



West Side School

Friday Notes

Pi Day 2014

Principal's Corner

Happy Pi Day (3.14)! This week our fourth graders participated in a number of activities in preparation for Colonial Day, such as cross-stitching and lantern making. They also took a field trip to Lloyd Manor House. In celebration of World Language month, fourth grade FLES students participated in a poster parade during morning assembly on Thursday. They proudly marched with their posters created for the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese National Poster Contest. The theme of this year's contest is *Enriquece tu vida aprendiendo otras lenguas*, which means *Enrich your life by learning other languages*. Thank you to Dr. Churchland and her staff from the Cold Spring Harbor labs for visiting our school on Thursday. Our visiting scientists taught our second and fourth grade students about the brain and helped them to create brain caps. Also on Thursday, our sixth graders competed in Mr. Yost's hockey championships after school. Sixth graders also serenaded the school with the Pi song on Friday at morning assembly! This has become a great tradition. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Vallone and committee members for a very successful Daddy & Me night last Sunday. What a turnout!

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.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, March 21st, March 28th, and April 4th. At this meeting, you and your child's teacher will discuss your child's growth and progress to date. You will also discuss how the home and school can work together to gain insights into best meeting your child's needs.

NYS Assessments

Students in grades **three** through **six** will be taking the NYS ELA and Math Assessments again this year. The NYS ELA test will be administered on April 1-3 and the NYS Math test will be administered on April 30-May 2. Parents can help to prepare their children for success by:

-  ensuring children get a good night's sleep before each day of testing
-  providing children with a balanced breakfast on the morning of the exam
-  encouraging children to try their hardest
-  **making sure children arrive to school on time – assessments will begin promptly at 9:00 AM**

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.

DNA Saturday

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

West Side Run

The West Side Run is scheduled for Sunday, May 18th. Please see the attached flyers for more information.

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 Garden Club

Regardless of the weather, The West Side Garden Club is getting ready to start their planting. This year, Scarsella's Nursery is sharing part of their greenhouse with us so the children can get a head start planting their seeds. There will be a donation box in the Airplane lobby for clean plastic 5-6 oz. yogurt containers that the children will need for planting.

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.

Talent Show

What an electrifying night we all shared at the 2014 West Side Talent Show! With just about 80 performers and 10 student crew members, the night belonged to them. They were all stars from the littlest 2nd graders to our graduating 6th graders! Thanks to Mrs. Martin and the NYSSMA singers who did a beautiful job opening the show with the National Anthem. A huge thanks to Mr. Simon, Mrs. Fastuca, Mrs. Olsen, Mrs. Ruhl and Mr. Thau (Mr. T) for all your help. Thanks to all the very many adult volunteers: Kerri Albers, Eileen Gallagher, Jack Genser, Dana Lynch, Mary and Vinny Samuels, Ana Shammah and Amir Weiss. You were an amazing team! Finally, a very special thank you to the PTG for the yummy ice cream social and especially to the community for supporting this spectacular event which allows our children of all ages to express themselves through the performing arts.

Can't wait to see what new talent will be for the 2015 West Side Talent Show. Start rehearsing. The CD of the show will be distributed in the children's backpacks as soon as I get them. Let's keep the talent show spirit alive! - Randi Weiss and Jenn Genser

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

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

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

West Side Wednesday: March 26th

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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*

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
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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.



Dear West Side families,

Please join us in supporting our upcoming 22nd annual West Side Run on Sunday, May 18th. West Side School in the Cold Spring Harbor School District is proud to have had so many generous sponsors for the Run in past years. We appreciate the 19 business sponsors and over 74 family sponsors who contributed last year, and we hope you will be able to sponsor this year's event.

Over the past 5 years, the PTG has been able to purchase 15 document cameras which are used in conjunction with the SMART Boards for lessons, an IPTV Cart which is used in the broadcasting of our news program, West Side Speaks. We were able to purchase a new piano for the music department, purchase 3 large Art canvases of the children's work for the halls and office. We refurbished the outdoor basketball courts. We were able to purchase pavers and landscaping for the Main entrance and center island. We buy a new tree every year to celebrate Earth Day/WSS Birthday which continues the arboretum the school is proud of. We were able to purchase the two new glass basketball back boards in the Gym and a new grill for our Field day and camp out events as well as new microscopes for the Science Department. We hope to continue making contributions to our children's education.

Thank you to all of those who have already donated. As a reminder, the Business & Professional Sponsorship minimum donation is \$250. This will include your logo placed on the back of WSS Run T-shirts, your company name printed in the 2015 program, and your company name placed on the WSS parking lot board. Over 500 T-shirts will be circulating with your logo on it!

The Family Sponsors will have their names printed in the 2015 program and placed on the WSS parking lot board.

Attached are both Business and Family sponsorship forms.

We look forward to running with you on Sunday, May 18th. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting a long standing tradition and fun family event at our school!

The West Side Run Committee



Business Sponsor Form

Thank you for supporting West Side School by sponsoring the WSS Run on Sunday, May 18th

Business and professional sponsors will have their logo appear on the back of over 500 T-shirts that will be seen throughout the community for years to come. Their name will also appear on the WSS Sponsor Board located in the parking lot and will be printed in the 2015 WS Run application.

Name of Company:

Address:

Contact (person &
phone #):

Business & Professional Sponsors: Standard Size Ad:	\$250	_____
Double Size Ad:	\$500	_____
	Other	_____

Business card or artwork is due by Friday, April 11th

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Checks and artwork can be sent to:

West Side Run Committee
West Side School PTG
1597 Laurel Hollow Rd
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any question please contact: Connie Robins @ connierobins@verizon.net.



Family Sponsor Form

Thank you to all who have already sponsored the WSS Run! However, to those who haven't had a chance, below is a copy of the Family Sponsor form. Thanks in advance for supporting the WSS Run on Sunday, May 18th!!!!

Family: _____
Address: _____

Family sponsors (names on WSS Sponsor Board & 2015 Application)

Gold Patron	\$200
Patron	\$150
Sponsor	\$100
Supporter	\$ 50
Other	_____

Platinum Sponsorships (names on WSS Sponsor Board and 2015 Application)

500 West Side Run T-shirts	\$2000	_____
Trophies	\$ 700	_____
Timer Company Charges	\$ 800	_____
Printing of 6000 Applications	\$ 500	_____

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Return to:

West Side Run Committee
West Side School PTG
1597 Laurel Hollow Road
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any Questions , please contact: Connie Robins @ connierobins@verizon.net



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

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!

QUANTUM WELLNESS
& HEALING CENTER
Your true well-being sanctuary

Village East Gifted
Gifted & Talented Center for
Education & Enrichment

FamilyCircle
Where family Comes First

Radio Disney Junior

icebox
Water in a Box

LongIslandParent
Suffolk Edition
NYMetroParents.com



BluePrint

Macaroni Kid