



West Side School

Friday Notes

March 7, 2014

Principal's Corner

Congratulations to Timothy Louie (6th grade violinist) and Erin Gallagher (5th grade violinist) on their participation in the Long Island String Festival Association (LISFA) rehearsals and concert last weekend. The students performed at Uniondale High School on March 2nd with some of the best string students on Long Island. Way to go!

This week, second graders participated in a lab about circumference using balloons. They also celebrated their realistic fiction pieces and created webs on Inspiration in connection with their character study. Our third graders spent time chunking text as a strategy to stop and think while they read and participated in a lesson about time management. Students in 3D also celebrated the works of several authors who wrote stories that connect to our SEL program. The students' favorite by far was *Hachiko: The True Story of a Loyal Dog*. Fourth graders participated in DASA (Dignity for ALL Students Act) workshops. They took an active role in discussing their responsibilities in the technological world, as well as their interactions with one another. Fifth graders multiplied fractions during math, learned about connections between minerals and cell phones, and presented their Civil War PowerPoint presentations. Sixth graders discussed different strategies for applying ratios and drafted their coat of arms in Social Studies.

On Friday, our West Side Jazz Band teamed up with third grade girls to record "Just Be Kind Now" with the help of Ms. Kleiner, Ms. Levesque, and Ms. Balzano in the band room. The recording supported our Social-Emotional Learning program and Genuine Acts of Kindness Month.

Thank you to Mrs. Genser and Mrs. Weiss for another incredible Talent Show! It was so impressive to attend a show that was truly owned by our students.

Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour this weekend!

Daddy and Me Sunday

Don't miss Daddy and Me this 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.

Report Cards on Parent Portal

Report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on March 20th at 5:00 PM. Please read the attached letter for more information. While the report cards will be available earlier than your parent conference, please remember that your child's teacher is prepared to discuss this marking period with you at the assigned conference time.

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, Seafood 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.

DNA Saturday

DNA Saturday is back! The day is scheduled for March 22nd. Please see the attached flyer form more details.

6th Grade - HIHI Sandwich Making - Monday, March 31st - 3:00 - 4:15 Cafeteria

Calling all 6th graders! For the last time at West Side, please come and participate in making bag lunches and breakfasts for the HIHI Interfaith Mission. See the attached flyer for donations. Can't stay after? Please drop off your donations to the main office. Contact Melissa Marasciullo (516) 647-3788 - melissny@aol.com with questions.

Pick-Up Notes Online

Pick-up Notes are now available on our website. Go to the West Side School website and click on the "For Parents" tab on the left. Then click "Forms" and select the pick-up note file. The PDF form can be filled out on the computer or by hand. It can be downloaded, saved, and/or printed. Forms should be completed and sent in with your child, not via email.

Recycling Program

The CSH High School Arts Booster Club is "kicking off" our shoe recycling program. During the month of March, MARCH to your closet and donate your old shoes! Recycling boxes will be set up near the main entrance of West Side School. Let's keep those **SOLES** out of our landfills and pass them on to another **SOUL**!

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!

Important WSS Dates

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

4th Grade to Lloyd Manor House: Monday, March 10th

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

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

4th Grade Colonial Day: Friday, March 14th

Noon Dismissal – Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 21st

2nd Grade to the Whaling Museum: Tuesday, March 25th

West Side Wednesday: March 26th

SIT: Thursday, March 27th

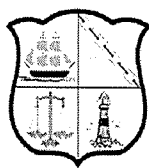
Noon Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 28th

NYS ELA Test: April 1 – 3

Noon Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday, April 4th

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West Side School

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
1597 Laurel Hollow Rd • Syosset, New York 11791

Kurt A. Simon, Principal

516.692.7900 Main Office

March 2014




Dear Parents:

In the upcoming weeks, we will begin the process of **student placement for next year**. Our goal is to create balanced classes where all children can thrive academically and socially, while ensuring that district procedures are fair and equitable.

The process of creating classes is a complex one. It involves determining the best placement for each child and the best grouping of students in each classroom. All teachers who have an understanding of the academic and social needs of the students on each grade level have input in this process. Individual learning styles, peer relationships, behavior, and work habits are considered when determining the right placement for each child. In addition, we work carefully to ensure that classes have a balance of boys and girls and a range of abilities.

Parental input can be an important part of this process. If **your child** has **special needs** that are **not already known by his/her classroom teacher**, you may submit a letter to my attention by April 6th.

