

Goosehill Primary School Weekly Notes- February 28, 2014



Dear Parents,

Today we celebrated the 100th Day of School! The celebration is an opportunity to recognize the incredible growth the children have made in their first 100 days at Goosehill Primary School. They've learned so much from their teachers! Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky and the kindergarten teachers for organizing a wonderful concert. Thank you to all parents for helping the children make such creative projects. They were very proud of themselves.

At this time, it also feels like we have had 100 days of winter! The children have been indoors for recess for a long time now. The School Improvement Team's (SIT) goal of enhancing the indoor recess experience has certainly made a positive impact. With the help of our school lunch teachers, I ordered some terrific board games and activities for the recess program. Thanks to all of the parents who donated toys, games, crafts, and building materials. The children are enjoying everything, especially building with Magna-blocks, Lincoln Logs, Tinker Toys, and red Solo cups.

The teachers, staff, and I have noticed that the children are having a very positive experience playing some classic children's games with each other. *Trouble, Connect Four, Guess Who? Memory, Operation, Don't Break the Ice,* are just a few that they love. First graders are even playing Mancala, the game they learned to play in the Kenya Learning Club. With all that is available to children in terms of electronic games, I thought I would share with you some of the benefits of "regular" games. According to Gwen Dewar, Ph.D. (Parenting Science, 2012):

The benefits of board games for kids? Some are obvious. Kids enjoy playing them, and board games are opportunities for families to play together. In addition, social scientists have argued that games teach lessons about getting along with others. For example, games may encourage kids to consider the concept of rules, practice following rules, and reason about moral problems.

When kids play with older role models they can learn something else, too: How to win—and lose—with grace and good manners. Then there are the possible intellectual benefits. Many board games—including the classics, like Chess, Checkers, Connect Four, and various Mancala games --encourage players to detect patterns, plan ahead, predict the outcome of alternative moves, and learn from experience.

I hope you'll consider incorporating games into your family time, especially since it looks like we may be indoors for at least a few more weeks! If you are looking for something enjoyable to do on Sunday, try the **Yankee Doodle Circus** to be held at the Cold Spring Harbor High School at 1 p.m. & 4 p.m. It promises to be a fun-filled event for all! The information flyer was sent home yesterday and will appear on the website attached to these Notes.

Enjoy the weekend!

Lynn Herschlein

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Board of Education

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

Parent Portal

As you know, report cards for this marking period will be distributed at your parent-teacher conference in March/April. (Conference dates are: March 21, 28, and April 4 and are half days of school. More info to follow). Additionally, you will be able to access your child's report card through the Cold Spring Harbor School District website Parent Portal. Instructions for registering for the portal and accessing your child's report card will be distributed next week.

Green Tip of the Week

To preserve the planet, I try to take the school bus as often as possible instead of using the car.



Read Across America- March 3, 2014

Next week, all members of our school community will stop what they are doing...and read a book! Our twenty-minute "Read-In" will honor "Read Across America Day," when children and adults across the country celebrate the joys of reading on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

Hope everyone had a great first week back. It was great to celebrate the *HAPPY 100TH DAY* of school with our friends and families. The children's celebration was wonderful and so sweet.

Another reminder that the **Yankee Doodle Circus** is coming to the High School Field House this Sunday. Show times are 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. This should be great fun for the children.

The "Book Nook" space is progressing nicely. The railing, rugs and bookcases are already up. We are just waiting for a few "finishing touches" for its completion. Please come by and take a look!

Wednesday, March 5th is the next GPFA meeting at 9:30 a.m. in Goosehill's Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will be speaking to us about homework as it relates to our Goosehill students. This should be very informative and relative for all of us.

