



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- April 4, 2014



Dear Parents,

It has been another busy week at Goosehill Primary School! The children really enjoyed meeting Alyssa Capucilli and learning about her books. She explained that she writes stories about the people, places, and animals she loves, but adds a touch of imagination too! She also discussed how she researches topics to write informational books, such as My First Soccer Game. The children loved learning that their work in school is just like the work of a “real” author. Ms. Capucilli encouraged them to read, write, and imagine every day. I have heard from a number of parents that their children came home this week and wrote their own books about their pets---just like *Biscuit*. Meeting an author can really inspire a young writer! Thank you again, to Mrs. Schneider (Petra’s mom) for arranging the visit and to the Cultural Arts Committee, GPFA, and our school district for providing the funds for this memorable experience.

The first graders enjoyed their field trip to the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery on Wednesday. They learned a great deal about a turtle’s life cycle, habitat, and adaptations. The program is comprehensive and addresses many of the Life Science Learning Standards for first grade. The children love taking care of and studying their own class turtles, which they will release back into the “wild” (the Fish Hatchery ponds) in June.

The kindergarten students had a wonderful time dancing last night! It really was a joy to watch them have such fun. Thank you to Mrs. Ranaldo for leading them with so much enthusiasm! We are looking forward to the First Grade dance next Thursday.

Goosehill Primary School enjoyed its first-ever chicken parmesan lunch, thanks to Nicolette’s persuasive letter! I received a persuasive letter myself this week, from Ava, who made a strong case for having a special kind of Spirit Day this month. Ava suggested that we have “Opposite Day” when students can be creative in finding ways to show *opposites*. Ava and her classmates provided me with examples of opposites, such as wearing socks of opposite colors (black and white), patterns (striped and checked), or design (one lacy, one plain) or wearing something inside-out or backwards. Some children may like the silliness of wearing two different hairstyles (one side down, one side in a pony tail.) We have decided to **have Opposite Day next Friday, April 11th**. (a half day of school) I hope the children have fun coming up with their opposite ideas! (Please avoid face or hair paint.)

One of the important life-long lessons we hope to instill in the children at Goosehill Primary School is that through the act of writing they can express their opinions and share their stories to influence, teach, and entertain others. Our students are certainly learning the “power of the pen!”

Thank you for attending your child’s parent-teacher conference. I hope you’ll also consider attending the GPFA meeting on Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Our teachers have planned a discussion about the math program to help parents support their children. Four teachers will attend the meeting with me to help provide you with insights about the skills and concepts being developed in kindergarten and first grade. Hope to see you there!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

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Free Cone Day at Ben & Jerry's on Tuesday 12-10 pm.

Cold Spring Harbor Teachers (Mrs. Cooper at 6 p.m. and a certain principal from 4-5) will be scooping ice cream on Tuesday afternoon and evening! Refer to the flyer in the ITEMS section of today's NOTES for details.

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.**

Ed Tech Showcase: April 24th from 7 to 9 p.m. at the CSHHS Field House. Come experience firsthand what's happening in Cold Spring Harbor classrooms today. It's an event you won't want to miss! Refer to the flyer in the ITEMS section of today's NOTES for details.

Class Placement for Next Year

Please be sure you have read my letter to parents regarding this important topic. Parent letters will not be accepted after April 7th. Be assured that all children will be placed carefully whether I receive a letter or not.

Half Days

Students will be dismissed from school at 12:00 on April 11th. The staff will be engaged in professional meetings all afternoon.

****There will be no lunch served on Friday, but please send a snack for your child.*

To avoid confusion, please keep your child's usual dismissal plan!

Spring Recess

Spring Break will begin on Saturday, April 12th. We return to school on Earth Day- Tuesday, April 22nd.

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

The next GPFA meeting is April 9th at 9:30 at Goosehill. Two Kindergarten and two First Grade teachers will be discussing the math curriculum for both K and 1.

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

Thanks to everyone who came to the Kindergarten Dance. The children had a great time and we hope you did too. Extra thanks to Kim Weiss who chaired both the K and 1st dance committees and to everyone else who volunteered.

Just a reminder to please return Work of Art forms if ordering (make check out to GPFA) or return the magnets if you aren't buying. Thank you!



Cold Spring Harbor Schools

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EdTech Showcase

Methods of teaching and learning are rapidly evolving.
Staying current with technological advances in education
is vital to student achievement and success.

Come experience firsthand what's happening
in Cold Spring Harbor classrooms today.

It's an event you won't want to miss!



Technology raffle prizes every hour for attendees!

April 24th

7pm-9pm

CSHHS Field House

Over 30 student-run exhibitions, including:

3D Printing Demonstration

Students as Publishers - eBooks

West Side School Modern Science Fair

Creating PSAs using Tech Tools

iPads in the Elementary Classroom

Ted ED

Hawk Talk - Student Video Broadcast

Virtual Enterprise

Digital Art and iMovies

Robotics Club

Developing Entrepreneurial Skills with Technology
and many more!



