disease.
- Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp and feed on blood. The eggs, also called nits, are tiny, tear-drop shaped eggs that attach to the hair shaft. Nits often appear yellowish or white, and can look like dandruff but cannot be removed or brushed off. The adult louse is the size of a sesame seed and is tan to grayish-white. An itchy and inflamed scalp is a common symptom of lice.
- Head lice are mostly spread by **direct head-to-head contact**—during play, sports activities, slumber parties, or camp. They move by crawling and cannot jump or fly. It is actually uncommon for lice to spread via clothing or personal items, such as combs, towels or toys. The fact is that lice have feet that are specifically designed to grasp onto the human hair shaft and they can only live a few hours off the head. Those that do detach from a person's scalp are most certainly old or injured, and die even more quickly.
- Head lice are not dangerous, but they are upsetting and annoying and require that people spend effort, time, and money to be rid of them. If you suspect your child has lice, it is important to talk to a healthcare provider to discuss the best treatment approach for your family.

With the upcoming school vacation, please remember that children are likely to have close contact during play dates and sleepovers when they sit together on couches and beds and share pillows and blankets. These instances are cited in the medical literature as the most likely sources of transmission of head lice, so check your child carefully following such visits.

Please remember that just as children are susceptible to catching colds and other illnesses, it is possible that they could get lice from close contact with other children. While lice can cause stress for adults, we don't want children to develop fear and anxiety about the prospect of it happening to them. We also don't want children to be ostracized if they do have to be treated for lice.

If you have any questions or would like additional information, please do not hesitate to call.

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### **NOTES FROM THE GPFA**

Thank you to all who signed up to be on the GPFA Nominating Committee: Michelle Coco (chair), Jordan Smith, Lana Soskin, Lauryn Koke and Ali Gladowski. We really appreciate your help.

Thank you all for attending the GPFA Meeting on Wednesday. Our next meeting is March 5<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at Goosehill Primary School. Mrs. Herschlein will be discussing homework.

Although Goosehill's goal is always to have recess outdoors, this year the School Improvement Team hopes to provide better indoor recess options for our children on those bitterly cold winter days. 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.

Please continue to send in Box Tops. February is the last month to turn them in this school year!

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

**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 25, 2014, at 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

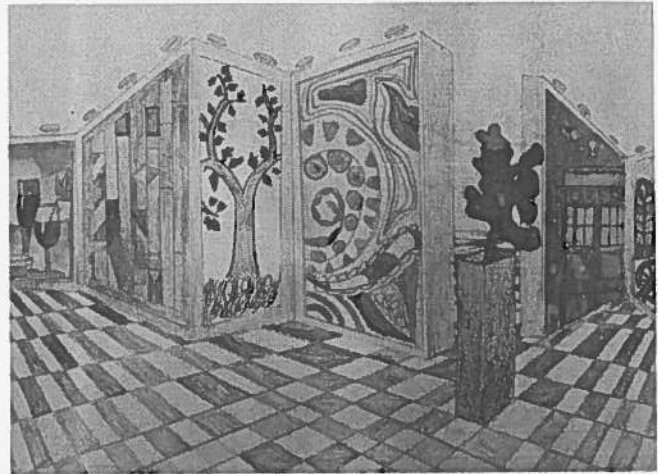
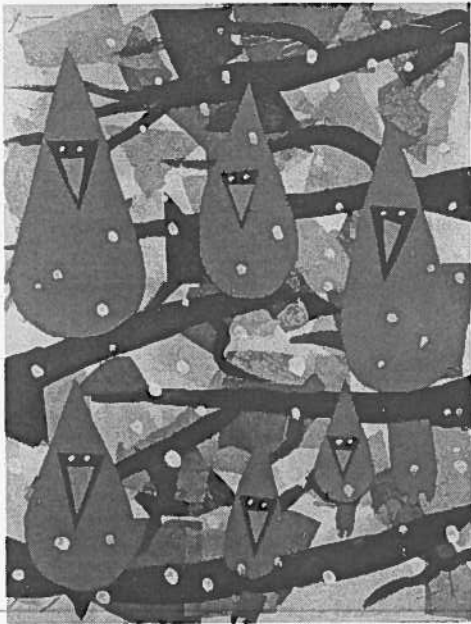
At 7:30 p.m. the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting and workshop to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law. The Board of Education will also conduct public hearings as follows:

- Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a veterans' property tax exemption.
- Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a Gold Star Parent property tax exemption.

