



# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

October 25, 2013

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### **Principal's Corner**

Last Friday night, the Gagnon family opened their home for the West Side Win. On behalf of the entire West Side community, I would like to thank you for your hospitality. Parents enjoyed meeting new people and catching up with old friends, all in the spirit of supporting our learners. Also, thank you to Mrs. Roberts and Mrs. Lynch for your continued efforts in decorating the planters around our school. They look beautiful! This week our students perused various reading materials at our annual Book Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Pultz, Mrs. DeMarco, and committee members for your work in planning this event. Students, teachers, and parents selected books that will help support our young readers as they become more independent in the reading process.

This week some of our second graders explored leaves and participated in group discussions about their findings. Our third graders began working with iPads as they pilot our new program with eSpark, an online resource that tailors apps to the needs of individual students – a great way to differentiate! Fourth graders continued their efforts to become more descriptive in the writing process. Fifth graders discovered what yeast needs to become active in the science lab. On Friday, our sixth graders participated in a workshop called Egypt Expedition. They worked with clay in preparation for their trip to the Brooklyn Museum of Art next week. They also worked with a scientist from the DNA Lab and learned about bacteria and antibiotics. Parent conferences began this week as well. Thank you to all of our teachers and parents for taking the time to communicate about our students. This process has an unbelievably positive effect on the growth of our students.

### **Change in Dismissal**

If you need to change your child's dismissal routine in the middle of the day, please call the main office. Once you have spoken to someone, you will be asked to follow it up with a fax to our school. It is critical that someone in the main office is aware of the change so that the message can be communicated to your child's teacher. Thank you for your support.

### **West Side Kids Care Clothing Drive**

Help keep those less fortunate warm this winter! West Side Kids Care needs your help in collecting gently used coats, hats, scarves, gloves and mittens for men, women and children. Please make sure all donations are cleaned. This Winter Clothing Drive will support the Helping Hands Rescue Mission who will distribute the items directly to families in need right here in our community. A collection box will be in the West Side lobby through Friday, November 1st.

### **Halloween**

The Halloween Dance is scheduled for Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at West Side. It promises to be a great time. No drop offs please.

### **Sheltering Drill**

On Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> we will perform our annual drill for Emergency Sheltering and Early Dismissal. Early Dismissal will occur 10 minutes prior to regular dismissal and will take place at 11:50.

### **Parent-Conferences**

Please check the District calendar for the dates of our Parent-Teacher conferences which will continue next week. If you have not set up an appointment, please contact your child's teacher.

## Fall Musical

For information regarding this year's school musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, please visit WSTA's website [www.wssta.org](http://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](mailto:laurelmoynihan@verizon.net).

## Important WSS Dates

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 4:** Monday, October 28<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 5:** Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 6:** Wednesday, October 30<sup>th</sup>

**West Side Wednesday:** October 30<sup>th</sup> – Wear your West Side clothing!

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 2:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>

**Halloween Dance:** Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> – 5:30-7:00 PM at West Side

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 3:** Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup>

**Election Day:** Tuesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> – School is open!

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 4:** Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>

**Parent Teacher Conferences – Grade 5:** Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>

**Half Day – 11:50 Dismissal:** Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

**Emergency Sheltering Drill:** Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

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**Cold Spring Harbor Central School District  
Buildings & Grounds Department**

**75 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724**

**(631) 367-5938**

**MEMO**

To: All Parents

From: Mark Margolies 

Date: October 22, 2013

RE: Early Dismissal Drill

**NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS**

**EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENT**

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District has scheduled its annual test of the Early Dismissal Drill for:

**Friday, November 8, 2013**

All pupils in Grades K through 12 will be released **10 minutes earlier** in order to test the early dismissal response of the DISTRICT’S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

***Early Dismissal Time:***

Goose Hill Primary	11:50 a.m.
West Side Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Lloyd Harbor Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Jr/Sr High School	2:15 p.m.

Please make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of your children as a result of this drill. If your child is picked up at school, please adjust your schedule accordingly. Thank you.

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## GIANT NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC TRAVELING MAP OF NORTH AMERICA COMING TO WEST SIDE

Students will soon be exploring North America in a big way — with one of the world’s largest maps of the continent. The map, measuring 35 feet by 26 feet gives student explorers a fun, interactive experience through rich content and exciting activities that enliven the study of geography. It will be at West Side for the next three weeks as part of National Geographic’s Giant Traveling Maps program, organized by *National Geographic Live*, the public programming division of the National Geographic Society.