Please note:

-  Letters from past years are **not considered**.
-  Letters should be sent to the main office (and **not via email**).
-  Requests for a specific teacher or placement with any specific child will **not be honored** and should **not be included in a letter** (or discussion with a teacher).

Please know that we will give the same level of care and attention to the placement of every child, whether a letter is written or not.

I appreciate your confidence in the professional staff as we begin this important process. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to create an educational environment where every child will be happy and successful.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Simon



Cold Spring Harbor School District

75 Goose Hill Road • Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724

March 3, 2014

Dear Parents:

As you know, last year Cold Spring Harbor updated the format and structure of the Elementary Report Cards. We are now using our student management system, eSchoolData, to create the reports that you receive. **Beginning this marking period, parents will be able to access the report cards on the eSchoolData "Parent Portal".** They will be posted and available on Thursday, March 20 by 5 PM.

If you already have a Parent Portal account in eSchoolData (for a child in the Jr./Sr. HS) you are already set up. If this is your first experience with the portal and need an account, please follow the instructions below:

Setting up an eSchoolData account:

Note: You only need to create one account to access the information for all of your children. In creating an account online, you will need to have the following information handy for one of your children:

- Parent/Guardian Name (apply using one parent's name only) and Student Name
- Student ID Number (can be found on schedule/progress report/report card, also is their lunch system ID number)
- Student Grade Level (as of September 2013)
- School (as of September 2013)

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "For Parents" and click on "Parent Portal"
3. Scroll all the way down to "How can I apply for access to the portal?" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "Yes" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "Online Registration" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the *Account Information* portion (followed by *Personal Information* and *Student Information*).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted. After the data has been reviewed, you will receive an additional email.

Getting the Report Card:

1. Log onto your account
2. Click on the ID number of your child
3. For grades K-5 - click on the "ERC" tab
4. For grade 6 - click on "Report Card" tab
5. Click print for a hard copy.

Please know that for the marking period ending this month, Elementary Report Cards will also be distributed at the March parent conferences. In June, the final report cards will be both posted on the portal and mailed home.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein, *Goosehill Primary School Principal*

Valerie Massimo, *Lloyd Harbor School Principal*

Kurt Simon, *West Side School Principal*

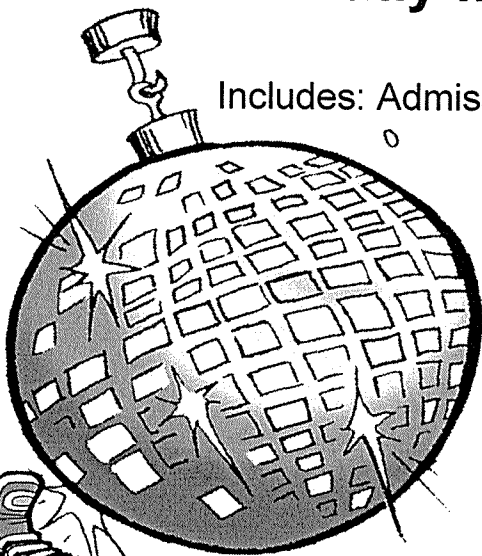
SCHOOL PARTY

6th Grade Get Together West Side & Lloyd Harbor Elementary Schools

Sunday March 16, 2014 6:00-8:30pm

\$12 per person

Includes: Admission, Skate Rental, Slice of Pizza, Small Soda



70'S THEME!! BE SURE TO DRESS IN
YOUR 70'S BEST!!

This is a Private Event for Your School Only!

LET'S GO ROLLER SKATING!

Any questions, please contact
Michelle Schneider at
mschneider@opendigital.net

FEATURING:

- Roller Skating
- Live DJ
- Lazer Light Show
- Games
- Trivia
- and More!

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Please send in a check and tear off in your child's backpack by March 11, 2014. Attn: Michelle Schneider/6th Grade Get Together

My child _____ has permission to attend the Roller Skating event on Sunday, March 16th at United Skates of America.

Parent Signature _____ Phone # you can be reached during the event _____

Please make checks payable to WSSPTG

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center's

SATURDAY DNA!

Welcome to *Saturday DNA!* *March 22, 2014*

Microscope Magic

9:00 – 11:00AM , Saturday, March 22, 2014
West Side and Lloyd Harbor 2

Come join DNALC instructors for an introduction to basic microscopy. Microscopes are important pieces of equipment in the lab, but did you know they aren't all the same? Compound light microscopes are used to magnify microscopic samples so they appear hundreds of times larger! Stereo microscopes have a much lower magnification, but allow the user to see samples in three dimensions! Participants will learn how to use two different types of microscopes and view a wide array of both living and non-living samples.

