



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 28, 2014



Dear Parents,

This is the time of year when teachers and parents reflect upon how much the children have learned since September. The most compelling evidence of growth appears in their writing. When we think back to September, our kindergartners were just learning to string letters together to represent words. Now they are writing *How-To* pieces, giving their audience instructions for how to do things like climb the rock wall, blow bubbles, and take books out of the library! They are very proud of their ability to teach others. Alex shared his book, *How-To Ski*, at our Spirit Day Assembly on Wednesday and we saw many faces nodding in agreement with the steps he'd written. Emma also shared her advertisement for the *Fix-It Box for Recess Toys* she created.

Our first graders have been writing reviews where they share their opinions on topic such as books, movies, and games. At our assembly, Alexandra read her book review *The Chocolate Touch* and Grayson read a review of his favorite holiday, *April Fool's Day*. Charlie shared his wonderful review of Goosehill Primary School and then Mrs. Kotzky led us in singing the Goosehill School with pride. First graders have also written to persuade an audience and many have received responses. Nicolette wrote to Miss Pat in the cafeteria to request that she add veal parmesan to the menu. Miss Pat wrote a response to Nicolette and explained that while veal could not be an option, she will add chicken parmesan to the April menu. The children are certainly learning how to influence people through the written word!

Thanks to the GPFA, we will enjoy a visit from a very famous children's book author, Alyssa Capucilli, next week. The children have been reading her books and studying her work in their classrooms and in the library with our School Library Media Specialist, Mrs. Fraiberg. Mrs. Fraiberg helped the children craft questions to ask Ms. Capucilli, such as how she gets her ideas for stories, what her favorite book is, and how she makes her writing so great. We are looking forward to an exciting day!

Next week our first graders will be going on a science field trip to the CSH Fish Hatchery where they will learn about animal habitats and more about the turtles they are raising through the *Turtles in the Classroom Program*. The children will have another opportunity to visit the hatchery in June when they release their turtles.

The kindergarten dance is Thursday, 6-7 p.m. We look forward to seeing you for a fun-filled evening!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein



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School Improvement Team

If you would like to serve on the School Improvement Team next year, please complete the self-nomination form found in the Table of Contents. You can also access the form on our website. Go to the drop-down menu: **Schools-Goosehill- School Notices.**

Outdoor Recess

We are having recess outdoors whenever possible. Please remember that the air is still cold! The children need may need jackets and long pants for at least a few more weeks.

Earth Hour 2014- A Note From the Green Committee

The World Wildlife Organization's Earth Hour is the world's largest grass-roots environmental movement towards action on climate change; and it involves a simple action: switching off the lights for one hour between 8.30pm-9.30 pm every year in March. This year, Earth Hour falls on Saturday March 29, 2014.

Class Placement for Next Year

Please be sure you have read my letter to parents regarding this important topic. It was sent home last week in an envelope addressed to you. Letters will be accepted until April 7th.

Half Days

Students will be dismissed from school at 12:00 on: April 4th and *April 11th (*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!

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

April 1st - Alyssa Capucilli of the Biscuit book series is coming to GH for author visit.

April 3rd at 6pm (K) and April 10th at 6pm (1st) School Dances

The next GPFA meeting is April 9th at 9:30 at Goosehill. Mrs. Herschlein and two teachers will be discussing the math curriculum.

We are still collecting box tops through the end of the year. Keep sending them in!

Thanks to everyone who sent in the self nominating forms for the GPFA board for next year!

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
SHARED-DECISION MAKING
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2014-2015 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

1. NAME: _____ PHONE#: _____

2. Please indicate the school you wish to represent:

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of September 2014.

- Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)
- Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)
- West Side (4 Representatives)
- Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.
(1 representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2014:
_____ grade(s)

If more names are received than slots available, there will be an election. At that time, you may be asked to provide a brief statement and/or reasons for seeking this position in 30 words or less. This statement will be printed on the ballot. Your school association executive board will inform you of the election procedures in April. All elections will be completed by April 30th, 2014. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

Please return this form to the District Office no later than April 10th, to the attention of School Improvement Team.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on April 1, 2014, at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, including the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School, West Side Elementary School, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, Undistributed, and General Support Budgets, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on April 8, 2014, at 6:00 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 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



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