



## Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- September 20, 2013

Dear Parents,

During the first weeks of the school year, teachers devote a lot of time teaching students the routines and procedures of the classroom. Children are learning to hang up their own jackets, unpack backpacks, put notes from home into the teacher's basket, make their lunch choices, and get started on a morning activity. The goal is to foster independence and a sense of competence in our students.

As adults, we know that it takes more time for children to do things for themselves than it does for us to go ahead and do things for them. We are tempted to unpack a backpack or put belongings away so that we can help them (or ourselves!) on to the next task. However, if we keep the goals of independence and confidence in mind, we realize that teaching and then expecting children to complete tasks on their own is well worth our time and effort. By *gradually* releasing responsibility to children and praising their efforts, we help them develop the capacity to follow routines and complete tasks independently---which is essential to their success in school.

At Back to School Night, teachers describe what is expected of children at each grade level. You may be surprised at what your child is learning to do already and all s/he will learn to do this year. You can support your child's developing independence by recognizing all of his/her efforts in school and then having him/her take responsibility for similar tasks at home. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Have your child unpack his/her backpack when s/he gets home from school. Establish a routine for where notices go, where to put homework papers, and emptying the lunchbox.
- ✓ After completing homework, have your child pack his/her own folder and backpack for the next school day. Model for your child how you mentally check off what is needed ("Homework folder? *Check!*") or how you use a written checklist.
- ✓ Involve your child in making decisions about lunch and snack. Look at the school menu together and talk about the choices. If lunch will be packed, plan the "menu" the night before.
- ✓ Lay out clothes for the next day. Allow your child to make simple choices from a set of options you are prepared to accept.
- ✓ Let your child participate in simple household chores, such as setting the table and putting away his/her toys.

Please know---things won't be perfect from the start! Children need support, patience, and time to learn new procedures and routines. They need acknowledgement and praise---even when they don't do the task perfectly! Ultimately, they will take pride in their accomplishments and you will see that your child is even more capable than you imagined. The greatest payoff will be your child's developing confidence and how s/he begins to take pride in being a contributing member of your family---just as s/he is becoming a contributing member of his/her classroom and school.

Looking forward to seeing you at the picnic this evening! Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

**BACK TO  
SCHOOL  
PICNIC**

*Please see the reverse side of this notice for important information.*

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## Board of Education

The Cold Spring Harbor Board of Education will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm at the Francis Roberts Community Center (District Office, 75 Goosehill Road). All members of the community are invited to attend.

**First Grade Back-to-School Night** - Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00. We will convene in the cafeteria at 7:00 and then proceed to classrooms following a brief presentation. Please bring your calendar, as you will have an opportunity to sign up for your November Parent-Teacher Conference.

## Social-Emotional Learning

The children are being engaged in developing **charters** in their classrooms. A charter is a document that expresses the goals and rules of a community. Students are being asked to contribute their ideas in response to guiding questions: *How do you want to feel in school? What will you do to ensure that all members of our school feel that way? What we will do if someone "breaks" our charter?* The children have a sense of ownership and commitment to the tenets of the charter because they contribute to it. Please ask your child about his classroom or school charter. You will be hearing more about it in the weeks to come.

## Safety Sally

All of our classes will have an opportunity to learn about bus safety from "Safety Sally." They will board a "teaching bus" and learn about the rules for safety while riding the school vans. Please ask your child to tell you about what s/he has learned. (Some classes will have the program in early October.)

## Morning Arrival

Thank you for sending your child to school on the school van. Morning arrival has been very smooth and consistent this week. If you choose to drive your child to school, it is very important that s/he arrives by **8:30**. Students who arrive late to school begin their day in a hurried, confused way.

