



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- April 11, 2014



Dear Parents,

Whether you will be home or away on a trip next week, the teachers, staff, and I hope you enjoy the time with your children. As you know, taking a break from school doesn't have to mean taking a break from learning! There are so many ways you can build your child's vocabulary and knowledge base through conversation and exploration while on vacation from school. Here are some ideas:

If your family will be traveling, show your child the place on a map. Notice and name the city, state, or country and nearby landforms or surrounding bodies of water. Use the computer or iPad to view photos and videos of the place to find out a little bit about the land or the people who live there. Just a few minutes of reading, viewing, and discussion can go a long way in building your child's knowledge base about the world.

If you will be staying home this week, there are many opportunities for learning (and fun!) in our area. Try visiting the CSH Library, Fish Hatchery, and Whaling Museum for Spring Break activities. (see flyers in the Items section below) Our local aquariums, zoos, and museums (e.g. L.I. Aquarium, Children's Museum, Cradle of Aviation) make for some wonderful day trips. After a long, cold winter, enjoy some outdoor hiking (e.g. Caumsett State Park, Planting Fields Arboretum) or visits to area playgrounds. Here are some other ideas:



April 12, 13, and 19th

- Flat Stanley at the John W. Engeman Theater in Northport

April 14th

- Disney's 101 Dalmatians at BayWay Arts Center (through May 3rd)
- Let's Plant Spring at Long Island Science Center (through the 19th)
- Spring Discovery Days at Sweetbriar Nature Center (through the 18th)

April 15th

- School Vacation Art Workshops: Brake For Art at Nassau County Museum of Art (through the 17th)
- Sand-Casting Craft at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

April 16th

- Buried Treasure at Science Museum of Long Island
- Peter Rabbit at Theater Three, Port Jefferson through April 26th

April 18th

- Spring Nature Walk & Craft at Garvies Point Museum and Preserve

April 19th

- Spring Eggstravaganza at the Theodore Roosevelt Sanctuary (12:30)

However you spend the break, the faculty, staff and I hope you enjoy the week off with your children. We send our best wishes to our families celebrating Passover and Easter.

Warmly,
Mrs. Herschlein

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Spring Break: April 12th - April 21st. We return to school on Earth Day- Tuesday, April 22nd.



Thank you!

- Thank you to all of the parents who attended the GPFA meeting on Wednesday. I have heard from many of you that you found the discussion with teachers about math materials and ways to support your child's progress in mathematics to be very helpful. Thank you to all of the teachers for taking the time to plan for the meeting so that it was most helpful for parents. Thank you to Mrs. Kestenbaum, Mrs. Gross, Mrs. Riggles, and Ms. Villa for leading this meeting. We plan to offer more opportunities like this next year and all teachers will have a chance to lead a discussion.
- Today was "*Opposite Day*" and the children seemed to have a lot of fun with this playful idea. They came to school with mismatched and inside-out clothing and funny lop-sided hair-dos. I found some even trying to walk backwards in the hallway! Thank you again to Ava for the idea.
- Thanks again to Mrs. Ranaldo for leading the children at the First Grade Dance last night. It was a fun-filled evening for all! Thank you again to Mrs. Weiss and the entire Dance Committee for making the event so special.
- Thank you to the Green and Garden Committees and the GPFA for all of the special plans that have been created for Earth Week—the week we return to school. The children will enjoy an Earth Day read aloud, planting the garden, and fun recess activities related to our celebration of the Earth. There will even be a different kind of homework that week---Family Fun Activities for all to enjoy!

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

Thank you to all who helped in the Kindergarten and 1st Grade Dances. They were a huge success and all the children had a wonderful time. Special thanks to all of our volunteers: Maureen Chapey; Karen Hinphy; Deirdre Ventura; Michael Weiss; Tara Kaufman; Paris Pappas; Heather Lima; Tami Schneider; Irene Gioules; Jenny Potenza; Allison Monaco; Kaitlin Carroll; Jenna Cutrone and John Franco. Extra Special thanks to Kim Weiss (chairperson) who worked so hard to put both dances together and Mrs. Ranaldo - for her amazing dance moves!

Thank you all who attended this past week's GPFA meeting. It was a great turnout. Thank you to all the teachers who gave their time to speak about the math curriculum. Also at that meeting we announced the new 2014-2015 GPFA Board.

Please join me in congratulating our new 2014-2015 GPFA Board:

Co-Presidents: Kaitlin Eisenegger, Heather Savarese

Co-Vice Presidents, Amy Koenigsberger, Jill Seiman Mayer, Maureen Chapey

Treasurer: Charisse Winthrop

Secretary: Gloria Godsell

Communications: Maria Reilly

After many great recommendations and careful consideration, we know that you will be in perfect hands for the upcoming school year at Goosehill. Also special thanks to our GPFA Nominating Committee: Michele Coco (chair), Cat Bauer, Ali Gladowsky, Lauryn Koke, Ginette Reynolds, Jordan Smith and Lana Soskin.

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

Keep an eye out for information about upcoming Earth Day events from flyers from the GPFA and from your class parents.

Have a great spring vacation!



