



# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

March 21, 2014

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### **Principal's Corner**

In second grade this week, our learners continued drafting their persuasive writing pieces which are in the form of reviews. Thank you to the second graders who shared their amazing drafts with me. I read reviews about restaurants, movies, vacation spots, and much more! In third grade, our young scientists measured solids in the lab using scales and a variety of manipulatives. Some of our third graders also got the opportunity to meet with our eSpark consultant to give their feedback about our new iPad pilot program. Our students have a lot to share, and we thank eSpark for allowing them to have a voice. Fourth graders worked on finding an understanding between the decimal system and money in the area of Math, and also participated in discussions regarding strategies they can use when presented with uncomfortable social situations. Fifth graders began constructing volcanoes in small groups in the science lab, concluded their unit on multiplying and dividing fractions, and focused on providing evidence from text to support their thinking in written form. Sixth graders continued their work on their Modern Science Fair presentations. They also received a test analysis assignment which is designed for them to analyze their work and to encourage the self-assessment and reflection process. Be sure to check out the heraldic shields hanging in the sixth grade hallway. I am simply amazed at the talent and ability of our students!

Congratulations to the winners of the 2014 WSS Fourth grade FLES poster contest are: Honorable Mention: Emma Sheridan, Honorable Mention: Logan Vitagliano, Third Place: Alexandros Spanos, Second Place: Paige Lynch, and First place: Andrew Pultz.

Thank Mrs. Schneider and committee members for a successful 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Get Together last Sunday night! Our students will be getting together with their future junior high peers at the Unity Dance on Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Also, thank you to Mrs. Dimaio and others for helping to organize this event.

### **Report Cards on Parent Portal**





Report cards are now available on the Parent Portal. 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 will continue on March 28<sup>th</sup> and April 4<sup>th</sup>. 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

### **Start the Conversation...Save a Life**

**March 27, 7:00-8:30 pm at Cold Spring Harbor Library**

Teachers, Students, Parents and Grandparents are encouraged to attend this program on life-saving information regarding substance abuse awareness. Q and A to follow panel presentation. Reservations requested 631-692-6820.

### **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.

### **West Side Run**

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

### **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](mailto:melissny@aol.com) with questions.

### **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](http://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**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Whaling Museum: Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**West Side Wednesday: March 26<sup>th</sup>**

**SIT: Thursday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**NYS ELA Test: April 1 – 3**

**Noon Dismissal – Parent Teacher Conferences: Friday, April 4<sup>th</sup>**

**PTG Meeting: Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 in the Community Room**

**BOE Meeting: Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at District Office**

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip to the Cloisters: Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**Noon Dismissal: Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

### Attachments from the School

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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](mailto: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	_____

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# 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 31<sup>st</sup> from 3:15 to 4:00** in the Cafeteria and will be for **5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> 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:

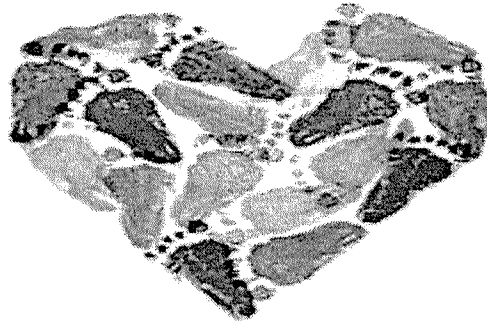
- 30 juice boxes
- 30 pieces of fruit
- 30 breakfast bars/granola bars

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](mailto: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



# The HUNTINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S



## Passport to the Past

Campers step back in time to discover the crafts, culture and activities children participated in during Colonial times. A fun opportunity to learn through hands-on experiences not offered in traditional summer camps. Children with a love of learning, an interest in history and an adventurous spirit to try something new will LOVE this camp!!

## Summer Camp 2014

Carding wool, felting      Interactive tours of local historic sites      Authentic colonial wooden toy making  
Weaving on looms      Flax processing      And much, much, more!      Maypole dancing      Butter churning

### Registration Information:

Session I: June 30 - July 11 (no camp on July 4)	\$270 for Society members / \$360 non-members
Session II: July 14 - July 25	\$300 for Society members / \$400 non-members
Session III: July 28 - August 8	\$300 for Society members / \$400 non-members

### REGISTRATION FORM

Parent's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child(ren)'s Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age of child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_ Session (circle one) I (June 30 - July 11) II (July 14 - July 25) III (July 28 - August 8)

Payment can be made by check or credit card. Please make checks payable to: *The Huntington Historical Society*

Registration Fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_ / (optional) Enclosed is an additional \$60 for Family membership / Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Credit Card Security Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration to: The Huntington Historical Society. Attn: Passport to the Past, 209 Main Street, Huntington, NY 11743

