



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- November 15, 2013



Dear Parents,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at last night's GPFA event. Your involvement and support of our school is greatly appreciated. Thank you, Mrs. Testa and Mrs. Gioules, for making Parents' Night Out such a success. Thank you also to Mrs. Robillard and Mrs. Reynolds, our GPFA co-presidents, and all of our committee chairs, for their ongoing efforts on behalf of our school community.

Thank you to the many parents who attended this morning's GPFA meeting. Mrs. Bellino, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, presented information about the NYS Common Core Standards. Parents found the information to be helpful and the discussion to be engaging. We will continue the conversation about our instructional program and the learning standards at future GPFA meetings.

Next week is parent-teacher conference week. Kindergarten teachers will conduct conferences on Monday and Thursday (11/18 and 11/21) and first grade teachers on Tuesday and Friday (11/19 and 11/22). These are regular school days with no changes in lunch schedules, transportation, or dismissal. On the conference days, your child's teacher will leave detailed lesson plans for the substitute teacher to ensure that your child has a productive day in her absence.

Parent-teacher conferences are an opportunity to strengthen the home-school connection. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit in countless ways. Please consider the following ideas to help you make the most of the conference with your child's teacher:

- Think about **what you would like the teacher to know about your child.** What are his/her interests? What does s/he love about school? How are homework routines going? What impresses you the most about your child's learning? What concerns do you have?
- Think about **what you would like to know about how your child performs in school.** Is s/he enthusiastic about learning? Does s/he tend to try to avoid any type of activity? How are his/her skills developing? How are his/her work habits developing? How does s/he interact socially?
- **All learners develop at different rates and in different ways.** Your child's teacher will help you know the areas in which your child is performing comfortably and the areas in which s/he needs some support at this time. Please remember that if your child needs support in some areas of the curriculum, it is okay. The teacher will let you know what she is doing to address your child's needs and what you can do to support your child at home.
- Your child's performance in *all* areas of the curriculum, including art, music, and physical education, is important. If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Kotzky, or Mr. Malone, please call the Main Office.
- The best way to support your child's growth and confidence as a learner is to **celebrate and encourage effort and perseverance.** Let your child know how proud you are of how hard s/he works in school to be the very best student s/he can be.

Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- **November 20th**- Spirit Day! Wear school apparel or school colors!
- **November 20th** SEPTA meeting 9:30 in the Goosehill Community Room (see details below)
- **November 27 - -December 1st**- Thanksgiving Recess
- **December 5th** **Parent Workshop on Report Cards 9:00** in the Goosehill Community Room
- **December 13th** Report Cards mailed

Outerwear

Please be sure your child comes to school wearing a warm coat every day. We also recommend hats, ear warmers, scarves, and gloves so that the children are comfortable playing outdoors for twenty minutes.

NOTES FROM THE GPFA

Thank you all for coming to the GPFA's Parent Night Out! We really appreciate all your support. We also want to thank all over volunteers as well as our committee chairs: Kim Testa and Irene Christoforou-Gioules who worked really hard to make this a success.

Thank you all for coming to this morning's GPFA meeting. The next meeting is on Wednesday, December 11th at 9:30. It will be held at Rexer-Parkes in Huntington. More information to follow.

Next week starts Parent-Teacher conferences. Please mark down your date and time.

NOTES FROM COLD SPRING HARBOR SEPTA*

Do you have questions about student services? AIS, 504, CSE, IEP, related services.....What does this all mean? Please attend a presentation sponsored by CSH SEPTA: **November 20th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Community Room at Goosehill Primary School. Information regarding the continuum of services that are provided in each of the buildings will be reviewed.

Denise Campbell, Director of Special Education and a representative from each building will be on hand to answer questions regarding how children are identified to be in need of support and how services are delivered. If you have any questions, please email cshsepta@yahoo.com

Cold Spring Harbor SEPTA needs your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Monday November 25th at 7pm at the Community Room at Goosehill Primary School
PRE-CHARTER MEETING to renew SEPTA charter

Please see the attached letter that explains the process for our SEPTA chapter to be reinstated. We have representatives from the Suffolk Region PTA to discuss the process. We **NEED** parents and teachers to attend to support us and show Suffolk Region PTA that it is important to this community that we maintain our CSH SEPTA chapter.

Thank you in advance for your support! Please email any questions to cshsepta@yahoo.com

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



STUFF A TURKEY
Tuesday, November 19 @ 4:30
For children in grades K-6
Come in to make a cute stuffed animal turkey to display or cuddle.



The library is a drop-off point for Toys For Tots.
Please bring unwrapped toys only.

New Addition to our Parent Collection

The Bullying Antidote: Superpower Your Kids for Life

by Louise Hart and Kristen Caven (Jul 2, 2013)

The authors give parents the skills they need to prevent their children- whether 6 or 16- from being bullied.

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*

Thursday Evening Book Discussion
Thursday, November 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm
The Last Van Gogh by Alyson Richman
There's still time to read this wonderful book! Pick up your copy at the circulation desk.

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

Fall into the Fun of



girl scouts

COME AND JOIN US FOR A FUN FALL-FILLED NIGHT OF GAMES AND CRAFTS ALL THE WHILE LEARNING ABOUT GIRL SCOUT TROOPS IN YOUR AREA.

DATE: Tuesday, November 19, 2013

TIME: 5:30 - 6:30 pm

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

NO CHARGE EVENT. SPACE IS LIMITED!

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 _____

- Please send me information about working with my daughter's troop.
- No, I cannot attend but I am interested in being part of a troop this year.