The brightly colored, smooth vinyl surface of the map accurately illustrates North America’s oceans, seas, rivers, mountains, countries and capitals. The map, designed for grades K-8, comes with a trunk full of accessories, including interactive games, geography adventures, atlases and books that teach students about the physical characteristics of the continent as well as its rich history and varied cultures. One of the activities included is “A Tale of Twenty Cities,” in which students explore the physical and economic reasons behind the locations of North American cities.

“Experiencing a map of this size can really awaken a student to the power of maps and the limitless depth of geography,” said Dan Beaupré, National Geographic’s director of education partnerships for *National Geographic Live*. “Whether they are using the map to learn place names or to compare state-to-state CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, students are physically involved in a hands- and feet-on way that makes geography into an event.”

National Geographic’s Giant Traveling Maps program was introduced in 2006 with a map of Africa, and has since expanded to include maps of North America, Asia, South America, Europe, and the Pacific Ocean. The maps measure approximately 26 feet by 35 feet and are loaned to schools and other hosts with an assortment of activities. In the 2013-2014 school year hundreds of thousands students will interact with these maps.

To learn more about the Giant Traveling Map project, for borrowing information, or to download map activities, visit [www.nationalgeographic.com/giantmaps](http://www.nationalgeographic.com/giantmaps).

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# WSS PTG invites you to our Annual Halloween Dance

Friday November 1st  
5:30pm to 7pm

We are looking forward to seeing everyone in their Halloween Finest. We will be serving Pizza but we could use a bit of help with some other treats. We have a few ideas about what we need, if you are interested in donating some yummy edibles please email or call (or text)

Jenni Henick 917-882-8217 [jnhenick@gmail.com](mailto:jnhenick@gmail.com)

Kristen Mulada 631-488-7974 [kmulada@hotmail.com](mailto:kmulada@hotmail.com)

We will also have boxes at the entrance if you want to bring canned goods to donate to the Food Pantry or any extra Halloween Candy to donate to the Troops.

Thank you in advance for all your help and support, we can't wait to celebrate!

# **WEST SIDE KIDS CARE**

## **ANNUAL WINTER CLOTHING DRIVE**



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**A collection box will be in the West Side lobby through Friday,  
November 1st.**

Thank you for giving warmth! Your generosity is greatly appreciated!




If you have any questions, please contact  
Dana Lynch at 631-385-0344 or [dana@theblacktop.net](mailto:dana@theblacktop.net).

**COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724*

**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on October 29, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at the Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting and workshop to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

  
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William Bernhard, District Clerk

For Kids! *Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Children's Department. Registration Required!*

# MUMMY TREAT JARS

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30, 4:30 P.M.  
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES 3-6**



**MAKE A MUMMY JAR TO KEEP YOUR HALLOWEEN TREATS IN.**

# SPOOKY GHOST VOTIVES

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29  
4:30 P.M  
FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-2**



**DECOUPAGE A GHOSTLY VOTIVE FOR HALLOWEEN!**

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

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

# HAUNTED LONG ISLAND

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30 FROM 7- 8:30 PM**

**DO GHOSTS INHABIT THE SUPPOSED HAUNTED HOUSES OF LONG ISLAND?**

This is a fun-filled program sure to raise more than a few goose bumps!

# Mobile App Launch Party

Friday, November 1 from 9:30am—5pm

Stop by for a personal introduction to your library's new virtual space!



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



*Residents and Their Furry Friends are Invited to the 2nd Annual*

# PAWS 2 LOVE PET ADOPTION FESTIVAL & BENEFIT



*In Loving Memory of Esther Samuels*

*Sponsored by:*

*Manetto Hill Animal Hospital  
& the Town of Oyster Bay*

**Sunday, October 27th  
11am to 3pm**

*at the Manetto Hill Animal Hospital & Paw Seasons Hotel & Day Spa  
122 Manetto Hill Road, Plainview*



- \*Live Musical Entertainment
- \*Vendors
- \*Children's Activities
- \*Pet Exhibitions
- \*Food
- \*Great Raffles

122 Manetto Hill Road  
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