Chaperones fully participate in all program activities. Sessions are \$20.00 per person (\$40.00 for a participating student and accompanying chaperone.)

What you need to do:

- Reserve your space by completing and returning the reservation form **by March 19th** with your payment to either:

DNA Learning Center

- Heather Spehr
350 West Neck Road
Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743

Location of Event:

DNA Learning Center
334 Main Street
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

OR

- Suzanne DiMaio
1395 Ridge Road
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

*For questions, email Heather Spehr at lanespehr@hotmail.com or Suzanne DiMaio at suzannedimaio@yahoo.com

Directions to the DNA Learning Center are on the website at: www.dnalc.org

Session Title: Microscope Magic**Date & Time: March 22, 2014, 9:00-11:00AM**

Please note, this session is for West Side and Lloyd Harbor 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders only.
One participating chaperone is required.

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #1 _____ Grade _____ School _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #2 _____ Grade _____ School _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #3 _____ Grade _____ School _____
 Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
 Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

Session fee (number of requested seats x \$20.00)

___ Enclosed is a check payable to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory for \$ _____

___ Please charge \$ _____ to my:

___ AmEx ___ Discover ___ MasterCard ___ Visa

Credit Card # _____

Expires _____ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on credit card:

WEST SIDE KIDS CARE

HUNTINGTON INTERFAITH HOMELESS INITIATIVE

Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative (HIHI) is a program that provides a safe, warm place to spend the night for homeless individuals who have been living outdoors in the Huntington area. HIHI is run by the Family Service League and is comprised of more than 35 congregations in Huntington Township. These congregations band together to provide housing, clothing, a hot dinner, and a bag breakfast and lunch to their "guests" during the coldest months of the year. CSH High School students volunteer helping the sites set up, serving dinner, and hanging out with the guests. West Side Kids Care completes the CSH effort by providing the breakfasts and lunches to go (25-30 of each). A HIHI sandwich making event will be held on **Monday, March 31st from 3:15 to 4:00** in the Cafeteria and will be for **5th and 6th Graders**. We will need the following supplies and appreciate all donations you can provide. The items below can be split and donated by multiple people. Supplies can be brought to school with your child, dropped off at the main office during the day, or brought to the cafeteria right after school. Please let me know what, if anything, you will be bringing so we ensure we have all necessary items.

LUNCHES:

- 4 loaves of sandwich bread
- 4 lbs. sliced lunch meat
- 4 lbs. sliced cheese
- 30 water bottles
- 30 pieces of fruit
- 30 snack bags (chips, pretzels)
- 30 individually wrapped cookies/desserts

BREAKFASTS:

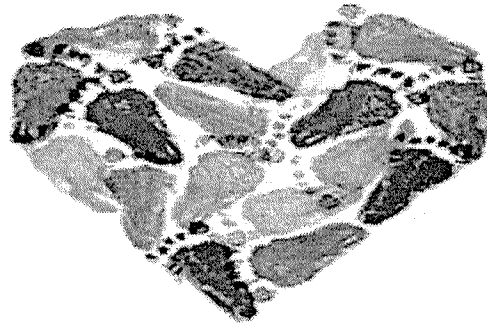
- 30 juice boxes
- 30 pieces of fruit
- 30 breakfast bars/granola bars

Thanks so much for your time and generosity. Your support means a lot to this worthy cause.

Please contact Melissa Marasciullo at melissny@aol.com with any questions or to sign up for a specific contribution per the list above.



ARTS BOOSTER CLUB



**MARCH During March
and recycle shoes**

"SOLES 4 SOULS"

The Arts Booster Club is "kicking off" our shoe recycling program. During the month of March, MARCH to your closet and donate your old shoes!

Recycling boxes will be set up in near the main entrance of West Side School.

Let's keep those **SOLES** out of our landfills and pass them on to another **SOUL**!

Please! **ONLY** Shoes in pairs! **NO** slippers, flipflops, iceskates, rollerblades, rubber boots, or winter boots

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

Child ID Card Program

Saturday, March 8 from 1:00-4:00 pm
For children of all ages with their families

Sponsored by New York Life.

