



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 9, 2014



Dear Parents,

“You may have riches and wealth untold, caskets of jewels and baskets of gold. But richer than I you will never be, for I had parents who read to me.” -Author unknown

Learning to read is a complex process that requires explicit instruction and most importantly, lots of nurturing! Parents play a critical role in ensuring that their children develop the essential habits of lifelong readers.

Here are some tips from the National Association of Elementary School Principals:

- Always have books on hand. Keep a book in your bag or your car’s glove compartment so your child can read in the car, or while waiting in line at the grocery store.
- Make regular trips to the library. Introduce your child to a series or ask your librarian for books by the same author.
- Focus on your child’s interests. Encourage your child to check out books from the library that feature characters or topics he or she is interested in.
- Draft a “Books I Want to-Read” list that your child can check off.
- Consider subscribing your child to a magazine for kids.
- Read aloud to your child regularly. Invite your entire family to participate. Use different voices for different characters, or invite your child to make sound effects for the story.
- Consider how to make reading habitual. Your family could have a weekly read-aloud session, or you and your child could read each night before bed or at breakfast in the morning.
- Cut the distractions. During reading time, turn off or put away electronic devices.
- Ask your child about what he or she is reading in school or what you are reading together. Try open-ended questions such as, “Why do you think the character did that?,” “What would you do if you were in that situation?,” or “What do you think will happen next?”
- Be a patient listener when your child reads aloud to you. No matter how slowly your young learner reads, avoid finishing sentences for him/her.
- Read beyond books. Invite your child to read menus, greeting cards, movie listings, newspaper comic strips, or directions to a destination.
- Be careful not to make reading seem a chore that needs to be done *“before you can play!”*

Make reading a priority in your home and remember that people choose to do activities they enjoy and make them feel good. Cuddle up with your child-- read, talk, laugh over books. Make reading fun!

Enjoy the weekend- Happy Mother’s Day!

Mrs. Herschlein



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Board of Education

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

Thank you to our parents for a wonderful Staff Appreciation Luncheon!

Thanks to Mrs. Attalienti and all of the parents who prepared such delicious food for our staff, we enjoyed an incredible luncheon today! The Secret Garden Theme and decorations made it very special. Thank you for your kindness and ongoing support.

Fruit and Veggie Tasting Day in the Lunchroom- Friday, May 16th

Thanks to our GPFA Garden Committee and our Cafeteria Staff, Mrs. Colletta and Mrs. Farriella, the children will enjoy a tasting day. Carrots, cucumbers, grape tomatoes, (light ranch dressing will be offered), cantaloupe, red grapes, pineapple will be available for the children to taste. If you do not wish your child to participate, please send a note to his/her teacher.

Thank you from Sienna Koke

Thank you so much to everyone who came to my bake sale to support my cause, "Cure for Cammy". It really meant a lot to me. The money raised will go directly to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and will be used in the continued research for a cure. I hope that you enjoyed the treats!

Appropriate Footwear for School

For safety reasons, please do not send your child to school wearing flip-flop-type sandals. All sandals must have a back strap. Thank you.

Important Dates

- May 12 Incoming Kindergarten (2014-2015) *Parent Orientation* at GPS at 7:00 p.m.
- June 4 Current First Graders visit LHS/WSS for 2nd grade Orientation
- June 6 First Graders release turtles at the CSH Fish Hatchery (permission slip will be distributed)
- June 10 Goosehill Primary School Field Day (Kindergarten 9:00-10:15, First Grade 10:30-11:45)
- June 16 First Grade attends the Symbols of America program at the High School PAC (permission slip will be distributed)
- June 23 Goosehill Primary School *Moving Up Day* for First Graders
Ms. Villa and Mrs. Riggles' classes- 9:00-10:00
Mrs. Adams, DeRop, and Gonzalez-Condell's classes- 10:30-11:30
(The ceremony is 30 minutes long, followed by a reception. You will receive an invitation next month.)

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

Reminder to vote for the CSH District Budget on May 20th!

Thanks to all who came to GPFA meeting, and to Dr. Wilansky and Dr. Bernhard for coming to discuss the proposed 2014-2015 budget.

Thank you to everyone who created amazing bulletin boards in the Main Entrance this year: Chloe Henning, Melissa Newman, Kara Attalienti, Michele Coco, Emily Moriarty, Karen Hinphy, Jen Reim, Randa Reford & Kaitlin Eisenegger.

Important Dates

Kindergarten Screening - May 19-22 - Please contact Kristin Monge or Kristin Kisner to help out.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Staff Appreciation Luncheon:

Kara Attalienti, Keelin Gagnon, Sarah Trust, Mel Saladino, Randa Reford, Christine Masata, Mark Attalienti, Maureen Chapey, Tala Gitto, Jennifer Reim, Denise Kiely, Anne Marie Bechand, Jordan Smith, Christine DeSimone, Jenny Potenza, Tami Schneider, Kim Weiss, Michelle McKean, Mia Simone, Julie Torrey, Kim Testa, Jenean Ketterer, Kaitlin Eisenegger, Melissa Newman

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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on May 13, 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, including the annual Budget Hearing.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

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

Decorate Your Room: Tie Pillows

Wednesday, May 14th 4:30pm

For children in grades 3-6

Come make a soft flannel tie pillow to cozy up your bedroom!

Tween Zentangle

Thursday, May 15th 4pm

For children in grades 5-7

Zentangle is an enjoyable and uplifting art-form for all ages and skill levels. All materials will be provided for this fun hour of creativity!

Decorate Your Room: Doorhangers

Monday, May 19th 4:30pm

For children in grades K-2

Decorate a cool doorhanger for your bedroom!

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*



Drumming Circle

Saturday, May 17, from 10-11am

Come and rock out at the library!

Mike Veny will lead a session in drumming for teens and adults!

No experience necessary—and all drums will be provided.

Registration required by Thursday, May 15.

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

EAST WOODS SCHOOL
SPRING FAIR

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31 YELLOW COTE ROAD, OYSTER BAY

SATURDAY MAY 17 AND SUNDAY MAY 18
11AM—5PM RAIN OR SHINE

Carnival Rides
Games and Prizes * Barbeque
Baked Goods * Photobooth
Face Painting * Dunk Tank
Ice Cream * Plant Sale
Estate Sale * Vendor Boutique
Raffle Prizes * Silent Auction *

Free Parking

ALL CHILDREN WHO ARRIVE IN LOCAL TEAM JERSEYS RECEIVE
ONE FREE DRINK WITH LUNCH