**Refund Policy:** Tuition is refundable, minus a \$30 registration fee, until 30 days prior to each session.

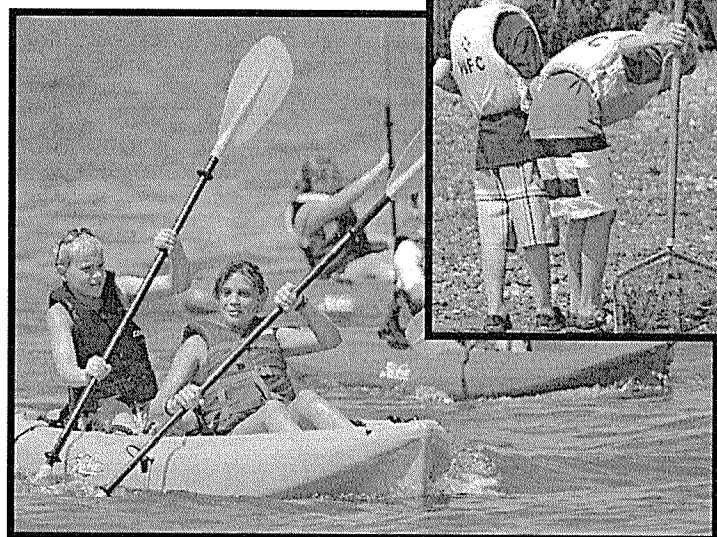
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# SUMMER

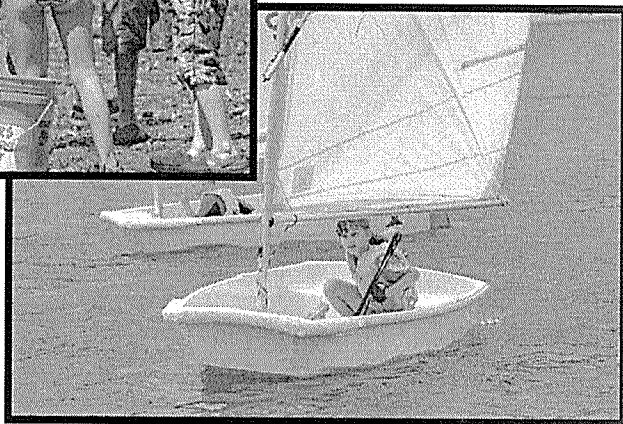
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### Junior Summer Programs

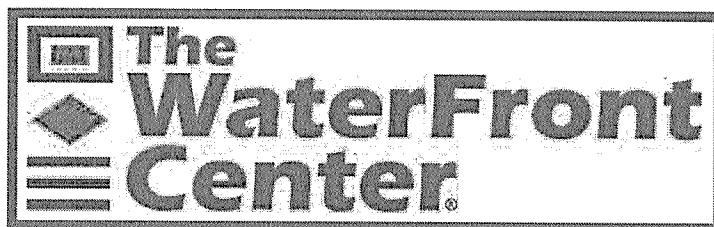
Open House: Sunday, April 13, 1 - 3pm



**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**



*Sailing, Kayaking, Marine Exploration, Fishing,  
Seining, Snigglng & More!*



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The WaterFront Center is a Not-For-Profit 501(c)3 Organization Fed Tax Id #11-3539597

**516.922.SAIL**

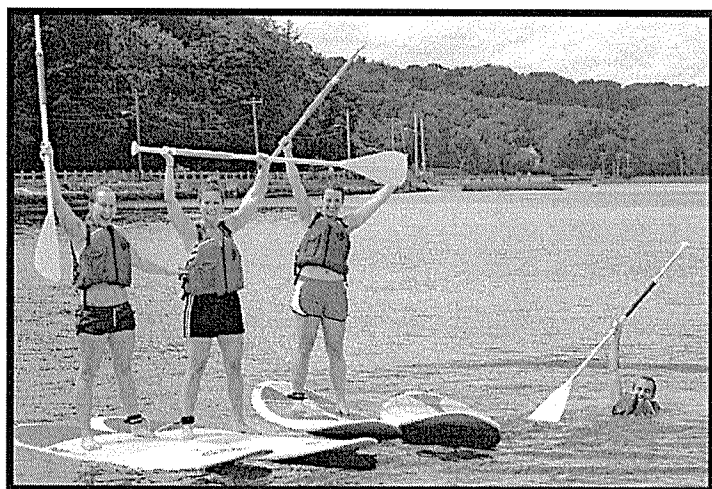
**[www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org](http://www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org)**

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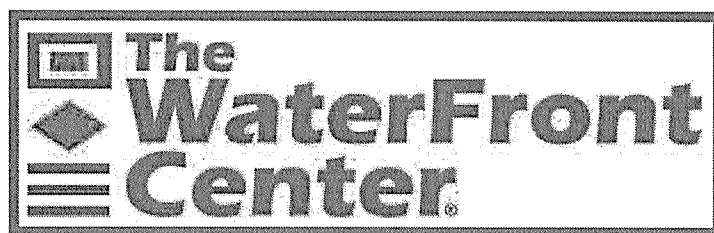
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### Adult Sailing, Paddling & More!

