



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 2, 2014



Dear Parents,

As part of our school district's partnership with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the first graders enjoyed their visit to the lab this week where they participated in six exciting activities. Our students used microscopes to examine their fingerprints and explored solids, liquids, and gases. They learned about the brain and even examined a sheep's brain! The scientists taught our students about the properties of liquid nitrogen and how it is useful in the laboratory. They also used paper chromatography to explore the hidden rainbows in colored markers and nature. The children loved the experience and learned so much. We are so grateful that our students have the opportunity to see "real" scientists at work in our own "backyard"!

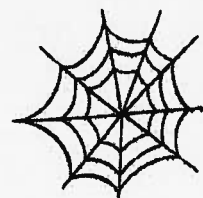
In school, our students are fascinated by science! Teachers share poems and informational texts about living creatures, physical science, and the environment. All of our students engage in exciting science investigations on a regular basis. It is wonderful to witness their delight as they explore such topics as the water cycle, force and motion, space, magnets, and sound.

The goal of children's development in science is to build their understandings about how the world works and how science is practiced. Hands-on experiences help our students form theories to explain "how" and "why" things happen. In school, they use tools like magnifying glasses, measuring cups, rulers, and scales to gather information. They make predictions, record their ideas on charts, and "try things out." Our teachers help our students use language to ask questions, describe what they see, and draw conclusions.

Here are some ideas for ways parents can nurture scientific thinking at home: (from the National Science Teachers Assoc.)

**Observing:** Invite young eyes and fingers to notice small details.

- "What shapes do you see in that spider web?"
- "Does the crust on this bread feel different from the crust on that one?"



**Classifying:** Put things in groups based on their characteristics.

- "Let's sort the socks by color."
- "Can you think of a way to divide your toys according to a pattern?"

**Predicting:** Put ideas about how the world works into words and test them.

- "How long will an ice cube last sitting on the counter? Will it last longer on another surface?"

**Quantifying:** Encourage children to quantify the world around them.

- "Who is the shortest person in the family? By how much?"
- "How many steps big is your room? The living room?"

The most important thing you can do as a parent is encourage a sense of wonder in your child. Talk and read about interesting topics. Pose questions like the ones above and look for answers together. Visit the library and take your own field trips to explore the natural world. Just remember...*science is all around us!*

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

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**Thank you Mrs. Saladino--**for all of your hard work taking photographs and creating our school yearbook!

### **Board of Education**

The Board of Education will hold its Annual Budget Meeting at District Office -Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> 8:00 p.m.

### **Head Lice**

Head lice infestation is a common problem among children that can occur at any time during the year. Although research indicates that in-school transmission is rare, we remind children to avoid head-to-head contact. It is important that parents check their children for signs of head lice periodically, especially following weekend sleepovers and vacations. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

### **BAKE SALE! SUNDAY MAY 4<sup>th</sup> - 1-4pm- 2 Pond Drive Lloyd Harbor**

A Note from Sienna Koke: : Please stop by for some yummy treats to support me in my efforts to raise money for the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk. I am raising money to support my cousin Camryn who has cystic fibrosis, a life-threatening disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. I will have an assortment of cupcakes, brownies, cookies and more!!! I hope to see you on Sunday and thank you for your support. Please see the flyer in these notes for more information. Thank you!! Sienna

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**NOTES FROM THE GPFA** The next GPFA meeting is May 9th - 9:30 at Goosehill Primary School.

Order forms for the Yearbook were sent out last week. We have extended the due date to order to the end of next week. The cost is \$25. The forms can be sent in Attn: MelSaladino. Checks made payable to the GPFA.

Thank you to all of our Earth Day Volunteers- Erich Eisenegger, Paris Pappas, Ellen Oster, Chloe Henning, Maureen Chapey, Heather Savarese, Greg Connor, Melissa Newman, Ginette Reynolds, and Steve & Christine Desimone. Extra special thanks to our chairs-people Elina Thatcher, Coriander Smith and Chloe Henning.

Thank you to Maryann Lombardo (chair), Nicole Boutis and Keri Speilberger for the Work of Art Fundraiser.

