

West Side School

Friday Notes

October 11, 2013

Principal's Corner

This week many of our students prepared for Senator Marcellino's visit to West Side to celebrate our Blue Ribbon. Members of our band and orchestra worked on numbers to perform for this special occasion. Students also drafted poems creatively describing what makes West Side such a special place to learn. The "On the Air" sign was lit as the Blue Ribbon Committee members of the H.E.R.O. Project put together a welcome for the Senator. Thank you to Ryan Mullen, Philip Vattes, Sam Schneider, and Matthew Maggiore for creating the news report on West Side Speaks and for planning the assembly scheduled for Tuesday. Also this week, our fifth and sixth grade Bus Assistants began their important leadership roles. These students are available to assist their peers in a number of ways on the bus. Thank you, boys and girls! On Friday, our students viewed a commercial created by Mrs. Baratta's fifth graders. Finally, scientists from the DNA Lab visited West Side and sixth graders joined them in a lab about mutant organisms. Students in fifth and sixth grade will participate in a variety of labs in preparation for their field trips to the DNA Learning Center later this year.

Photo Day

Photo Day is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th.

Book Fair

The book fair is coming! West Side's annual book fair will be on Thursday, October 24th from 9:00-3:00, with a family time from 3:00-5:00, and Friday, October 25th from 9:00-2:00. Come shop with your children for a selection of the latest book releases. You can even pre-order the new Diary of a Wimpy Kid book! A schedule of class times will be sent home soon. If you would like to help out with the fair, contact Nicole Pultz (pultz3@optonline.net) or Jill Demarco (jed1273@me.com).

Early Dismissal

Please help us with afternoon dismissal. It distracts classmates when their peers are picked up before our normal dismissal time of 3:05. We highly discourage dismissing students early. However, if it is absolutely necessary, please pick up your child before 2:45 in the Main Office and sign him or her out.

Returning to School after Dismissal

In the event that your child needs to return to school after dismissal, he or she will need to be accompanied by an adult to enter the building. In an effort to create more independent students, this should be done only in an emergency.

Fall Musical

For information regarding this year's school musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, please visit WSSTA's website www.wssta.org.

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. Volunteers must attend a brief committee meeting on October 15th at 9:00 AM in the Community Room.

Important WSS Dates

Columbus Day - No School: Monday, October 14th

Senator Marcellino Visit: Tuesday, October 15th – Wear blue!

PTG Meeting: Tuesday, October 15th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

Photo Day: Wednesday, October 16th

Banking Day: Thursday, October 17th

SIT: Thursday, October 17th

West Side Win: Friday, October 18th at 7:00 PM – Gagnon Residence

Cultural Arts Meeting: Thursday, October 23rd at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria

Book Fair: October 24th and 25th (Family Time scheduled for October 24th from 3:00-5:00 PM)

Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 2: Thursday, October 24th

Parent Teacher Conferences - Grade 3: Friday, October 25th

Parent Teacher Conferences - Grade 4: Monday, October 28th

Parent Teacher Conferences - Grade 5: Tuesday, October 29th

Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 6: Wednesday, October 30th

West Side Wednesday: October 30th – Wear your West Side clothing!

Halloween Dance: Friday, November 1st – 5:30-7:00 PM at West Side

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From the Cold Spring Harbor Library Children's Dept

Create Your Own Video Game Workshops

Session 1: Tuesday, October 15
Session 2: Thursday, October 24th
For children in grades 5-8
4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.



Learn the language of the computer in these programming workshops. Attend one or both sessions! Create a video game that you can actually play. Registration is required and space is limited. Reserve your spot today!

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Presents Dr. Rona Novick, PhD October 17th at the PAC 10:00am

Raising Socially Responsible Children in our Media Challenged World

Whether your child has entered kindergarten or is looking at colleges, we guarantee you will laugh and leave with practical tips and strategies that work.

Dr. Novick is a Clinical Child Psychologist and University Professor in Education

For questions contact:

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COLD SPRING HARBOR YOUTH LACROSSE



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR SPRING 2014 Boys 2nd-6th Grade Travel Girls 3rd-6th Grade Travel *Registration Closing OCTOBER 31st Register TODAY!! Go to cshlax.com

*All late registrants for travel will be charged \$100 late fee. K-1 Boys and K-2 Girls non-travel registration will remain open. Residents and Their Furry Friends are Invited to the 2nd Annual

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Live Music • Art Auction

Costume Contest • Vegan Goodies

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Join Karuna For Animals for a howling good time at our Vegan Halloween Costume Party & Art Auction! This is our last fundraiser of the year, and a wonderful opportunity to have some fun while supporting a great cause. All artwork must go! Each piece will go to the highest bidder, or to the best offer made on any unclaimed piece. (Cash or check only, please.) Costume strongly encouraged - the more creative, the better! Admission to the event is FREE!

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