



West Side School

Friday Notes

January 17, 2014

Principal's Corner

Our week kicked off on Monday with our Geography Bee. Students who participated in this national competition represented all classes in grades 5 and 6. Congratulations to Timothy Louie, school champion, and Ben Davidson, school runner-up, and to all contestants of the Geography Bee: Abigail Johnson, Sarah Lynch, Jessica McCrorie, Ryan Mullen, Erin Gallagher, Johnny Maccarone, Alexander Moynihan, and RJ Schupler. Through our Newsroom, we provided a live stream to our second and third grade classrooms. At West Side, we continue to search for new ways to integrate technology into the daily structure. Utilizing our newsroom for different events is one way we can support this initiative. Thank you to Luke Lynch for introducing West Side Kids Care's newest initiative Birthday-in-a-Box at morning assembly this week. On Friday Chloe Tyree introduced the Baby Care Drive as well. Great job! Finally, thank you to our teachers and parents who helped plan and facilitate the sixth grade's annual Greek Fest. Your help enabled this event to be a huge success.

Thank you to Mrs. Cover and committee members for such a successful Ice Skate Night last Sunday!

Health Screenings

Health screenings for students in grades 2, 3, 5 and 6 will begin on Thursday, January 23rd 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 1st, 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.

Talent Show

We have an amazing response for the 2014 West Side Talent Show which will be held on Friday, February 28. *Late submissions will not be accepted after January 24 – no exceptions.* We encourage all students to participate, be creative, and different. The talent show is open to all musicians, singers, comedy acts, magic acts, dance routines, acting and just about anything creative! This is a reminder to send me an email if you need me to edit your music. If you would like to edit your own music, please send in either a cd or mp3 form that can be sent directly to my e-mail. It must be 2 minutes or less. The absolute last day for your edited music submission will be **January 30th**. PLEASE do not forget to write down your child's t-shirt size on the application, as all t-shirts will be pre-ordered. **All applications must be submitted with the \$25 fee per family. Additional t-shirts are \$10 each and must be submitted with the application.** If you do not indicate a size for the t-shirt, we will order a Youth XL for your child. Please read the Talent Show Rules for rehearsal dates and other important information. We are still looking for any adult or student volunteers to be on the committee or help out day of show. Please contact Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com. Our first meeting will be scheduled for the beginning of February. Last year we had over 100 students participate. Let's break the record for 2014! It's your turn to shine!

Movie Night

Please join us for West Side School's Movie Night on Friday, January 24, 2014 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 or Liz Franklin at lizfranklin@verizon.net. We'll see you at the movie!

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.

West Side Clothing

Visit 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!

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.

Cold Spring Harbor Education Foundation

Due to the great response and interest in our first Foundation Forum "*Your Taxes, Your Schools, Your Property Values*", the Cold Spring Harbor Education Foundation will be hosting an encore presentation on Tues, Jan 21st at 7pm at the CSH Library. New material such as the specifics of the Star exemption will also be discussed. Speakers are Tom Calabrese, COO at Daniel Gale; Patricia Marcin, trusts and estates attorney at Farrell Fritz and Willets Meyer, tax grievance attorney at Farrell Fritz.

Come and learn the facts and misconceptions about your property investment. Everyone Welcome! Coffee & Dessert sponsored by BNY Mellon Wealth Management.



Important WSS Dates

Martin Luther King Day – No School: Monday, January 20th

Movie Night: Friday, January 24th from 5:00-7:00 PM

HiHi Sandwich Making (Grade 4): Monday, January 27th at 3:15

Winter Concert (Grades 5 & 6): Monday, January 27th at WSS at 7:00 PM

West Side Wednesday: January 29th

SIT: Thursday, January 30th

Daddy & Me: Sunday, February 9th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Attachments from the School

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West Side School Annual Talent Show

Friday February 28, 2014

Participation Form

Check # _____

Amt\$ _____

Shirt Size _____

(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"

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 # _____

√ - T-Shirt Size _____

√ - Music _____

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

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
- 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!

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

No School!

Model Magic Snowmen

Monday, January 20 @ 2:00

For Children of all ages

Using Model Magic clay, create a Snowman that will last all season

Adventures in Art: Pollock

Wednesday, January 22 @ 4:30

For Children in grades K-6

Learn about the famous artist Jackson Pollock and create your own work of art using his technique.

Preschool Parachute Play

Friday, January 24 @ 3:30

Join us for some fun parachute games and songs at the library. Kids love playing with recreational parachutes and we are dedicated to promoting this fun, healthy activity. Not only are parachutes great fun, they also teach teamwork and cooperation.

For Teens!

TEEN Community Service

For students in grades 7-12,

Contact Miss Kate for more information on how to earn community services credit @ the Library!

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

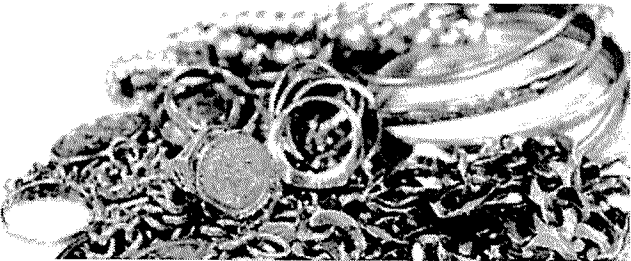
For Adults! *Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department*

How to Sell Your Unwanted Silver and Gold

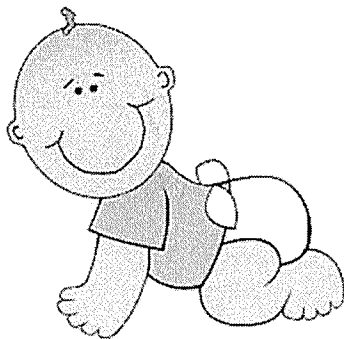
Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 12pm

Pamela Burns, a 25-year veteran of the jewelry business, will teach you how to get the best price.

Attendees are invited to bring one or two pieces of jewelry for a verbal appraisal.



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



WEST SIDE KIDS CARE

BABY CARE DRIVE

West Side Kids Care will be collecting baby care products for Madonna Heights, a wonderful organization dedicated to helping vulnerable adolescent girls, women and families build a strong foundation for the future. They could use the following items:

- Diapers
- Wipes
- Diaper Cream
- Baby Shampoo
- Baby Lotion
- Onesies
- Infant socks

A collection box will be in the West Side Airplane Lobby from Tuesday, January 14th through Friday, January 24th.

As a school-wide contribution to this drive, all students will have the opportunity to participate in a fleece blanket-making project during recess on January 24th.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

If you have any questions, please contact Dana Lynch at 631-385-0344 or dana@theblacktop.net.