



# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

January 24, 2014

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### **Principal's Corner**

I am pleased to announce that our School Improvement Team (SIT) is in the process of implementing a new program for our younger learners. The Third Grade Recess Buddy Program allows our third grade students to interact with our second grade students during recess. The goal of such a program is to empower these children and to help forge relationships between the two grade levels. Over the course of the winter and spring months we will begin to offer this opportunity to more third graders as we continue to develop this new and exciting program. Now more than ever, it is critical that our students take on leadership roles. Working with their peers is an excellent opportunity to enhance these skills and the new program provides a unique and special way to improve our school environment. Thank you to all of the third graders who had lunch with me over the last couple of months and agreed to participate. I am so pleased with your enthusiasm to work with our youngest learners!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Movie Night tonight! If possible, please carpool as parking is limited due to the snow on the lawn.

### **Winter Concert Rescheduled**

The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Winter Concert has will take place Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the PAC at 7:00 PM. This is a change in venue as we need to accommodate all friends and family. The Performing Arts Center at the high school will provide more space to park.

### **Health Screenings**

Health screenings for students in grades 2, 3, 5 and 6 began this week and are anticipated to end by the beginning of February.

### **Kindergarten Registration**

If you have not received a letter from the Superintendent regarding Kindergarten Registration for your child, please call Gloria Albert in our District Office to verify your child's name being in the district data base. Registration is for those children turning five by December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014. Gloria can be reached at (631) 692-5910.

### **Report Cards on Parent Portal**

In the next few weeks, report cards will be available on the parent portal. This will allow you digital access to your child's grades. When they become available, an update will be in our Friday Notes.

### **Movie Night**

Please join us for West Side School's Movie Night tonight at 5 PM. We will be showing *Despicable Me 2*. Enjoy pizza, popcorn and refreshments while you watch a great movie with your friends! Dress in pajamas and don't forget your pillow! *This event is for WSS students and their younger siblings only.* Parental supervision is required for all attending--no drop-offs please. All WSS students will have a chance to win raffle prizes--students must be in attendance in order to be eligible to win a prize. Any questions, please contact Nicole Boutis at [nboutis@msn.com](mailto:nboutis@msn.com) or Liz Franklin at [lizfranklin@verizon.net](mailto:lizfranklin@verizon.net). We'll see you at the movie!

### **West Side Clothing**

Visit [www.mylocker.net](http://www.mylocker.net) and click on **Get Started**. Enter our zip code – **11791**. Then click **Search**. Scroll down and select **West Side Elementary School**. You now have the ability to purchase and personalize West Side School apparel. Happy shopping!

### **Talent Show**

Lights, Camera, Action. The Talent Show is a little over a month away. Because of the holiday and snow day this week, we decided to extend the deadline for submitting applications and music until January 31, 2013. This is the very LAST date of submissions. As soon as all the applications are in, I will email you to let you know which act you have been assigned so that you can plan accordingly for the rehearsal schedule. Anybody who has not submitted music to me by 1/31, I will be sending you either an email or a CD with the first 2 minutes of the song edited down. Please read the Talent Show Rules for rehearsal dates and other important information. If you are interested in volunteering day of show, please contact Randi at [Randi\\_Weiss@hotmail.com](mailto:Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jenn at [Cona@Genserlaw.com](mailto:Cona@Genserlaw.com). The quality of the show is up to all of you. The more you practice, the better the show will be.

**\*\*A note to all 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents, we are looking for a parent volunteer to create the 6<sup>th</sup> grade group act. It can be a dance, song, etc. (6<sup>th</sup> grade students may be in the group act as well as their own act.) It would be open to all 6<sup>th</sup> graders (boys and girls). Please contact me asap if you would like to volunteer at [Randi\\_Weiss@hotmail.com](mailto:Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com). If we don't get a volunteer, there will be no 6<sup>th</sup> grade group act.**

### **West Side Kids Care**

Happy New Year to all. Please continue to donate to the West Side Food Pantry. Perhaps canned soup to keep everyone warm? The 4th grade will host their Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI) Sandwich Making Event after school on Monday, 1/27. We will also be introducing two new events in January. First, we will have a Baby Care Drive, collecting new baby care products while the kids spend a recess period making knotted fleece blankets for donation. Second, the 2nd grade will be doing a Birthday-in-a-Box through Birthday Wishes, a charity that provides birthday parties for children living in shelters. More information to come.