Budget Vote & Trustee Election @ Your Library

Tuesday, April 8, 9:30am to 9pm

VOTE DAY ACTIVITIES

CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Cupcake Decorating, 10-4pm., for children of all ages

The Funnyman, 4:30pm, for children with their families

TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Scientific Research Program Poster Presentations, 3:30-6:30pm

CSH Jr./Sr. High School Chamber Orchestra Performance, 6pm

ADULT PROGRAMS

Michael Fairchild Presents: Gettysburg, the Turning Point, 1:30pm

Art Historian Franklin Hill Perrell: The Barnes Collection, 7pm

AMNESTY DAY – ALL DAY

Bring your overdue items to the Circulation Desk and all fines will be waived.

UPDATE YOUR LIBRARY CARD – ALL DAY

If you haven't already, pick up your new library card and key tag!



Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center
95 Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
www.cshlibrary.com / 631.692.6820 / CSH Mobile App

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

Budget Vote Day Fun: April 8, 2014

Cupcake Decorating

Tuesday, April 8, 10:00 am—4:00 pm

For children of all ages

Come down for our annual Budget Vote! Decorate a cupcake and vote for your favorite book character.

The Funnyman

Tuesday, April 8, 4:30 pm

For children of all ages

Laugh it up with the Funnyman Ellis Adler as he teaches us the joy and laughter of clowning. Watch the Funnyman become a clown step by step.

Children and adults alike will keep laughing throughout the performance.

Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School Chamber Orchestra Performance

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm

The cold spring harbor Jr. /Sr. orchestra will perform selection from popular movies conducted by chamber orchestra teacher Timothy Jenks

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*

The Four Season Organic Garden

Thursday, April 10, 2014, at 6:30pm



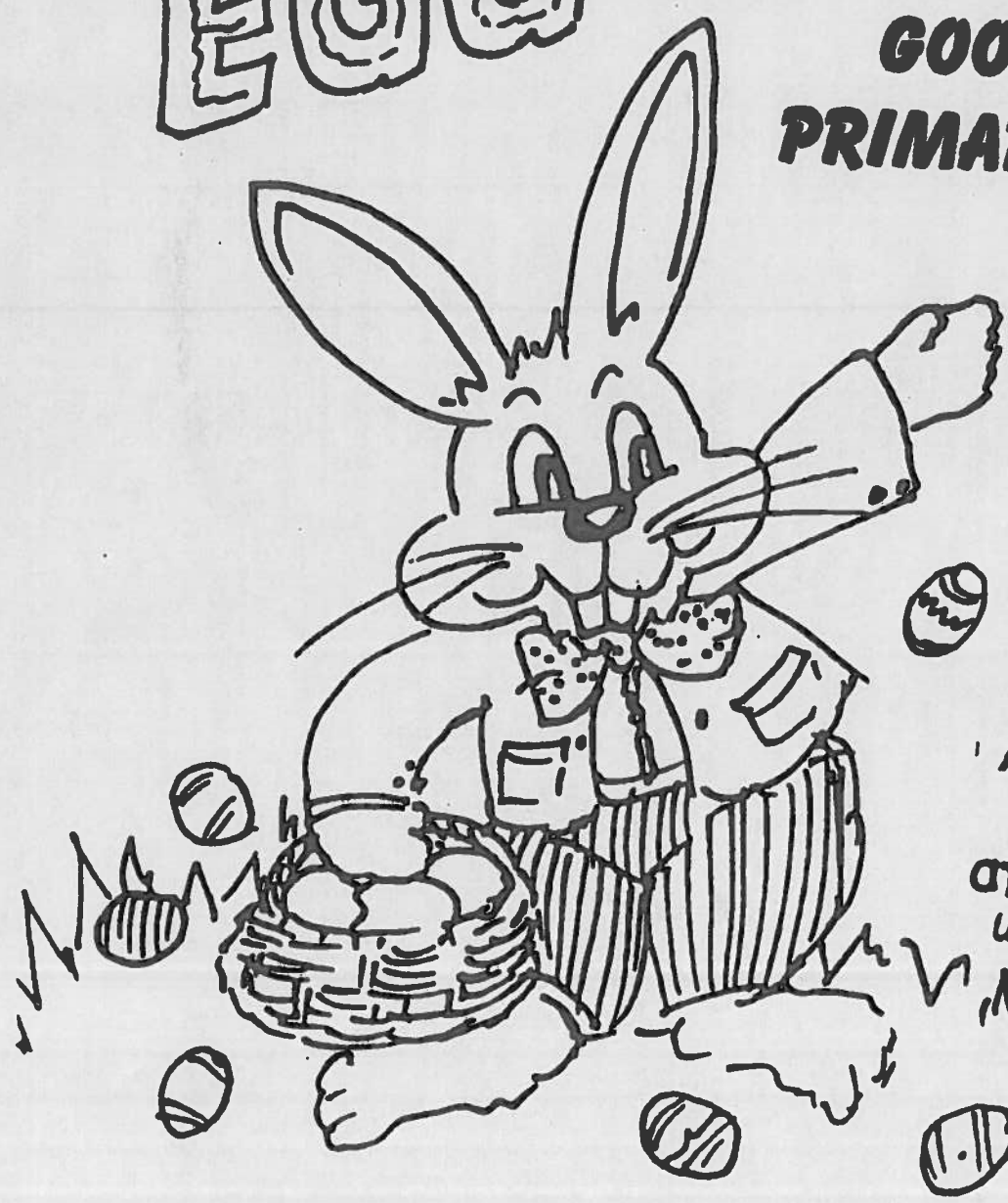
Learn how to produce high quality, affordable food all year round! With over 20 years of experience, organic consultant Renato Stafford will explain how you can set up and manage your four season garden.

