



West Side School

Friday Notes

May 2, 2014

Principal's Corner

With the arrival of the month of May, our students are getting excited about the number of events planned for the spring. One of the events students are extremely excited about is Field Day. This year, Field Day will take place on Friday, May 30th. As is tradition, our students will parade out to the fields in the morning with a barbeque lunch outside provided by the PTG. I am excited to announce that this year Mr. Yost will be adding sportsmanship relays to follow the opening ceremony. As in the past, our students in grades two through five will participate in a number of activities with their peers. This year, we are calling on our graduating class to lead them in the fun for the first time ever. Not to worry, the sixth graders will still have the opportunity to participate in their activities in the afternoon beginning around 1:00 PM. The sixth graders this year have demonstrated the leadership qualities necessary to take on this role and we are excited for the end of May! Thanks to all who have participated in the online survey regarding Field Day which gave us a tremendous amount of feedback!

Spring Concert Update

Please note that the date for the evening performance of this year's 5th and 6th grade Spring Concert has been moved to the PAC on May 12th at 7:00 PM. This is a location and date change from the original District calendar.

Upcoming Emergency Drills

In the coming weeks, we will be conducting some unannounced emergency drills with our students. Thank you for your cooperation as we work to keep our students as safe as possible.

West Side Run

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

Ellis Island Reenactment is Friday, May 16

Thank you to the many parents who have responded and expressed interest in participating in this unique event. If you haven't done so already please contact Jenean Ketterer at Alexandsophiarock@yahoo.com or text 516-780-4964 AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!!! We need as much assistance as possible from as many as possible. Please be on the lookout for emails regarding meeting and rehearsal schedules along with other pertinent information. Looking forward to making this a successful experience for our immigrant children.

West Side Kids Care

Our Birthday-in-a-Box project is ongoing. 5th graders contact Dana Lynch (dana@theblacktop.net) to participate through May 9th. 6th graders contact Melissa Marasciullo (melissany@aol.com) to participate through May 19th.

All students are invited to make Mother's Day cards and flowers during recess on Monday, May 4th. Any parents that would like to come and help are welcome. We are looking for volunteers (both parent and student) to meet after school on Friday May 9th and make a brief visit to a local nursing home to distribute our Mother's Day crafts. Our visit to Hilaire Rehab and Nursing, located in Huntington, will be less than an hour and will undoubtedly brighten the day of the residents to honor Mother's Day. All who are interested, please contact Dana Lynch (dana@theblacktop.net).

FOCUS

The Shed the Meds program for recycling old, expired or unwanted medications takes place this Saturday at the District Office from 11 AM – 1 PM. Officers will be outside collecting items. Also this Saturday is the DNA Scavenger Hunt through Cold Spring Harbor. The hunt commences at the DNA Learning Center in honor of National DNA Day. The event runs from 12-4 PM.

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

5th Grade Maturation Parent Meeting: May 7th at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room

5th Grade Maturation: May 8th and May 9th

5th and 6th Grade Spring Concert: Monday, May 12th at 7:00 PM at the PAC

PTG Thank You Breakfast: Tuesday, May 13th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

4th Grade Field Trip to Engeman Theater: Tuesday, May 13th

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, May 13th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Ellis Island Setup: Thursday evening, May 15th

Ellis Island Reenactment: Friday, May 16th

West Side Run: Sunday, May 18th

Budget Vote: Tuesday, May 20th at the CSHHS Field House

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**JOIN US FOR
WELLNESS DAY & 3K WALK/RUN**

**Sunday, June 1st 9:00 a.m.
Cold Spring Harbor High School**

**In Memory Of
CODY SCOTT TADDONIO**

**Register at www.csh.k12.ny.us
Register by May 18 for a reduced rate!**



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



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

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
SHARED-DECISION MAKING
 SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2014-2015 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

 1. NAME: _____ PHONE#: _____

2. Please indicate the school you wish to represent:

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of September 2014.

- _____ Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)
- _____ Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)
- _____ West Side (4 Representatives)
- _____ Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. _____ I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.

