



West Side School

Friday Notes

February 7, 2014

Principal's Corner

Although February began slowly with a mixture of snow and ice, the students of West Side still enthusiastically and energetically kicked off Genuine Acts of Kindness Month. During the month of February, marbles will be awarded to students who perform a truly genuine act of kindness. At the end of each day, sixth grader Christopher DiScala will count the marbles earned by our students. As you come into the building, you will notice the giant marble on the bulletin board outside the Main Office. As the marbles are tallied they will be charted on the line graph on the bulletin board. Our goal is to surpass last year's total of 382 which exceeded our 2012 total of 316 marbles. Good luck, West Side!

Congratulation to 3rd grader, Billy Wollman, who is the winner of January's math puzzle!

After School Program

The Spring After School Program begins the week after the February break. Please see the attachments for more information.

Wear Red on Friday

Student and staff members are wearing red on Friday during the month of February in support of Heart Awareness Month.

Daddy and Me Rescheduled

Don't miss Daddy and Me on Sunday, March 9th from 5:30-7:00 PM. There will be lots of fun games, music and a pasta dinner to warm us all during this cold winter. If you would like to volunteer on that evening, we would love to hear from you. Please contact Donna Vallone at: energizerd@hotmail.com or 516-443-6394.

Talent Show

The West Side Talent show is this month! Please make sure that your children are practicing and polishing their big moves and tuning up their instruments. T-shirts will be given out after each child performs on the night of the talent show. The T-shirts will be worn for the finale which will be choreographed from 4:45-5:00 on the day of the dress rehearsal. The **dress rehearsal is on February 27th** at the High School (Performing Arts Center) right after school.

Everybody should have received an email stating which date next week your child is required to come to rehearsal (and a copy of their edited music). The rehearsal is right after school at the West Side Gymnasium. Pick up will be around 4:15-4:30. Please do not ask to leave early. All the children are required to remain until the end (it is only about 1 hour). Parents are asked to wait outside and a teacher's aide will dismiss the children when rehearsal is over. Please understand that this is an approximate time but we are hoping to have everything move smoothly.

All student and parent volunteer crew members are asked to come to the rehearsal on Thursday, February 13 for a quick meeting at 3:05. Student crew can leave right after the meeting by 3:30 (or they are invited to watch the rehearsal.)

The **Talent Show is on Friday February 28th at 7pm** at the High School in the PAC.

Health Screenings

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

Report Cards on Parent Portal

Report cards will be available on the parent portal in the coming weeks.

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.

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!

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?

Once Upon a Mattress

If you thought you knew the story of 'The Princess and The Pea,' you may be in for a walloping surprise! Did you know, for instance, that Princess Winnifred actually swam the moat to reach Prince Dauntless the Drab? Or that Lady Larken's love for Sir Harry provided a rather compelling reason that she reach the bridal altar post haste? Or that, in fact, it wasn't the pea at all that caused the princess a sleepless night? Carried on a wave of wonderful songs, by turns hilarious and raucous, romantic and melodic, this rollicking spin on the familiar classic of royal courtship and comeuppance provides for some side-splitting shenanigans. Chances are you'll never look at fairy tales quite the same way again.

Be sure to join us next weekend!!!!

Friday, February 7th at 7pm

Saturday, February 8th at 7pm

Sunday, February 9th at 2pm

Tickets are \$10. ANYONE in costume pays only \$5!

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.

Important WSS Dates

PTG Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

Talent Show Rehearsal: Tuesday February 11th at 3:30 PM in the Gym

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, February 11th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Talent Show Rehearsal: Thursday, February 13th at 3:30 PM in the Gym

Mid-Winter Recess (No School): February 17 – 21

Talent Show Rehearsal at the PAC: Thursday, February 27th at 3:30

Talent Show: Friday, February 28th at 7:30 PM at the PAC

Daddy & Me: Rescheduled for Sunday, March 9th from 5:30-7:00 PM

Attachments from the School

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West Side School After School Program



Spring 2014

Weeks of:

February 24th

March 3rd

March 10th

March 17th

March 24th

March 31st

April 7th

April 21st

For class descriptions, please go to the West Side School website.

Classes begin on Monday, February 24th.

You must register by Monday, February 24th.

Hurry-

Classes fill up quickly and are offered on a first-come first-served basis.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Monday:	All Sports	2-3	Gym	\$70.00
	All Sports	4-6	Gym	\$70.00
	Sewing Club	2-4	TBA	\$70.00
	Rainbow Loom	2-6	TBA	\$70.00
	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$70.00
Tuesday:	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$70.00
	Lego Motorized Mania	2-6	TBA	\$215.00
Wednesday	NO CLASSES OFFERED			
Thursday	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$70.00
	Chess Nuts	2-6	Art Room	\$110.00
	Cartooning	2-4	3S	\$70.00
Friday	Basketball/ Capture the Flag	4-6	Gym	\$70.00

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15.

Changes in Our Spring Schedule

Classes will begin on February 24, 2014. Keep an eye out for any changes in schedule from your child's instructor. On March 21st, March 28th and April 4th classes will be held from 12:00-12:50. There will be no class on April 11th due to staff development.

After School Program

Most of the classes will be conducted for eight weeks from 3:15 - 4:15 PM. The fee for the program is \$70. Outside vendors often charge additional fees.

