

Goosehill Primary School Weekly Notes-November 8, 2013



Dear Parents,

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) is made up of parents, teachers, teacher assistants, and the principal. We meet monthly to work on projects designed to enhance the school experience for our students. Each year, the SIT establishes goals and develops a plan to address them. This year's team has decided that one of its goals will be to work on enhancing the indoor recess experience for our students. We are at the beginning stages of developing the plan and will implement it over the course of the next two months.

During indoor recess, the children play in the cafeteria and in the Community Room. We have board games and Legos, and materials for drawing. The SIT would like to enhance that experience by creating additional opportunities for the children. For example, the team plans to create a "Building Center" where children would be able to build with all kinds of materials such as wooden blocks, Legos, Tinker Toys, and even things like shoe boxes. The team will likely seek donations of children's building materials in order to fill the room with fun and engaging items. Another room may be one in which the children will be able to dance and sing, and in another they'd have a quiet place to play games, read, and listen to music. Another idea is a "Creativity Center" where there would be puppets, art supplies, and opportunities for dramatic play.

SIT will provide more information about how parents can support the project in the coming weeks. I know that our parent Lunch/Recess volunteers will play an important role in this project. If you have any ideas to share, please contact one of our parent SIT members: Mrs. Eisenegger or Mrs. Slaven. You can also share your ideas at the GPFA meeting next Friday, November 15th at 9:30 a.m.

Here are some important dates to remember:

- → November 12th- Photo Retake Day-If you wish to have your child's photo retaken, please send in the individual photo package. (keep your child's class photo)
- → November 15th-GPFA Meeting at 9:30 and Recess Volunteer Meeting at 10:30. Mrs. Bellino will be discussing the NYS Common Core Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics.
- → Week of November 18th-Parent-Teacher Conferences Kindergarten Monday & Thursday First Grade Tuesday & Friday
- → *November 20th- Spirit Day! Wear school apparel or school colors!

Enjoy the three-day weekend with your family,

Lynn Herschlein



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Next meeting of the Board of Education with be on Tuesday, November 12th at The Francis Roberts Community Center at 8:00 p.m.

Emergency Drills

As you know, we conduct fire drills on a regular basis. Today we conducted a sheltering drill and emergency early release drill. This drill involves gathering all of the students in one safe location (the gymnasium) and dismissing them from there. We told the children that we were doing another kind of drill---this time practicing a different way to do afternoon dismissal. Just as we do during fire drills, we emphasized the need for quiet listening. The children know that they must be quiet during drills so that their teacher can give them instructions. We will be conducting a Lockdown Drill on Tuesday, November 26th. Teachers will instruct the children to be seated in a specified area of the classroom. They will be told that Lockdown means we **lock** the door and sit **down**. Because the children are so young, we feel that this explanation suffices. The drill serves as a practice experience for the children so that in the event of an emergency, they will be more readily able to follow their teacher's directions. Most importantly, it serves as an opportunity for the adults in charge to review and implement our safety protocols. During the remaining months of the school year, we will conduct additional drills as a matter of course and without notification. Please be assured that we make every effort to ensure that the children are not alarmed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Turtles in the Classroom

Next week, five turtles will arrive to the Goosehill Science Room! Through our partnership with the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, our first graders care for turtles until they are ready for release in June. The students use scientific skills such as observing and predicting, and learn many Life Science concepts through their turtle study, including habitats, life cycles, adaptations, and interdependence.

Notes from the GPFA

Photo Retake Day is Tuesday, November 12th. If you are not satisfied, return your child's portrait on Retake Day and Lifetouch will re-photograph free of charge. Make sure to keep the class photo. Parents can email Mel Saladino @ mel.saladino@yahoo.com if they have any questions.

The Evite for the GPFA's Parent's Night Out has gone out via email. Remember to RSVP (hopefully YES!). Hope to see you on November 14th at 7PM at Honu for the GPFA's "FUN" Night Out!

The next GPFA meeting is at 9:30 on November 15th @Goosehill.

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

LEAF LANTERNS!

Monday, November 11 (no School!) 2:00-4:00 pm for children in grades K-6 Come in anytime between the hours of 2:00-4:00 to make a leaf lantern to light

STUFF A TURKEY

Thursday, November 14 @ 4:30 Tuesday, November 19 @ 4:30 For children in grades K-6

Come in to make a cute stuffed animal

<u>New Addition to our Parent Collection</u>

The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age by Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD, and Teresa H. Barker (Aug 13, 2013) Steiner-Adair offers insight and advice that can help parents achieve greater understanding,

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

RAVIOLI MAKING

Wednesday, November 13 @ 1:00 pm

Chef Lisa is back by popular demand! Learn step by step how to make fresh ravioli. Please bring in your own rolling pin. In-person registration must be accompanies by a check for \$5.00 payable to the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Book Discussion: Needles & Novels

Tuesday, November 19 @ 7:00-8:30 pm *The Ruins of Lace* by Iris Anthony

Bring Your knitting, crocheting, or other needlework to our new monthly book

For more information about any Adult Programs, contact the Information Services

Desk at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820

















COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FALLd night of games and crafts ALL THE WHILE LEARNING ABOUT GIRL SCOUT TROOPS IN YOUR AREA.

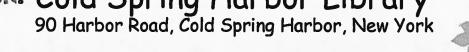




DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

5:30 - 6:30 pm

LOCATION: Cold Spring Harbor Library 90 Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor, New York





Can't attend?

Just fill out the bottom form and return to: Girl Scouts of Suffolk County, 442 Moreland Drive, Commack, NY 11725

Girl's First Name	Girl's Last Name	
Parent/Guardian's Name		
Address	City	Zip
Email	Phone	
School	Grade	

Parents Night Out REMINDER

There are shortcuts to happiness, and Parents Night Out is one of them. Please join us for a night of friends, fun and raffles!

Thursday, November 14 7pm-9pm at Honu in Huntington

To purchase tickets please visit us at:

https://www.paypal.com/cgi-bin/webscr?

cmd=_sxclick&hosted_button_id=BJFN5WEPMNWAJ

Any questions email kntesta@aol.com