(1 representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2014:

_____ grade(s)

If more names are received than slots available, there will be an election. At that time, you may be asked to provide a brief statement and/or reasons for seeking this position in 30 words or less. This statement will be printed on the ballot. Your school association executive board will inform you of the election procedures in April. All elections will be completed by April 30th, 2014. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

Please return this form to the District Office no later than April 10th, to the attention of School Improvement Team.

Cold Spring Harbor School District
 The Francis Roberts Community Center
 75 Goose Hill Road
 Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Cold Spring Harbor Athletics
"A Commitment to Excellence"



SEAHAWKS SPORTS CAMPS

REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN

WEBSITE FOR REGISTRATION AND INFORMATION

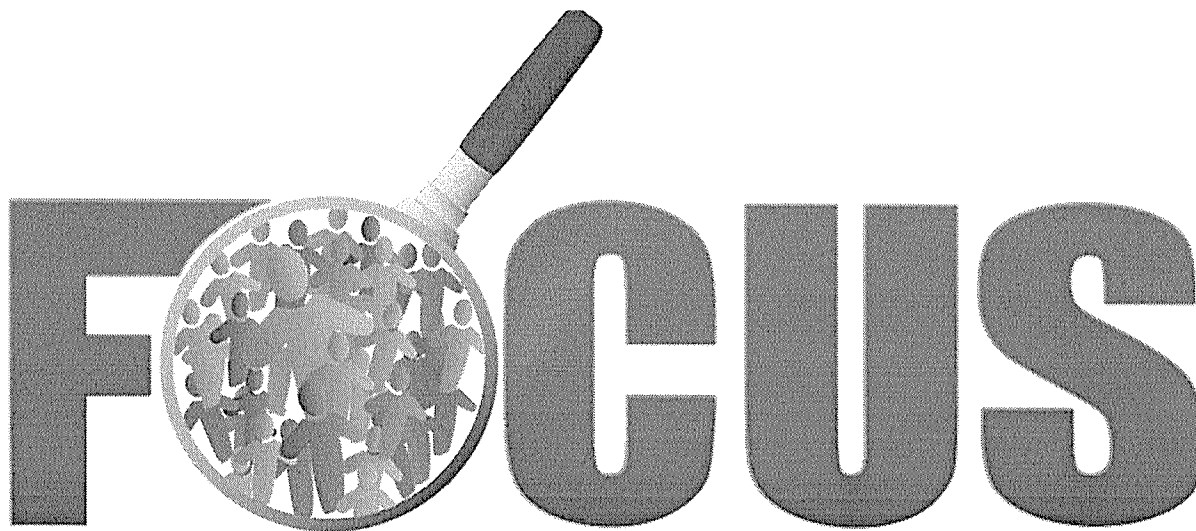
<http://www.seahawkssportscamps.com>

Seahawks Sports Camps is designed to provide young athletes, grades 2 through 12, the opportunity to enhance their fundamental skills, game strategies, and passion for athletics. Our highly skilled Cold Spring Harbor coaches will be providing your son and daughter with a positive and memorable experience that will emphasize teamwork, commitment and enhance their love for the game.

Our goals are for all campers to have fun, learn teamwork and sportsmanship, and become better players in the sports they love.

Please visit the website and you are encouraged to register for one or multiple sports camps in our community. The Cold Spring Harbor coaching staff and varsity teams are very excited about the opportunity to teach your children and develop their skills.

We look forward to your participation in the strong tradition of excellence here at our Seahawks Sports Camps.



Bringing Families and Schools Together

Families of the Community United With Schools Presents:

Karen Torres

Distracted Driving Speaker

Thursday, May 29th

7:00 pm

District Office Boardroom,

75 Goosehill Road
Cold Spring Harbor

Community Service credit given for 7th-12th graders
who attend with a parent or guardian

"Texting and driving has surpassed drinking and driving as the leading cause of death and accidents among teens". "This is not just a teen problem, adults are just as guilty".