Topics to be covered include: making soil (compost), cold-hardy

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

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LIONS
EGG HUNT

GOOSE HILL
PRIMARY SCHOOL



RAIN
OR
SHINE

SATURDAY
APRIL 19TH 2014
at 10: A.M. SHARP
UP TO 12 YRS. OLD
NEWTON

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)

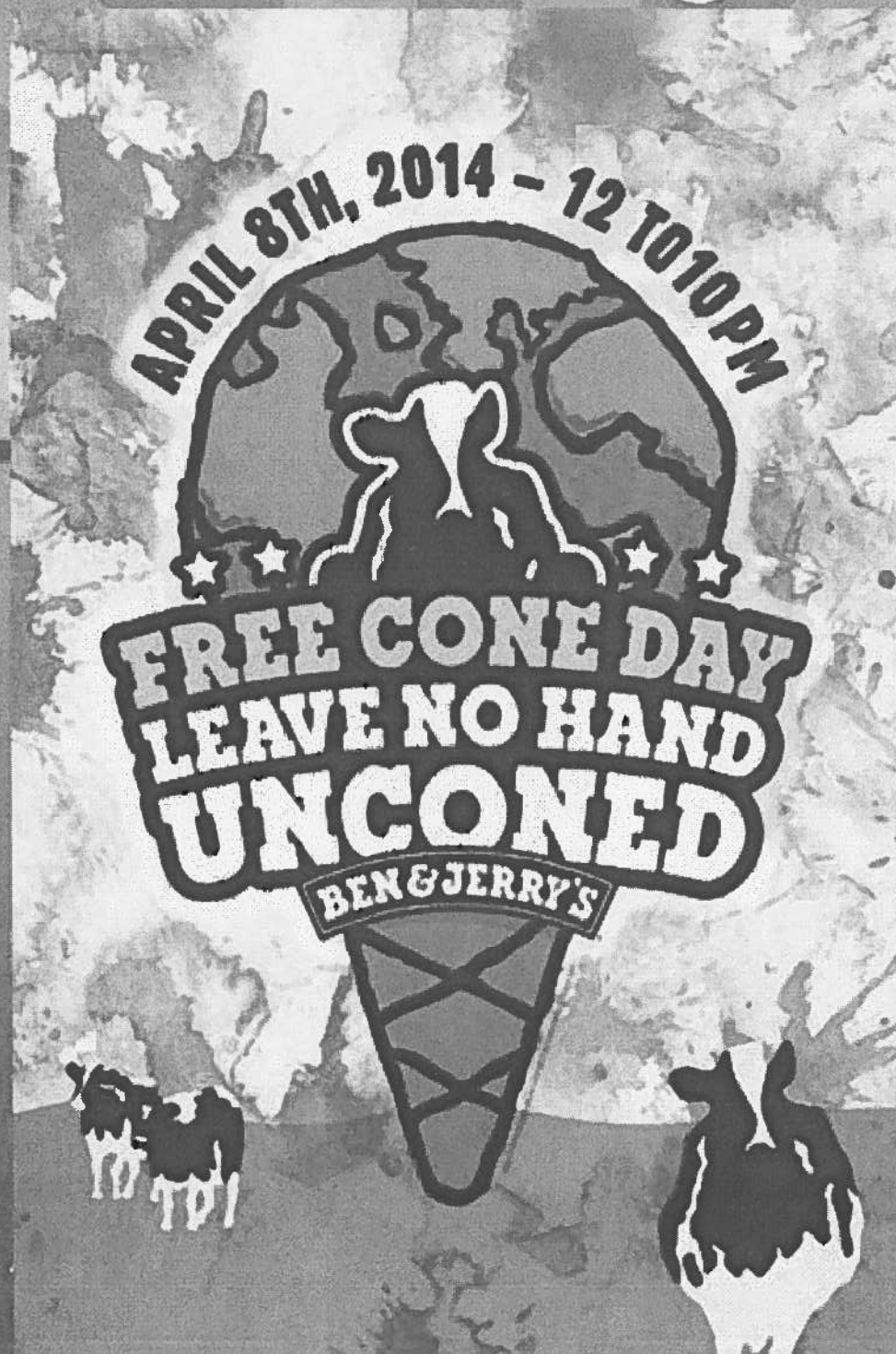
If more names are received than slots available, there will be an election. At that time, you may be asked to provide a brief statement and/or reasons for seeking this position in 30 words or less. This statement will be printed on the ballot. Your school association executive board will inform you of 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.

Cold Spring Harbor School District
 The Francis Roberts Community Center
 75 Goose Hill Road
 Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

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Cold Spring Harbor and Huntington teachers will be scooping your favorite flavors!

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