### **Yearbook**

**WE NEED YOUR PICTURES!** The 2014 Yearbook is going to be spectacular but we need your help! **PLEASE UPLOAD PICTURES OF ANY EVENTS YOU ATTEND, EVEN RECESS!**

Upload process:

- Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>
- Enter username: 400264488 and password: ny14
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload (photos must be saved to your computer before uploading to memory book site).
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! Any questions or to volunteer, please contact Iris Vardy.

### **Recess Volunteer Program**

If you would like to volunteer at recess during the 2013/2014 school year, please contact Laurel Moynihan at [laurelmoynihan@verizon.net](mailto:laurelmoynihan@verizon.net).

### **Important WSS Dates**

**Movie Night:** Friday, January 24<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 PM

**HiHi Sandwich Making (Grade 4):** Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at 3:15

**Winter Concert (Grades 5 & 6):** Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup> at the PAC at 7:00 PM

**West Side Wednesday:** January 29<sup>th</sup>

**SIT:** Thursday, January 30<sup>th</sup>

**Daddy & Me:** Sunday, February 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30-7:00 PM

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# West Side School Annual Talent Show

Friday February 28, 2014

## Participation Form

**(Must be submitted by 1/24/14 Late Submissions will not be accepted)**

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Amt\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellphone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's e-mail: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write neatly as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact \_\_\_\_\_)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

\*There is a **\$25 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.

**Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application.** All sizes are pre-ordered, you **MUST** fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

\*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

**Parents and Students:** By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2014 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi\_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

### REMEMBER:

✓ - CHECK # \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ - T-Shirt Size \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

✓ - Music \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? \_\_\_\_\_

### West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Total # of T-shirts Ordered \_\_\_\_\_

(Youth S \_\_\_\_\_ Youth M \_\_\_\_\_ Youth L \_\_\_\_\_ Youth XL \_\_\_\_\_ Adult S \_\_\_\_\_ Adult M \_\_\_\_\_ Adult L \_\_\_\_\_ Adult XL \_\_\_\_\_)



## Talent Show Rules

### To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$25 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2014 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 1/24/14. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi\_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 1/31/14. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 1/31/14, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Tues. Feb 11 or Thurs. Feb 13, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. Feb 27 to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

### Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

## *West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)*

### **Rehearsals:**

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Tues. Feb 11 or Thurs. Feb 13 at West Side in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday Feb 27 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

### **Courtesy and Conduct:**

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at [Cona@Genserlaw.com](mailto:Cona@Genserlaw.com)
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2014 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

*A message from Randi and Jen: To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!*

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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 regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 11, 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. The Board of Education will also conduct public hearings as follows:

- Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a veterans' property tax exemption
- Hearing to be held on the anticipated proposed resolution adopting a Gold Star Parent property tax exemption

  
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William Bernhard, District Clerk

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

**TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY**

Saturday February 1 @ 2:00 pm

For Children with their Families

Come in with your family to make a cozy fleece no-sew tie pillow.

**YOGA**

For children in grades K-3

Starting January 29

Wednesdays @ 5:00

Join Miss Alie form Yoga Rocks! For a 8 week session.

In-person registration must be accompanied with at check for \$120 made payable to the Cold Spriong Harbor Library.

**For  
Teens!**

**TEEN PIZZA & a MOVIE**

For students in grades 7-12,

Saturday, January 25 @ 1:30 pm

Hang out with your friends for a special matinee movie screening just for TEENS.

Pizza will be provided. Movie: Beautiful Creatures (PG-13, 124 min.)

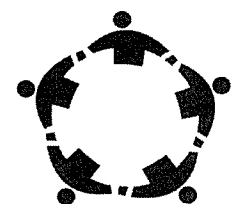
**For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820**

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

**Affordable Care Act for Individuals & Small Businesses**

***Thursday, January 30, 2014 at 6:30pm***

Healthcare navigators will present the latest developments in the Affordable Care Act for both individuals and small businesses. Tax credits, and the employer and individual mandates will be explained. Learn what to have ready when preparing to apply for health insurance. Q& A session follows the lecture.