## Notes from the GPFA

Thank you all for coming to the GPFA Welcome Tea - it was an excellent turn out! We all know that everyone has busy schedules, so we really appreciate you making the time. Thanks to all who signed up for committees. We could always use more help, so please let any of us know if you would like to sign up.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at the Family Picnic on Friday from 5-7 pm at Goosehill. You should have received more information from your class parents about where to go (look for your class colors) and what to bring (if you are able to)! It will be a great night. Siblings welcome.

Jen Sirrius and Melissa Saladino are co chairing the Photo Day committee (thank you ladies!). School Photo Day is **October 3rd**. Order forms and all other information will be sent home next week.

Reminder: 1st Grade Back to School is next Tuesday, September 24th at 7pm at Goosehill. Hope to see you!

**FOCUS- Families of Our Community United with Schools** presents a workshop for parents on **October 17<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 at the PAC** (CSH HS Performing Arts Center). Clinical child psychologist and university professor in education, Dr. Rona Novick, will speak on raising socially responsible children in a media challenged world. Whether your child just entered kindergarten or is looking at college, you are guaranteed to laugh and leave with practical tips and strategies that work. We hope to see you there!

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TOWN BOARD

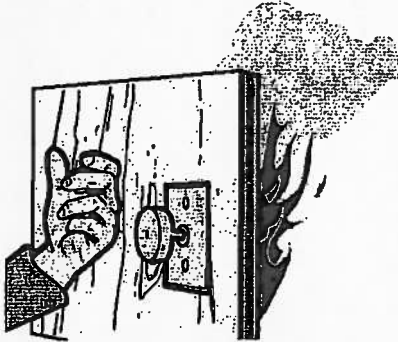
**October 16, 2013 7:00 P.M.**

**FRANK P. PETRONE**  
Supervisor

**MARK CUTHBERTSON, Councilman**  
**SUSAN A. BERLAND, Councilwoman**  
**MARK MAYOKA, Councilman**  
**EUGENE COOK, Councilman**

TOWNWIDE

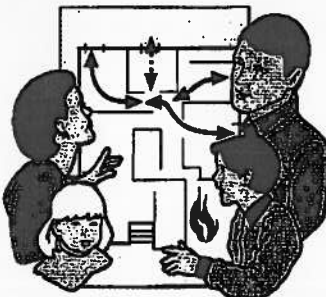
# Operation E.D.I.T.H. Drill



- 2. If the door is blocked by smoke or fire, leave through a window or secondary emergency route.
- 3. Once out of the house go directly to your meeting place, such as a tree or mailbox on your front lawn.

- 1. Feel the door to check if it's HOT! If it's Not Hot open the door slowly, bracing it with your knees and shoulder. But be prepared to slam it shut quickly if there's smoke and fire on the other side.

## Knowing How To React In A Fire Could Save Your Life, Or The Lives of your Children



Coordinated through the efforts of the Town of Huntington Office of the Fire Marshal and in conjunction with your local Volunteer Fire Departments

**OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL**  
**351-3138**

**"E.D.I.T.H." Stands For... "Exit Drill In The Home"**

## SMOKE DETECTORS

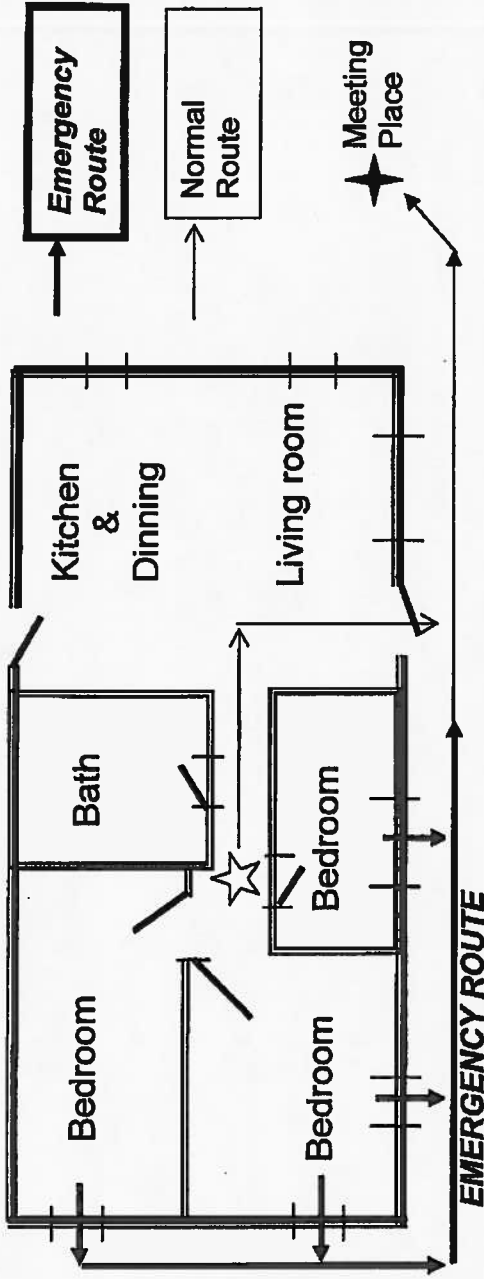
Most fatal residential fires occur while the occupants are asleep. Installing smoke detectors outside bedroom areas will provide the extra minutes of warning needed to escape. The most recent figures available from the National Fire Incident Reporting System indicates that the installation of a Smoke Detector will double your chance of survival during a fire.

## DEVELOPING THE PLAN

Members of the family should work together to draw a plan of each floor of your house where bedrooms are located.

- Your plan should include:
  - The location of Smoke Detectors.
  - Two escape routes; one for normal and one for Emergency use.
  - All doors, windows, stairways, fire escapes and adjacent buildings.
  - A central meeting place outside your home.

If a window is designated as an Emergency Route, make sure the person who uses it is able to reach and unlock the window, remove the screen and / or the storm window, reach the ground safely. Designate someone to call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Post a copy of your finished plan in a conspicuous place as a constant reminder.



## PRACTICE YOUR PLAN ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT HINTS:

- Sleeping with bedroom doors closed can add valuable minutes of protection against flame, smoke and toxic gases.
- If you have a telephone in your room, have the Fire Department's number on it or nearby.
- Keeping a whistle, horn, or other such audible signal near your bed may prove valuable in waking other members of your family who may not hear the smoke detector. If family members use a different signal you will know who is awake without opening doors.

## MAKE OPERATION E.D.I.T.H. A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY!

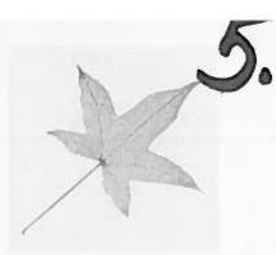
## PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION

If the smoke detector sounds or you smell smoke, wake your family with your signal. If you hear another signal answer with yours. Keep Calm. Roll out of bed and crawl to the door. Feel the door from bottom to top. If it is hot near the top do not open it. Proceed to your designated emergency exit.

If the top of the door is not hot, brace your foot and shoulder against it and open it carefully. If there is only light smoke, crawl to the normal exit. If the smoke is dense or the door is hot use the Emergency Exit. Report to the designated meeting place.

Notify the Fire Department from a neighbor's house. **DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO RE-ENTER THE BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.**

TOWN OF HUNTINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
351-3138



# From the Cold Spring Harbor Children's Department...

**We are happy to announce that storytimes are back this week!**

Registration with a Cold Spring Harbor Library card is required and on-going for all storytimes.  
*Children must be the appropriate age for each storytime.*

Space is limited, so sign your child up today!

**Fall Session 1: Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup> - Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>**

**Fall Session 2: Oct. 28<sup>th</sup> - Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Bouncing Babies**

**Mondays 10:30am**

**For children from birth-13 months with adult**

Get a head start on early literacy with baby's first storytime!

