

West Side School

Friday Notes

Valentine's Day 2014

Principal's Corner

While the storms keep coming, West Side continues to plow ahead. On Monday, our fifth and sixth graders participated in cyber bullying workshops. Thank you to Mrs. Pultz and to FOCUS committee members for making the afternoon possible. Students participated in worthwhile discussions with their peers about proper use of technology and the effects of decisions we make. On Tuesday, our second graders presented their community helpers projects to their parents in the gym. These projects have become a staple of the grade level and our students should be extremely proud of their work. On Wednesday, music students from the Junior Senior High School performed for our sixth graders. Thank you to K-12 Music Director, Phil Gray, for arranging the time together. I would also like to thank West Side Kids Club for making Valentine's Day cards for soldiers last Friday in the community room during recess. Finally, congratulations to 3rd grader, Billy Wollman, who is the winner of January's math puzzle!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Ms. Hoffman for her service to the West Side community. Today marks Ms. Hoffman's final day at West Side. Thank you for all of your hard work and dedication to our students and their families. We wish you all the best in your journey ahead and will miss you dearly.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break!

After School Program

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

Talent Show

<u>Talent Show</u>: The West Side Talent show is in TWO WEEKS! 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 4:30-5:00 on the day of the dress rehearsal. The **dress rehearsal is on February 27**th at the High School (Performing Arts Center) right after school. ALL PERFORMERS MUST STAY FOR THE ENTIRE REHEARSAL. (Parents please do not ask to take your child out early. We all have places we need to be.) We will be running sound and lights and may need to redo certain acts at the end so be patient. Students can bring a snack and beverage.

The **Talent Show is on Friday February 28th at 7pm** at the High School in the PAC. Performers for Act 1 need to get there no later than 6:15 and performers for Act 2 need to get there no later than 6:30. Please have your child sign in with Mrs. Albers. There will be a roped off area in the front of the auditorium for "performer seating only." A school aide will assist in seating the performers. We have separate changing rooms for girls and boys and the green room behind the stage to wait until your act has been called on stage.

Whether you're in the show or just there to support your classmates, it's going to be a most memorable night. The show is free and so is the ice cream social immediately following the show in the high school cafeteria. We have a wonderful lineup and I thank all of you who volunteered to help out. West Side's Talent 2014 will rock the world!

Daddy and Me Rescheduled

Don't miss Daddy and Me on <u>Sunday, March 9th</u> 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: <u>energizerd@hotmail.com</u> or 516-443-6394.

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Wear Red on Friday

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

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.

6th Grade Get Together

The 6th grade get together with Lloyd Harbor School will be held on **Sunday, March 16th from 6-8:30pm** @ United Skates of America, 1276 Hicksville Drive, Seaford NY 11783 (516)795-5474.

It's a great chance for all 6th graders from WSS & LHS to get together and have fun! Please send \$12, which will cover the cost of the skate rental, pizza & a drink, made out to the WSSPTG. Please send your check in via your child's backpack, by March 11th Attn: Michelle Schneider/6th Grade Get Together. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Schneider at mschneider@opendigital.net.

West Side Clothing

Visit <u>www.mylocker.net</u> 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!

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

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

Talent Show Rehearsal - Act 2 ONLY: Tuesday, February 25th at 3:15 in the gym

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

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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

Yankee Doodle Circus: CSHHS Field House on March 2nd at 1:00 PM and 4:00 PM

Attachments from the School

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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 special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 25, 2014, at 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting and workshop 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.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

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>	Course	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
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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
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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: \$
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.

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All Sports

<u>Grades 2-3</u> 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

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<u>Grades 4-6</u> 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

<u>Grades 2-4</u> 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

<u>Grades 2-6</u> 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

<u>Grades 2-6</u> 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.



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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

<u>Grades 4-6</u> 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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"KEEP YOUR FAMILY SAFE " SERIES AT COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY

The Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center will be hosting a series of programs to inform children and adults how to stay safe in a variety of situations.

FAMILY PROGRAMS

FAMILY SELF DEFENSE WITH

MASTER MIKE OF MASTERS KARATE IN SYOSSET

Saturday, March 1, 2:00 p.m.

Learn the art of self-defense with karate Master Mike

CHILD ID PROGRAM

Saturday, March 8, 1:00-4:00 p.m.



Sponsored by New York Life. Come get an ID for your child and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

ADULT PROGRAMS

SURVIVAL SIGNALS:

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS TO STAY SAFE

Tuesday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.

Learn how to reduce your chances of being a crime victim. Officer Larmour of the Second Precinct will discuss risk factors, how to plan ahead for problems and emergencies, and why you should trust your instincts when "something just isn't right." Attendees will receive tips on staying safe at home, at the office, and in the car. Q&A to follow

IDENTITY THEFT PREVENTION
Thursday March 20, 2:00 p.m.



Don't be a victim! A detective from the Suffolk County Police Department will advise you on what identity theft is, what criminals do with your identity and how to prevent becoming a victim.