Open House: Sunday, April 13, 1 - 3pm



*Sailboat Lessons, Rentals & Charters  
SUP & Kayak Lessons, Rentals & Tours*



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**(516) 922-SAIL**

**[www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org](http://www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org)**



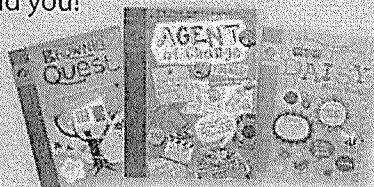
All-New For 2014

girl scouts  
of suffolk county**CAMP ADVENTURE****Spring Break****April 14 - 18 • 9AM - 5PM****Affordable • Grades K-6**

(Girls Only)

**CAMP EDEV IN BAYPORT***Your Journey with GSSC*

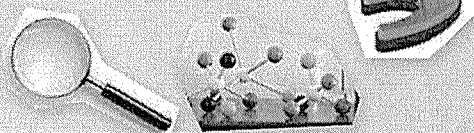
Get the *It's Your World—Change It!* Journey book and experience activities focused on discovering the world around you!



(Girls &amp; Boys)

**CAMP SOBACO IN YAPHANK***Your STEM Adventure*

Experience our all-new **Discovery World Science Center** and participate in exciting experiments & hands-on activities.

**Snowstorms shorten your Spring Break?****Customize your Camp Adventure dates!****5-days: \$160 • 4-days: \$140 • 3-days: \$120 • 2-days: \$100***Your registration includes a \$5 credit at the Trading Post.*NEW  
For  
2014**Adventures in Babysitting****Starts at \$180****Ages 12-14****Camp Edey Only****Become certified in babysitting, Infant/Child/Adult CPR, AED & First Aid**

Bus transportation available from our Main Office in Commack for only \$30. Bus leaves Commack at 8:15AM & returns approx. 5:15PM. Drop off as early as 8AM & pick up by 5:45PM.

**REGISTER AT [WWW.GSSC.US](http://WWW.GSSC.US)**Questions? Call (631) 472-1625 or email [camp@gssc.us](mailto:camp@gssc.us)442 Moreland Road, Commack, NY 11725 • (631) 543-6622 • [girlscouts@gssc.us](mailto:girlscouts@gssc.us)*This activity is not affiliated or endorsed by the school district. Girl Scouts is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.**You don't have to belong to a troop to attend Girl Scout programs- any girl may participate once she is a registered Girl Scout- only \$27 per year. For more information, email [membership@gssc.us](mailto:membership@gssc.us).*

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

**Nature Into Art!: Georgia O'Keefe**

**Tuesday, March 25th 4:30pm**

**For children in grades K-6**

Discover gorgeous gigantic flowers, seashells, and other natural items in colorful paintings by Georgia O'Keefe. Then turn your favorite seashells or flowers into masterpieces.

**Tween Watercolor Art**

**Thursday, March 27th 4:30pm**

**For Children in grades 5-7**

Using white crayon and watercolor, create a phenomenal piece of artwork.

**For Teens  
& Adults**

**Start the Conversation...Save a Life**

**Thursday, March 27 @7:00 pm**

**Students, parents, & grandparents, are encouraged to attend this program on life-saving information regarding substance abuse awareness.**

**Hear from a panel of experts. Confidential Q&A to follow**

**Panel:**

**Chris Homer—Moderator**

**Steven Chassman, LCSW, CASAC - Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

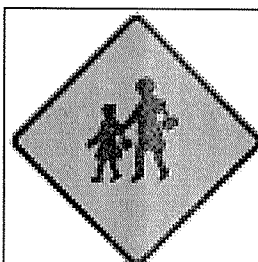
**Dr. Thomas F. Jan, DO - Osteopathic Physician**

**Steve Pinto, LMHC, NCC, CAM-1- Director of Operations at the Life Center in Huntington, NY**

*Students in the Cold Spring Harbor School District in grades 7-12 who attend and sign-in for the program will receive 1.5 hours of community service credit.*

**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***



**Defensive Driving One-Day Course**

**Saturday, April 12, 2014, from 10:30am to 4:30pm**

Refresh your driving knowledge, reduce points, and save on insurance premiums, all in one day. Save 10% on ALL VEHICLE liability, PIP, and collision insurance for three years and remove up to four points from your driving record!

*Register in person at the Information Services Desk by April 4 with a check for \$30 made payable to Ramona Tracey. Please bring a bag lunch and your NYS driver's license to class.*

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