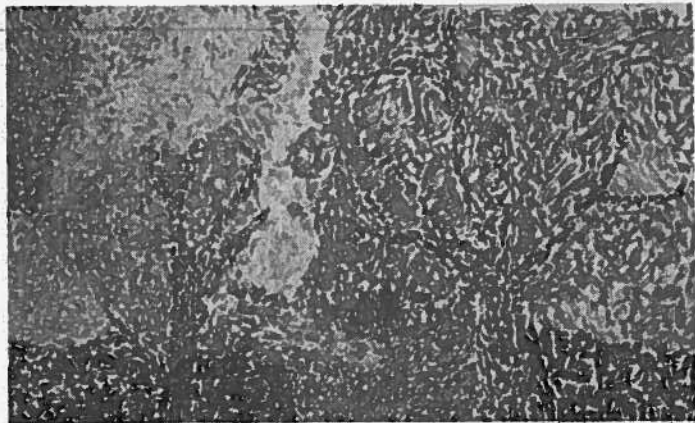
  
William Bernhard, District Clerk

# The Cold Spring Harbor School District Presents...

The 2013/2014  
**Student Art Exhibition**  
Cold Spring Harbor Elementary Schools



**February 4th - 28th**  
in the  
CSH Public Library



Featuring selected student work from grades K-6

# “KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE “ SERIES AT COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY

The Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center will be hosting a series of programs to inform children and adults how to stay safe in a variety of situations.

## FAMILY PROGRAMS



FAMILY SELF DEFENSE WITH  
MASTER MIKE OF MASTERS KARATE IN SYOSSET

Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.

Learn the art of self-defense with karate Master Mike

CHILD ID PROGRAM

Saturday, March 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Sponsored by New York Life. Come get an ID for your child and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

## ADULT PROGRAMS

SURVIVAL SIGNALS:

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS TO STAY SAFE

Tuesday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to reduce your chances of being a crime victim. Officer Larmour of the Second Precinct will discuss risk factors, how to plan ahead for problems and emergencies, and why you should trust your instincts when “something just isn’t right.” Attendees will receive tips on staying safe at home, at the office, and in the car. Q&A to follow

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION

Thursday March 20, 2:00 p.m.



Don't be a victim! A detective from the Suffolk County Police Department will advise you on what identity theft is, what criminals do with your identity and how to prevent becoming a victim.



Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center  
95 Harbor Road  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631. 692.6820 [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org) CSHMobileApp



# MommaCon 2014

The don't miss momma event of the year

SAVE THE DATE

SUNDAY  
MARCH 23, 2014  
10AM TO 4PM  
LIU BROOKVILLE

Mommy makeovers

Hourly giveaways

Live entertainment

Fun classes for kids

Informational sessions for moms

Free samples

Fabulous door prizes

Support a good cause: A percentage of all proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House



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Please join us for a complimentary showing of

## **"Despicable Me 2"**

**On Thursday Feb 20th -12:00 noon**

**Cinema Arts Centre**

**423 Park Avenue**

**Huntington, NY 11743**



**Florije Marion**  
LSP



**Tina Armonas McGowan**  
LAB

Seating is limited.

To reserve your seat please e-mail us at:

[coldspringharbor@danielgale.com](mailto:coldspringharbor@danielgale.com)



**Jennifer Monahan**  
LSP

Please include your name, address, phone number and how many adults and children will be attending.



**Donna Moran**  
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**Lauryl Palatnick**  
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**Ellen Patterson**  
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**Maud Robertson**  
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