**Mother Goose Time**

**Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 10:30 am**

**For children 13 - 24 months with adult**

Introduce your young ones to the joys of reading. Enjoy sharing Mother Goose rhymes, songs and movement with your child.

**Toddler Time**

**Thursdays and Fridays, 10:30am**

**For children ages 2 & 3 with adult**

A beginning storytime filled with more advanced books/stories, songs, fingerplays and movement.

**Preschool Storytime**

**Tuesdays at 2:00 pm**

**Fridays at 11:30am**

**For preschool children ages 3 & 4**

Your child's first independent storytime. 45 minutes of stories, art, music and fun.

Cold Spring Harbor Library

95 Harbor Rd.

Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

631-692-6820

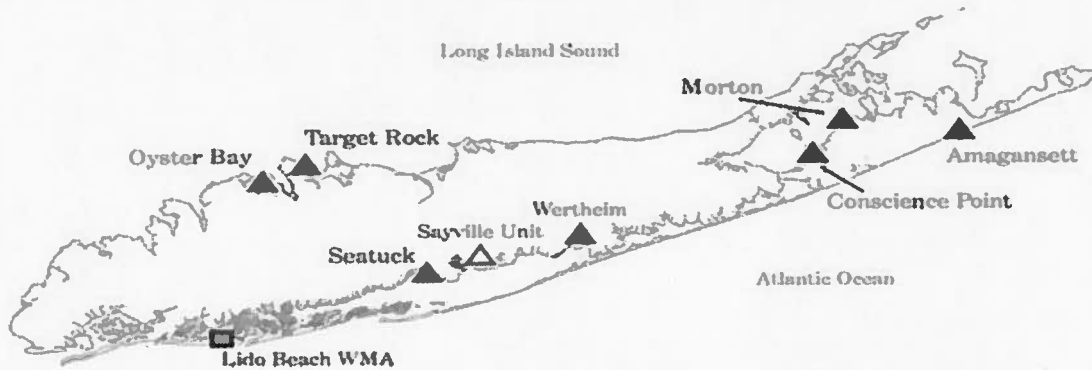
[www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org)

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

***The Long Island National Wildlife Refuge Complex***

**Saturday September 21, 2013  
12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**

Join us as volunteers from the Long Island Wildlife Refuge Complex show you the vast amount of outdoor recreational activities Long Island has to offer including: *Wildlife Viewing, Hiking, Nature Photography & Art, Environmental Education, Birding, Canoeing & Kayaking, Fishing, Hunting, Cross-Country Skiing, and Guided Hikes.*



**Mozzarella Making Workshop**

***Hurry, almost full!***

**Wednesday, September 25, 2013 from 1 pm - 3 pm**

**Join Chef Lisa to learn how to make Mozzarella!**

**Participants will learn the process of turning milk to mozzarella**

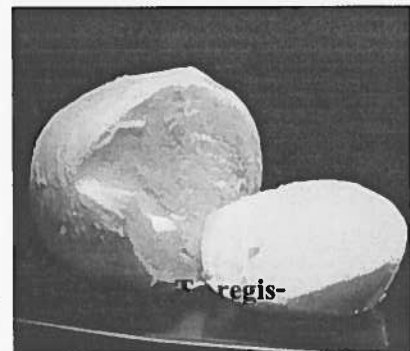
**to take home and enjoy!**

**Please bring a medium mixing bowl to class.**

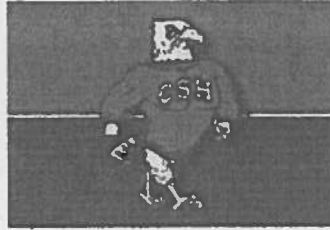
**Class Limit: 25**

**ter visit the Information Services Desk.**

**\$5 Materials fee due at registration, payable by check to 'Cold Spring Harbor Library'.**



**For more information about any Adult Program, please visit Cold Spring Harbor Library Information Services Desk in person or by phone at 631-692-6820 Ext. 200**



Parents,

**Registration IS NOW OPEN** for 2013  
Spring Intramural and Travel Lacrosse,  
K - 6th Grade.

Please go to the website, [www.cshlax.com](http://www.cshlax.com) to register.