Stop by between 1:00-4:00 pm and get an ID for your child and
enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Cuckoo Clock

Monday, March 10 @ 4:30 pm

For Children in grades 3-5

Children will enjoy creating a working clock reminiscent of the classic
"Cuckoo" style, complete with its own little bird

**For Teens
& Adults**

About Boating Safely Course

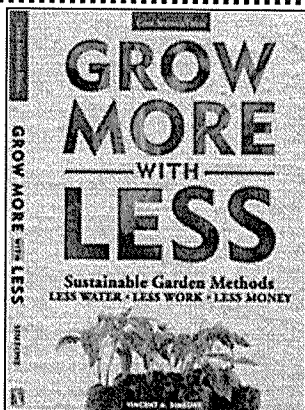
Saturday, March 15 from 10:00 am -5:00 pm

Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary

This is a one-day intensive instructional course for those boaters that
need to meet the New York State requirements to operate a boat in
the waters of the State of New York. **Fee: \$40.**

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**



Grow More with Less: Sustainable Garden Methods

Sunday, March 13 at 2pm

How does your garden grow? With the advice of Horticultural expert
Vincent A. Simeone, author of *Grow More With Less: Sustainable Garden
Methods: Less Water - Less Work - Less Money*, better than ever before!
Simeone will make the what, how, and why of sustainable gardening
unmistakably clear.

Copies of *Grow More With Less* will be available for purchase.

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

MommaCon 2014

The don't miss momma event of the year

FUN ACTIVITIES ALL DAY LONG

Strolling entertainment from The Big Apple Circus

Family Meals Made Easy, presented by Family Circle Food Director, Regina Ragone

Lululemon family yoga

CrossFit class for kids

Tiger Schulmann mixed martial arts demo

Music making for the whole family with Music Together

Stroller exercise class featuring cardio, toning & strength with Stroller Strides

Crafty fun for curious kids with Not Just Art

Petting zoo with Petland Parties

Hands-on animal learning with The Center for Science Teaching & Learning

Sleep training techniques & positive parenting tips for all ages from The Counseling & Parenting Center

"Young Geniuses in the Limelight" with Village East Gifted

Song, dance and rhythm with Music for Aardvarks

OMG! Homemade skin care products on a dime

New York Lizards Lacrosse fastest shot contest

Interactive tennis game with Sportime Woodbury

Bricks 4 Kidz: We learn, we build... we play ...with LEGO bricks!

Make-your-own bicycle license plate with Professor Pedals

Acting and improvisation class with Cultural Arts Playhouse

Obstacle course from The Little Gym

"Dance With Me" hip-hop class

Develop musical skills through fun, interactive activities with Bach to Rock

Get introduced to soccer and baseball from Lil Athletes

Pamper yourself with a chair massage, mini facial and manicure.

Plus cookie decorating, face painting, and tattoos for the kids!

**Want in? Have a memorable day with the whole family.
Mom guaranteed.**



Buy your ticket at <http://MommaCon.com>

Support a good cause: a percentage of proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House

Come find out about all things kid related and mommy needed in your area. We know all the best in the business and will have over 125 exhibitors ready to show off their stuff to **make your life easier and more fun.**

Who doesn't want that?

SUNDAY
MARCH 23, 2014
10AM TO 4PM
LIU POST, BROOKVILLE

Prizes....

Since a mom's job is 24/7, MommaCon is raffling off **24 fabulous prizes and 7 grand ones!**

Everyone goes home a winner with a schwag bag to fill with lots of free samples!

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Gifted Education Center for
High Achieving Students

FamilyCircle
Where family Comes First™

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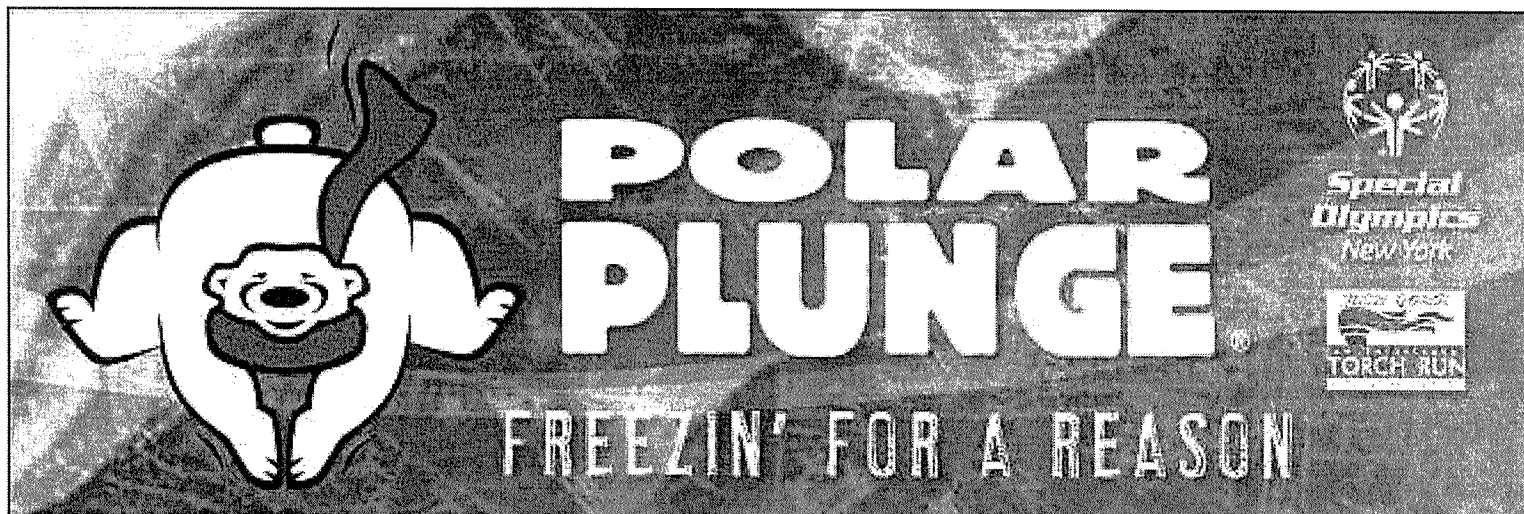
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Water in a Box™