**Small Business  
Assistance Program**  
A Program of the Community Service Society

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



The Town of Huntington Youth Bureau

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Project Excel

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The 15th Annual

# **HUNTINGTON YOUTH WRITES: A WRITING CONTEST**

For students who attend school in the Town of Huntington  
GRADES 4 THROUGH 12

**OVER \$2,000  
*IN CASH PRIZES!***

**Winning Entries will be Published**

*Cash Prizes in each grade level (Grade levels 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)*

**~POETRY ~ SHORT FICTION~ESSAY ~**  
**Entries must be received by**

**5PM Friday, February 14, 2014**

**Submissions made after this time will not be accepted**

**Entry forms available at the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau**

**Room 200,Village Green Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 631-271-5499**

**~Entry forms also available on our website at [www.hybydri.org](http://www.hybydri.org) and at  
other local sites (schools, libraries, etc.)~**

**Project Excel is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, the Town of  
Huntington Youth Bureau, fundraisers and private donations**



# 15th Annual **HUNTINGTON YOUTH WRITES** Contest

For Youth in Grades 4-12 Who Attend School in the Town of Huntington  
Over \$2000 Cash Awards \* Winners' Workshop in April \* Awards Ceremony in May  
1<sup>st</sup> Place: \$100 \* 2<sup>nd</sup> Place: \$75 \* 3<sup>rd</sup> Place: \$50 \* Honorable Mention: \$25

The entry form must be completely filled out and  
**received** by Friday, February 14th 2014 at 5pm to be eligible for an award  
**NO EXCEPTIONS FOR THE DEADLINE**

Attach one form to each submitted work (students may submit more than one entry)

Please print:

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Alternate Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Apt# \_\_\_\_\_ Town \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

School/ Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher/ Group Leader \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Level (check one): 4-5 \_\_\_\_\_ 6-8 \_\_\_\_\_ 9-12 \_\_\_\_\_  
Category (check one): Poetry \_\_\_\_\_ Short Story \_\_\_\_\_ Essay \_\_\_\_\_

The attached work, titled \_\_\_\_\_, is original work  
written by me. I agree that if it is selected as a winning entry the Huntington Youth Bureau can publish it.

Sign here: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Any plagiarized work will result in the notification of both the student and his/her school

## **Guidelines for Submissions:** (Please read carefully & follow all directions):

It is encouraged that all entries be typed or printed legibly in English with blue or black ink.

Include your name only on the entry form, not on the work itself.

One student per entry please. All submissions must be in English. Students may submit multiple entries.

\*\*If submitting more than one entry please attach an entry form with each submission.

Collaborative projects will not be accepted

Please include 2 copies of your work \*Winners will be contacted to submit a copy of the entry by email

Poems must not exceed 60 lines. Essays and short stories must not exceed 3,000 words.

Mail or hand deliver entries to the

**Town of Huntington Youth Bureau -Project Excel**  
Room 200, Village Green Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 ~  
Tel: 631-271-5499

**DEADLINE: All entries must be received by Friday, February 14th, 2014 at 5pm**

**-ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE HUNTINGTON YOUTH BUREAU-**

Please note that winning entries will be published in a journal. All rights will then revert back to the author. Winners will be required to submit the winning entry by email.

Project Excel is funded by the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau, fundraisers and private donations



Every Picture/Note = \$1.00

Typhoon Haiyan Challenge  
Will You Join Us?  
It is easy to help

You and your child can  
draw pictures or write notes  
of hope and healing  
for children in the Philippines.

Bring your letter or picture to the main office  
of your school by Monday, January 27  
Save The Children Long Island Junior Council  
will take care of the rest.

Typhoon Haiyan made landfall on November 8, 2013 and destroyed homes,  
schools—and forever changed the lives of millions.

The Bezos Family Foundation, through Students Rebuild,  
will match each letter and drawing with \$1.00

**Each picture/note is worth \$1.00**

**Submit as many as you want!**

Save the Children will use these funds to provide children and teachers with  
safe, temporary learning spaces, educational materials and other support.

In addition to this educational assistance, the goal is to deliver thousands of  
letters and pictures of support to survivors of the storm.