Important dates to note:

Friday, March 21	}	PARENT – TEACHER CONFERENCES
Friday, March 28	}	NOON DISMISSAL
Friday, April 4	}	for <u>Grades K - 6</u>

COME SUPPORT THE SEAHAWKS

Nassau County Class A

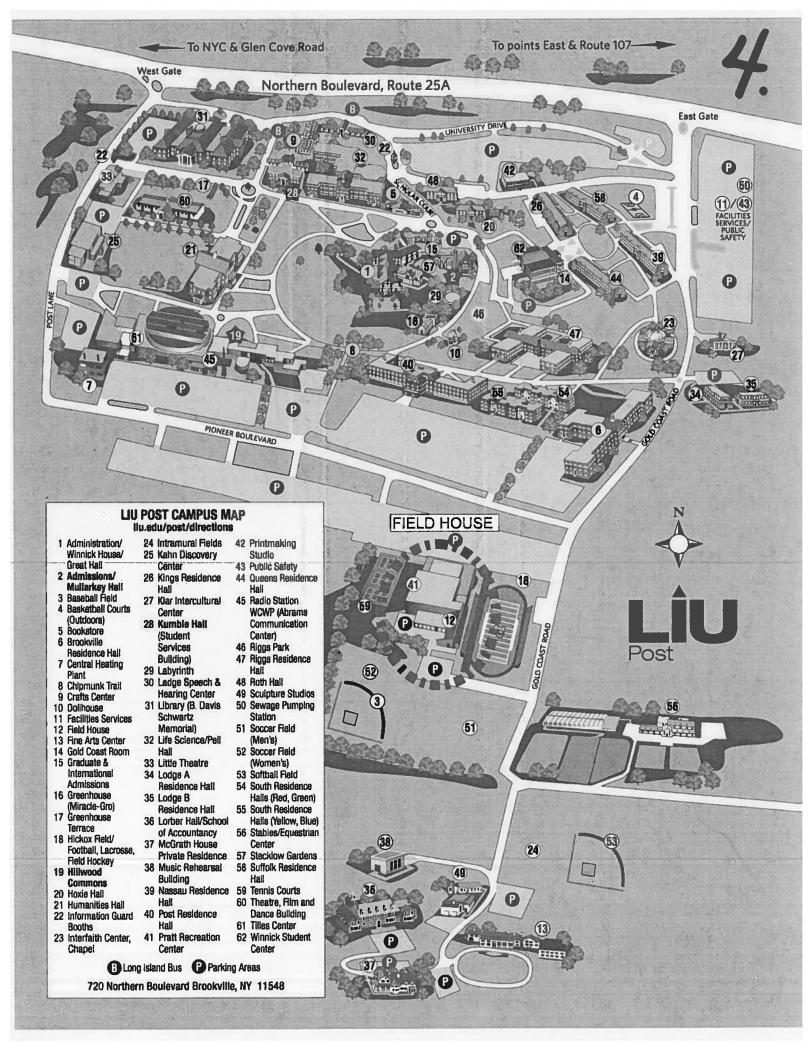
Girls Basketball Finals

Saturday, March 1st 2014

Time: 2pm

Location: CW Post

See Attached Map



EXCLUSIVE PRE-SALE OFFER BEGINS NOW!

Cold Spring Jr/Sr High School CFA is bringing the circus to town!

SUNDAY MARCH 2 1:00 pm and 4:00 pm

Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr HS Field House

Mike Naughton's Yankee Doodle Circus

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Experience unbelievable family fun as amazing performers from around the globe dazzle you with awe-inspiring feats of daring, astounding acrobats and thrills of wonders from the marvelous to the magnificent.

JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED FAMILY EVENT A circus so special that

you may never want to go home.



KIDS GO FREE!

Get your PRE SALE TICKETS NOW! before they go on sale to the general public

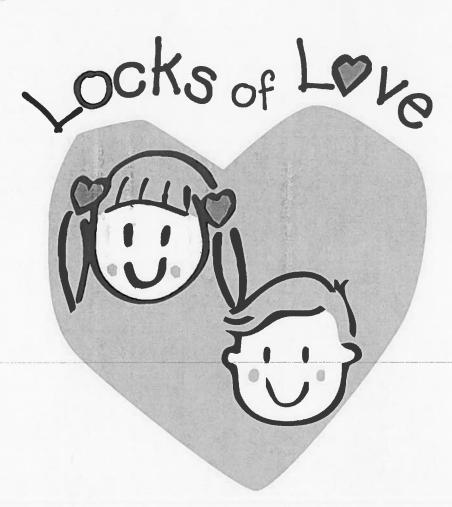
Adult \$14.75
plus 2 FREE TICKETS for Children under 14
GetCircusTickets.com

At the door: Adult \$18.00; Child \$6.00



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LOCKS OF LOVE FASHION SHOW



COME SEE LOCKS OF LOVE'S 6TH FASHION SHOW FRIDAY, MARCH 7 AT 7PM IN THE PAC.
TICKETS ARE \$10.