LongIslandParent
Suffolk County
NYMetroParents.com



BluePrint™

Macaroni Kid



We will be Freezin' for a Reason at the 1st Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge

Saturday, March 29, 2014 at Tobay Beach, Ocean Parkway

Check-in between 10:00 - 11:30 am

PLUNGE at 11:30 am

Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the PLUNGE! Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt.....raise more money and receive more great prizes! Whether you plunge or support a Plunger, come join us on March 29th!

HOW DO I GET STARTED?

Log onto www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay and click the **Register Here** button.

You can start a team, join a team or join as an individual.

Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to Freezin' for a Reason!

Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!

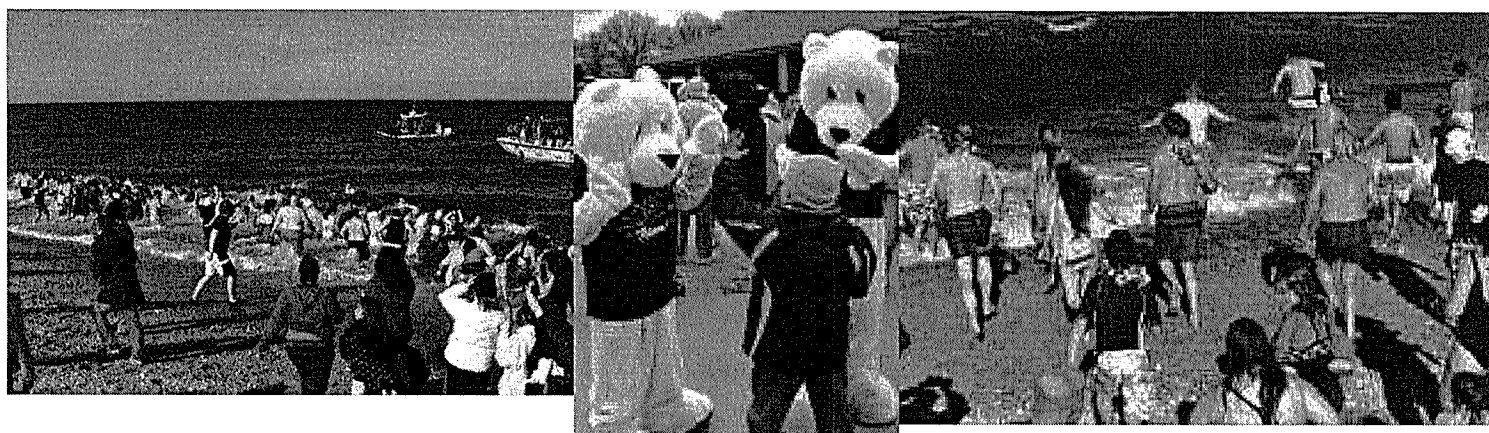
DID YOU KNOW?

Special Olympics New York has **61,582 athletes** training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports.

Our athletes and their families or caregivers are **NEVER CHARGED** to participate!

It costs \$400 to support training and competition for one athlete for one sports season.

Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!



SIGN UP TODAY!

www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay

[facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY](https://www.facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY)

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at jcantone@nyso.org or 631.254.1465 ext. 204

**TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE
JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP!**

