



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- October 25, 2013



Dear Parents,

Our teachers provide opportunities for their students to write every day using a classroom structure known as a writing workshop. The curriculum for the writing workshop has been developed through our work with Columbia University’s Teachers College. Our teachers regularly engage in professional study and collaboration to enrich and support our students’ learning experiences.

During writing workshop, students write to share their ideas, opinions, and information. The workshop begins with a lesson targeting a specific writing skill and then the children write for extended periods of time while the teacher confers with individuals and small groups to coach and support them. In kindergarten, lessons have focused on teaching students to label their pictures using beginning consonants and the sight words they are learning in class. The goal is for them to develop an idea in a drawing and then to write words to match it. They will also be learning to write like scientists—recording and sharing their observations. In first grade, students are writing personal narratives- stories from their lives. They are learning ways to elaborate, such as by telling a feeling or including dialogue. Soon, they will be learning to write procedural texts—teaching others how to do something. Units of study in both grades will teach students to write in different forms and for different purposes. All students are taught beginning editing strategies and ways to use resources such as the Word Wall to support their efforts to spell commonly-used words correctly. Please remember that our students are just beginning to learn the foundations of writing. Simple concepts, such as the need to leave spaces between words or what a capital letter is, are brand new to them! Gradually, all of our students will learn to use basic punctuation and develop the ability to spell words conventionally. In the coming months, I will offer a workshop for parents to show how children’s writing skills develop over time and what the expectations are at each grade level.

The children are proud to be engaging in the “grown-up” work of writing and absolutely love reading their pieces aloud to an audience. The teachers and I hope you will join us in celebrating their ideas and the passion with which they express them. We encourage you to read and enjoy the writing samples you receive at the end of each unit. Your praise and encouragement will help your child continue to develop a sense of competence and confidence as a writer. We know you will marvel at the progress your child will make over the course of the year!

Thank you to all of the parents who attended this morning’s workshop on reading. I look forward to the next opportunity to talk with you about your child’s school experience.

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein

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Fire Safety and Emergency Drills

On Monday, Fire Safety Officers from the CSH Fire Department will be here to conduct brief assemblies with the children. The goal of the program is for children to learn basic safety procedures such as staying away from matches and how to respond if they hear the house smoke alarm. Please know that the content is presented in a way that is appropriate for young children. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Schools are required to conduct emergency drills such as fire and evacuation drills. We conduct fire drills all year long and the children know how to conduct themselves. On November 8th (half day of school) we will conduct an evacuation/emergency sheltering and dismissal drill. All classes will be brought to the gymnasium (sheltering) and we will dismiss from there. So as not to cause alarm, the children will be told that we are simply trying another way to do our dismissal. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

Goosehill Halloween-Thursday, October 31st *(Please adhere to the arrival and departure times for your child's grade.)*

1. Kindergarten Sing-Along in the Cafeteria 9:00-9:20
2. Whole School Parade around the Field 9:25-9:40
3. First Grade Sing-Along 9:45-10:05

*****It is MOST important that you arrange to carpool with another parent in your child's grade!**

Parents of kindergarteners should arrive at 8:55 and proceed to the cafeteria. Please stand on the perimeter of the room. For safety reasons, please do not bring hot drinks into the school.

Parents of first graders should arrive at 9:15 and proceed directly to the field. Please stand in the CENTER of the field. You will see the parade route outlined on the field.

Important!

- **Please register for the Parent Portal** so that you will be able to access your child's report card electronically in December. Click on the link on the Quick Links section (left side) of the CSH School District home page. (www.csh.k12.ny.us) Please see the notice in the Table of Contents for more info.
- **Please register on the School District website.** While you are registering for the portal, please register to receive these notes and other information via email! Click on Email SignUp in the **Quick Links** section and complete the registration form. Be sure to subscribe to the Goosehill Primary School ListServ.

Notes from the GPFA

Save the date for the GPFA's Parents Night Out on November 14th at 7pm at Honu. Evite to follow.

The School Improvement Team (SIT) needs two additional parent representatives- one of which should be a parent whose child receives special education services. SIT meets once a month on Mondays 3:15-4:15. If you would like to serve on SIT, please let Kristin Robillard or Ginette Reynolds know by November 1st.

A reminder that lunch duty sign-up is up and running thanks to Regina Schneider and Chrissie Tuohy. Thank you to all who attended Mrs. Herschlein's lunch duty meetings. The next one is on Friday, November 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Please keep collecting box tops, first submission is due next week. Our goal is for each child to bring in 50 box tops by February.