Save The Date!



March 8, 2014
"Stick with Us" Talent Show
7pm at the CSH High School PAC



Come out and support your boys and girls Varsity lacrosse teams and watch the players and coaches perform in our 7th annual spring fundraiser!



Fun Skits Amazing Raffles Great Night for All!

Tickets sold at the door or from any player

Go Seahawks

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

Kite Clock

Tuesday, March 4th @ 4:30 pm
For Children in grades K-2
Join Artist Doris Benter in creating a kite shaped clock the really works and appears
to be flying through the air

Cuckoo Clock

Monday, March 10 @ 4:30 pm
For Children in grades 3-5
Children will enjoy creating a clock reminiscent of the classic "Cuckoo" style, complete with its own little bird

FAMILY SELF-DEFENSE WITH MASTER MIKE

Saturday March 1 @ 2:00 pm

For Children of all ages with their families

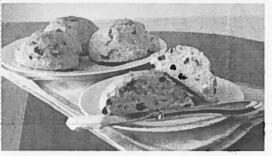
Lean the art of self-defense with Karate Master Mike Lee.

TEEN Community Service

For students in grades 7-12, Teen Book Reviews begins February 3! Read and review can earn you

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



Remember to bring your apron!

Scone & Irish Soda Bread Making Workshop Thursday, March 13 at 12:30pm

Another delicious program by Lisa, The Baking Coach!

Register in person at the Information Services Desk with \$5 cash or check payable to the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Please note: Advance registration is required. CSH cardholders only through March 6; then open to all.

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

MommaCon 2014

The don't miss momma event of the year

FUN ACTIVITIES ALL DAY LONG

Strolling entertainment from The Big Apple Circus

Who doesn't want that?

and more fun.

Come find out about all things kid

related and mommy needed in your area. We know all the best in the business and will have over

125 exhibitors ready to show off their stuff to **make your life easier**

Family Meals Made Easy, presented by Family Circle Food Director, Regina Ragone

Lululemon family yoga

CrossFit class for kids

Tiger Schulmann mixed martial arts demo

Music making for the whole family with Music Together

Stroller exercise class featuring cardio, toning & strength with Stroller Strides

Crafty fun for curious kids with Not Just Art

Petting zoo with Petland Parties

Hands-on animal learning with The Center for Science Teaching & Learning

Sleep training techniques & positive parenting tips for all ages from The Counseling & Parenting Center

"Young Geniuses in the Limelight" with Village East Gifted

Song, dance and rhythm with Music for Aardvarks

OMG! Homemade skin care products on a dime

New York Lizards Lacrosse fastest shot contest

Interactive tennis game with Sportime Woodbury

Bricks 4 Kidz: We learn, we build... we play ...with I FGO bricks!

Make-your-own bicycle license plate with Professor Pedals

Acting and improvisation class with Cultural Arts Playhouse

Obstacle course from The Little Gvm

"Dance With Me" hip-hop class

Develop musical skills through fun, interactive activities with Bach to Rock.

Get introduced to soccer and baseball from Lil Athletes

Pamper yourself with a chair massage, mini facial and manicure

Plus cookie decorating, face painting, and tattoos for the kids!

Want in? Have a memorable day with the whole family. Mom guaranteed.



Buy your ticket at http://Mo

Con.com

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

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

Prizes....

Since a mom's job is 24/7, MommaCon is raffling off 24 fabulous prizes and 7 grand ones!

> Everyone goes home a winner with a schwag bag to fill with lots of free samples!





We will be Freezin' for a Reason at the 1st Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Tobay Beach, Ocean Parkway

Check-in between 10:00 - 11:30 am

PLUNGE at 11:30 am

Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the PLUNGE! Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt.....raise more money and receive more great prizes! Whether you plunge or support a Plunger, come join us on March 29th!

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Log onto www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay and click the **Register Here** button.

You can start a team, join a team or join as an individual.

Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to Freezin' for a Reason!

Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!

DID YOU KNOW?

Special Olympics New York has 61,582 athletes training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports.

Our athletes and their families or caregivers are NEVER CHARGED to participatel

It costs \$400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season.

Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!



SIGN UP TODAY!

www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay

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TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP!



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