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

Volunteers needed! May 9th is the GH Staff Appreciation Lunch. If you would like to volunteer please contact: Kara Attalienti at [375-375-3318](tel:375-375-3318) or [kattalienti@msn.com](mailto:kattalienti@msn.com) - any and all help is greatly appreciated!

We need two representatives to attend the monthly meetings held the first Thursday of the month for the CPC (Central Parents Council). Other than attending the meetings, there are no additional responsibilities. It is an informative meeting of all of the district PTGs, administration, school principals, etc. For more information please contact Kristin Robillard - [Kristin.l.robillard@gmail.com](mailto:Kristin.l.robillard@gmail.com) or Ginette Reynolds - [ginette48@me.com](mailto:ginette48@me.com)

We also need volunteers for SIT next year- our School Improvement Team. They meet once a month on Mondays. For more information, please contact Kaitlin Eisenegger - [kcarrollx3@gmail.com](mailto:kcarrollx3@gmail.com)

**Cold Spring Harbor FOCUS 2014-2015 Board Nominations** The process of forming next year's FOCUS board is starting. Please consider nominating yourself or someone else for a position.

**FOCUS (Families of the Community United through Schools)** is a district wide organization that involves families, schools and the community. The purpose is to promote the environment and skills necessary for our children to make healthy and responsible decisions. This is accomplished through parent education and discussion on issues that are important to the community. This year we have brought additional information regarding technology usage and awareness, along with our transition meetings. Our panels have included authors, professors, lecturers, school administration, teachers, counselors and parents. There are five positions on the board: President, VP, Treasurer, Communications Coordinator and Secretary.

To self-nominate or nominate another individual, please submit the candidate's name, contact information and the proposed position by Wednesday, May 7th to:

Nicole Pultz - [pultz3@optonline.net](mailto:pultz3@optonline.net)

Marie Strunk - [3mstrunk@optonline.net](mailto:3mstrunk@optonline.net)

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

**Family Safe Boating Expo**  
Saturday, May 3 from 9:30 am -5:00 pm  
Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary  
A full-day boating program will include About Boating Safety Course.  
Safety Advice for Boater's Families @ 2:00-3:00 pm  
Boating & the Marine Environment - 10:00 am -3:00 pm  
For more information please email the  
Coast Guard Auxiliary @ [cgauxcsh@gmail.com](mailto:cgauxcsh@gmail.com)

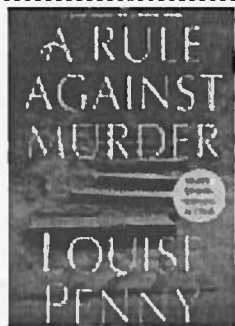
**Mother's Day Flowers**  
Tuesday May 6th & Wednesday May 7th at 4:30pm  
Grades K-6

*Celebrate Mom this week!*

**Mother's Day Canvas Bags**  
Thursday, May 8th 2pm  
Ages 2-5 with adult

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

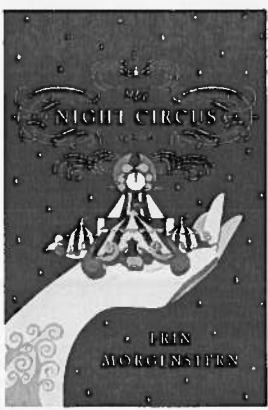
**For Adults! Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department**



**May Adult Book Discussions**

**Rules Against Murder by Louise Penny**  
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 11am

**The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern**  
Thursday, May 15 at 7pm



Copies of both books are available at the Circulation Desk

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

# Bake Sale

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## *“Benefiting Cure for Cammy”*

My 9 year old cousin Camryn has Cystic Fibrosis. Cystic Fibrosis is a life-threatening, genetic disease that affects the lungs and digestive system. Please stop by for some yummy treats to support me in raising money for the Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk. Please visit my personal page for more information at: <http://bit.ly/PWHrvf> or [www.cff.org/great\\_strides](http://www.cff.org/great_strides)

Thank You!! Sienna Koke

**SUNDAY 5/4 from 1-4pm**

**2 Pond Drive Llovd Harbor, NY 11743 (off West Nek Rd)**