Looking forward to seeing you on Halloween for the morning parade and sing-alongs. Please remember to car pool.

Information for your Parent Directory. For Aris and Lara Givelekian, please note their town as **Laurel Hollow**.

**Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
Buildings & Grounds Department**

**75 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724**

(631) 367-5938

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MEMO

To: All Parents

From: Mark Margolies 

Date: October 22, 2013

RE: Early Dismissal Drill

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENT

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District has scheduled its annual test of the Early Dismissal Drill for:

Friday, November 8, 2013

All pupils in Grades K through 12 will be released **10 minutes earlier** in order to test the early dismissal response of the DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Early Dismissal Time:

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| Goose Hill Primary | 11:50 a.m. |
| West Side Elementary | 11:50 a.m. |
| Lloyd Harbor Elementary | 11:50 a.m. |
| Jr/Sr High School | 2:15 p.m. |

Please make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of your children as a result of this drill. If your child is picked up at school, please adjust your schedule accordingly. Thank you.

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Cold Spring Harbor Schools

Parent Portal Now Available For All Grades

The portal is the only place to see NYS Grade 3-8 Test Results

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Cold Spring Harbor school district has extended access to our electronic parent portal to parents of all students.

What information will I have access to?

Different grade levels have access to different information.

Grades K through 3 – Report cards and attendance

Grades 4 through 6 – Report cards, attendance and results for prior year's New York State standardized tests in ELA and Math, as well as Science (last year's grade 4)

Grades 7 and 8 – Student schedules, attendance, progress reports, report cards, teacher grade books and results for prior year's New York State standardized tests in ELA and Math

Grades 9 through 12 – same as 7 and 8, and unofficial transcripts.

How can I apply for access to the portal?

Note that if you already have an account (because you have a student in the Jr/Sr High) there is no need to create another. You can see all your children's information from your existing account.

You can apply for an account online by visiting our website at www.csh.k12.ny.us and selecting Parent Portal on the left.

When applying online, you will need to have the following information handy:

- Parent/Guardian Name (apply using one parent's name only; you can create separate accounts for each parent if you like)
- Student Name
- Student ID Number (can be found on schedule/progress report/report card – this is the same as your child's lunch ID number)
- Student Grade Level
- School

We hope you find this system helpful in staying informed of your child's progress.

For Kids! Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Children's Department. Registration Required!

MUMMY TREAT JARS
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 4:30 P.M.
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6



MAKE A MUMMY JAR TO KEEP YOUR HALLOWEEN TREATS IN.

SPOOKY GHOST VOTIVES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29
4:30 P.M
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2



DECOUPAGE A GHOSTLY VOTIVE FOR HALLOWEEN!

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

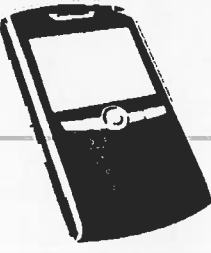
For Adults! Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department

HAUNTED LONG ISLAND

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 FROM 7- 8:30 PM

DO GHOSTS INHABIT THE SUPPOSED HAUNTED HOUSES OF LONG ISLAND?

This is a fun-filled program sure to raise more than a few goose bumps!



Mobile App Launch Party

Friday, November 1 from 9:30am—5pm

Stop-by for a personal introduction to your library's new virtual space!

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

Residents and Their Furry Friends are Invited to the 2nd Annual

PAWS 2 LOVE PET ADOPTION FESTIVAL & BENEFIT



In Loving Memory of Esther Samuels

Sponsored by:

*Manetto Hill Animal Hospital
& the Town of Oyster Bay*

Sunday, October 27th 11am to 3pm

at the Manetto Hill Animal Hospital & Paw Seasons Hotel & Day Spa
122 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview



- *Live Musical Entertainment
- *Vendors
- *Children's Activities
- *Pet Exhibitions
- *Food
- *Great Raffles

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YOUTH LACROSSE**



**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
FOR SPRING 2014**

**Boys 2nd-6th Grade Travel
Girls 3rd-6th Grade Travel**

***Registration Closing
OCTOBER 31st**

**Register TODAY!!
Go to cshlax.com**

***All late registrants for travel will be charged \$100 late fee.
K-1 Boys and K-2 Girls non-travel registration will remain open.**