MATERIAL FEES ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Please do not send material fee with registration. Send the fee in with your child for the first class.

Registration is by mail only and must be
POST MARKED BY Wednesday, February 12th.

Mail checks, payable to the WSSPTG, and mail registration forms to:

Mrs. Dimaio
1395 Ridge Road
Syosset, NY 11791

Registration is on first-come first-served basis. We cannot accept phone reservations or registration forms without checks attached. Otherwise, it is unfair to those students who want to get into the classes. Classes will generally contain between 10 - 20 students. Class limits are set by the instructors and will be on first-come first-served basis. If there is insufficient enrollment, the class will be cancelled, and you will be notified.

Registration will not be permitted without a check for the correct amount accompanying the registration forms.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes. If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.

If you should have any questions, please contact:
Mrs. Dimaio 516-692-9565

Registration Form
Please make checks payable to the
WSSPTG.

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email Address: _____

Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

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Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

Parent Signature _____

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All registration forms must be postmarked by Wednesday, February 12th.

Changes and Refunds

Changes in course selection may be made within the first two (2) weeks of the start of each session.

Refunds will NOT be given after the first two (2) weeks.

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15

Student Behavior

Students are expected to behave properly during after school activities, like they would during regular school hours. Students are to keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves and refrain from using foul language.

If a student does not behave in a proper manner, the instructor will follow the procedures below:

1. Instructor will give a warning to the student and discuss ways to correct his/her behavior.
2. Instructor will contact the child's guardian and make him/her aware of the situation.
3. After speaking with the child's guardian, if the child's behavior does not improve, the student will NOT be permitted to attend classes and a refund WILL NOT be given.

Children may not attend after school activities unless they have been registered for the eight-week term. This includes children attending play dates.

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15

Monday Classes

All Sports

Grades 2-3
Minimum 10 students

CAPTURE THE FLAG, KICKBALL, SOCCER, KNOCK-OUT, GAGA, BASKETBALL, OBSTACLE COURSES...AND MORE! What a great way to jumpstart the week! Each week the children will select one of eight unique sports to play. Come and join the fun. Boys and girls are welcome. We will be outside, if the weather permits.

Instructor-Ms. Dudek

All Sports

Grades 4-6
Minimum 10 students

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Instructor-TBA

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

Sewing Club

Grades 2-4
Minimum of 6 students

Join us to learn to sew by hand and get creative in this class. Students will learn to sew and decorate different projects, including a pillow iTouch/iPhone cover, face towel and finger puppets. Students can choose what they want to work on. A \$15 materials fee is due at the time of the first class. Please give it to the instructor on the first day. The fee must be cash or a check made out to cash.

Instructor: Mrs. Gottlander and Mrs. Roberts

Monday Classes Continued

Rainbow Loom Fun

Grades 2-6

Minimum of 10 students

Come and join the rainbow loom craze with friends! We can spend the afternoon creating bracelets and sharing our ideas. Beginners can be taught how to make a rainbow loom bracelet. Get a jump start on gifts for your friends and family.

Please bring a rainbow loom, hook and bands to class.

Instructor-Mrs. Olsen

Tuesday Classes

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

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Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

LEGO Motorized Mania

Grades 2-6

Minimum 8 students

Maximum of 12 students

Join Bricks 4 Kidz and build one of their motorized model plans designed for all skill levels! Each week kids will build a motorized LEGO project while learning math and science concepts along the way. Different projects of varying difficulty are available.

Thursday Classes

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

Chess Nuts

Grades 2-6

Minimum of 10 students

Chess is the fastest growing sport among children in the United States. The game of chess fosters critical thinking, creativity, self-esteem and discipline, concentration, imagination and dealing with victory over defeat. Your child will learn strategies and compete against fellow classmates. There will be a tournament the last week of class.

Cartooning

Grades 2-4

Do you love to draw or are you wishing to improve your skills? Come join us for an hour of Cartooning where you will learn to draw your favorite cartoon characters!

Instructor: Mrs. Manning

Friday Classes

Basketball/Capture the Flag

Grades 4-6
Minimum of 8 students

Kick back and have some fun! Come and join an afternoon of sportsmanship and skills while playing capture the flag and basketball. We will enjoy the great outdoors, weather permitting!

Instructor: Ms. Dudek

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There will be no class on April 11th due to staff development.*

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

VALENTINE'S DAY CHOCOLATE EXTRAVAGANZA!

Tuesday, February 11 @ 4:30
Wednesday, February 12 @ 4:30 pm
For Children in Grades K-6

Learn all about chocolate then dip delicious Valentine's Day chocolate treats



VALENTINE'S DAY CRAFT HOUR

Friday, February 14 @ 3:30 pm—4:30 pm
For Children of all ages

Drop by between 3:30—4:30 to make a project that you may have missed.
Create a beautiful picture frame or a valentine Glitter Trees
to give to your special valentine



**For
Teens!**

TEEN Community Service

For students in grades 7-12,
Teen Book Reviews begins February 3! Read and review can earn you
2 community service hours!

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*

Around Huntington Village Lecture

Sunday, February 9, 2014 at 1:30pm

Co-authors Dr. Alfred V. Sforza and Antonia S. Mattheou will share photographs from the long history of Huntington Village and the stories behind them. Cold Spring Harbor residents will recognize several buildings from their own backyard. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation.

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