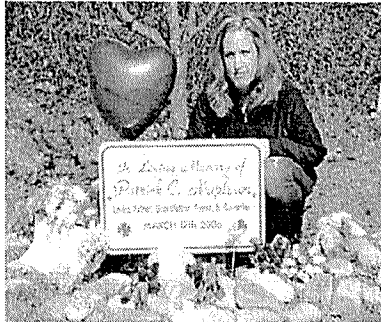
"As parents, our children are in our driving school for the first 16 years of their lives".

"Using the excuse of 'Do what I say, not as I do' is not helping this deadly epidemic".

"It's up to this generation to help change the next".—Karen Torres

KAREN TORRES

Distracted Driving Advocate / Speaker



On March 17, 2006, Karen Torres received a phone call that has forever changed her life. Her father, Patrick Mapleson, was struck and killed by a distracted driver while working along the highway. This began her journey as an safety advocate, speaker, and educator for families and organizations across Long Island. Her story will change how you drive and how you view driving.

Karen has been heavily involved with this issue since 2009 and is deeply driven to prevent distracted driving crashes and deaths. Traveling from high school to high school, Karen has shared her father's tragic death with thousands of students during driver's education classes, school assembly's and peer leadership programs. She is single handedly waking up Long Island on what it means to be a distracted driver.

Karen's advocacy has been featured in local newspapers, magazines, roadway safety campaigns and on television. She has shared her story on Channel 12 News, was featured on WABC news special "*Operation 7 – Save a Life*", ABC's News Program "*Viewpoint Long Island*" and on Fios News One program "*Heroes on Our Island*" (view clip at <http://fios1news.com/longisland/node/43907>).

In July 2013, Karen was asked by Governor Cuomo to speak along side him at a "No Texting While Driving" press conference. The Governor made special recognition towards Karen's efforts stating "By turning personal tragedy into positive, live-saving action, you have provided lasting inspiration and an indelible example of perseverance to all New Yorkers".

Karen has volunteered for the New York State Department of Transportation by participating in their Public Service Announcement for a state wide roadway safety campaign and appeared as a guest speaker at the DOT's "Kickoff breakfast" for National Work Zone Safety Week. Karen also delivered the Keynote address at the 2013 Dangerous Driving Conference at Suffolk County Community College in Brentwood.

Karen's presentation is also listed in the East End BOCES Arts-In-Education Assembly Catalogue (listed under Distracted Driving Awareness Program).

If you would like to schedule a speaking engagement, please email her at kt@all4udad.com or call (631) 807-2178

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

Family Safe Boating Expo

Saturday, May 3 from 9:30 am -5:00 pm

Presented by the Cold Spring Harbor Coast Guard Auxiliary
A full-day boating program will include About Boating Safely Course.

Safety Advice for Boater's Families @ 2:00-3:00 pm

Boating & the Marine Environment - 10:00 am -3:00 pm

For more information please email the
Coast Guard Auxiliary @ cgauxcsh@gmail.com

Mother's Day Flowers

Tuesday May 6th & Wednesday May 7th at 4:30pm

Grades K-6

*Celebrate
Mom this
week!*

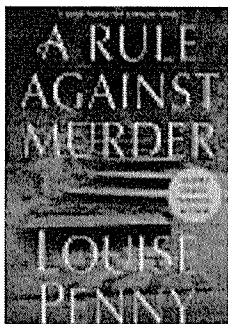
Mother's Day Canvas Bags

Thursday, May 8th 2pm

Ages 2-5 with adult

For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820

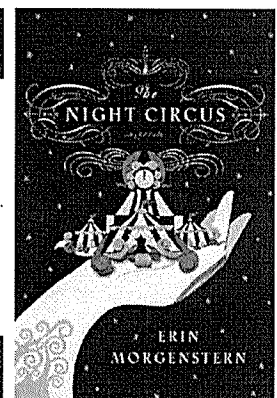
**For Adults! *Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor*
Library's Information Services Department**



May Adult Book Discussions

Rules Against Murder by Louise Penny
Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 11am

The Night Circus by Erin Morgenstern
Thursday, May 15 at 7pm



Copies of both books are available at the Circulation Desk

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