**Registration will close on 12/15/12 for  
Travel, Boys 2nd - 6th/Girls 3rd - 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration will close on 3/31/12 for  
Intramural Boys K - 1st/Girls K - 2nd.**

The registration fee **INCLUDES** a newly designed uniform. All  
Travel players need a uniform. Intramural players will receive  
reversible jerseys. Our new **CSH Lax Team Store** has additional  
items available for purchase.

Sincerely,  
The CSHLAX Board

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# COLD SPRING HARBOR YOUTH BASKETBALL CLINIC

## REGISTRATION FOR THE 2013 – 2014 SEASON

Please print out the application, fill it out completely & mail with your check, made out to “**CSH Youth Basketball League**” to:

Chris Northacker  
1 Saw Mill Lane  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**DEADLINE:** Oct. 5, 2013

**PLAYERS:** All Boys and Girls in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

**FEE:** \$85.00 (includes uniforms, basketballs, insurance, facilities use fees & trophies)  
**Cash or check made out to “CSH Youth Basketball League”**

- \* Separate clinic for boys and girls
- \* Clinics to be held on Saturdays at Goosehill Primary School
- \* Clinics run from December 2013 thru March 2014
- \* 9 weeks of basketball
- \* Trophies for every player

If you have any questions, please call Bridget Perlmutter at 631-367-1096

**PARENTS WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!! LET US KNOW ON THE APPLICATION IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN COACHING.**



# COLD SPRING HARBOR YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE

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**REGISTRATION FEE : \$85.00** (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade players)

Make Check Payable to: **CSH YOUTH BASKETBALL LEAGUE**

LAST NAME \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CITY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_ BOY \_\_\_\_\_ GIRL \_\_\_\_\_

DID YOU PLAY IN THE CSH BASKETBALL LEAGUE LAST YEAR ? \_\_\_\_\_

WHO WAS YOUR COACH ? \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CELL # \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

DOCTOR'S NAME & PHONE # \_\_\_\_\_

MEDICAL CONDITIONS OR PROBLEMS \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENTS SUPPORT: WE ASK FOR PARTICIPATION OF PARENTS IN OUR PROGRAM ! PLEASE CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOXES**

**COACH \_\_\_\_\_ ASST. COACH \_\_\_\_\_**

We expressly assume all risks & hazards, directly from, or incidental to, participation in the CSH Youth Basketball League and we do hereby hold harmless the organizers, supervisors, coaches & participants from any claim arising out of injury to our Son/Daughter except to the extent & in the amount covered by applicable accident or liability insurance. We as Parents/Guardians have medical insurance for our Son/Daughter in case of injury associated with the CSH Youth Basketball League & acknowledge that the CSH Youth Basketball League does not have any medical insurance.

**SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN \_\_\_\_\_**

Cash \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Check Amount \_\_\_\_\_

# Councilman Mark Mayoka Challenges You To A Food Fight!

Please donate to one of Huntington's 15 food banks or drop off your donation at our Town Hall or the Dix Hills Ice Rink Collection Centers. For a food bank near you please visit:  
<http://huntingtonny.gov/content/13755/16475/17714/23614/default.aspx>



Our Local Food Pantries Need Our Help ... Please Lend A Hand  
September is FOOD ACTION MONTH!



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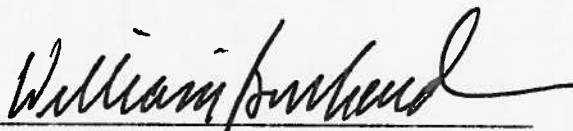
**Eugene Cook**  
Councilman

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**COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724*

**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Audit Committee will take place on October 2, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.



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William Bernhard, District Clerk