Spring Break

at the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium

Animal Encounters

April 14 at 11am & 3:30pm

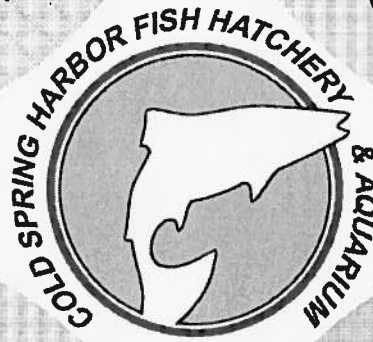
April 18 at 11am & 3:30pm

Learn about the Hatchery's turtles, frogs and salamanders during a live animal presentation.

Hatchery Olympics

April 15 from 11am-3pm

Think you have what it takes to survive in the wild? Compare your skills to the extraordinary athletic abilities of animals as you compete in the Hatchery Olympics.



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Let Your Garden Grow

April 16 from 11am-3pm

Learn what plants need to grow and make your very own Hairy Harry to take home.

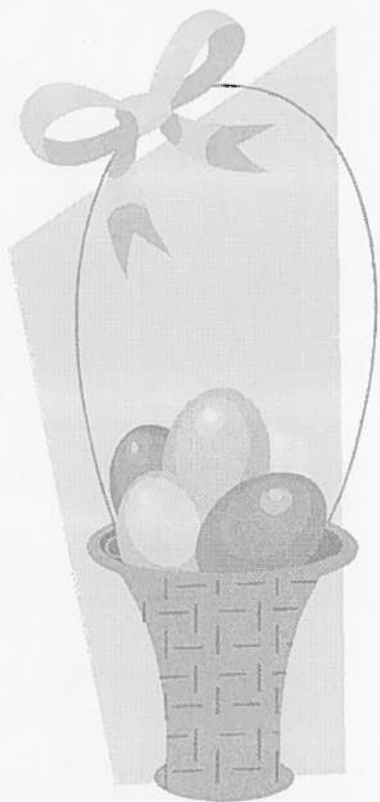
Amazing Adaptations

April 17 from 11am-3pm

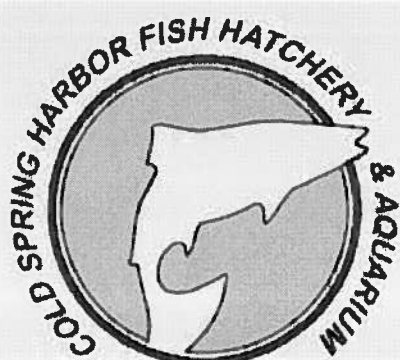
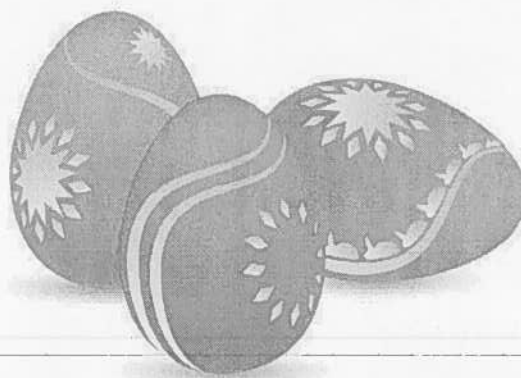
Discover the amazing adaptations that help animals survive in nature.



Spring Egg Hunt



Join us for a spring egg hunt! Bring a basket and collect as many eggs as you can find around the Hatchery.



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**April 19, 2014
10:30am - 12:30pm**



1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 • (516) 692-6768 • www.cshfha.org

Councilman Mark Cuthbertson and the Town of Huntington
present a Spring

"Eggstravaganza"

Wednesday, April 16th, 10:00am — 1:00pm

Heckscher Park (tennis court area)
25A and Prime Avenue, Huntington

- * Treat Filled Eggs
- * Face Painting
- * Craft Tables

This FREE event is for children ages 3-8.
ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED
 Go to www.tohparks.com and click on "Special Events" to register.
 Please print out receipt and bring to event.
 Please bring canned food item for local food pantry.

Call 351-2877 for more info.



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From Cold Spring Harbor Library

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**Thank you for supporting your Library
134 yes, 43 No**

***From Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department.
Registration Required!***

Spring Break FUN @ the Library

Monday, April 14

BOARD GAME BONANZA

11:00 a.m., for children of all ages



Tuesday, April 15

LEGO CLUB

11:00 a.m., for children in grades K-6

TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS

2:00-4:00 p.m., for children of all ages

PUZZLEMANIA

2:00 p.m., for children in grades K-6

Wednesday, April 16

SPRING STORY & CRAFT

11:00 a.m., for children ages 2-5 with adult

Thursday, April 17

COFFEE FILTER BUTTERFLIES

11:00 a.m., for children ages 2-5
with adult

RAINBOW LOOM CLUB

2:00 p.m., for children in grades 3-7



SNACK & A MOVIE

2:00 p.m., for children of all ages
Frozen (PG; 102 min.)

Friday, April 18

AFTERNOON ART: FLOWER ART

2:00 p.m., for children of all ages



**For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian
at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820**



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April 24th

7pm-9pm

CSHHS Field House

