



# West Side School

## Friday Notes

November 15, 2013

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### Principal's Corner

This week at West Side, second graders participated in a mystery powders lab and continued to draft their "all-about" books. Our third graders worked on iPads as part of our eSpark pilot project. Students worked in small groups, each with their own iPad, to become more familiar with the system. Third graders also studied the Amber Brown series. Mentor texts play a critical role in teaching students how to read and write effectively. Students in fourth grade continued to support their theses in writing as they drafted persuasive essays using graphic organizers and referenced anchor charts for support. Our fifth graders began their exploration of the Westward Movement and used a variety of nonfiction texts during their research. They also explored new ways to identify and add fractions with unlike denominators, and participated in another lab with a scientist from the DNA Learning Center. Sixth graders participated in a boat building contest, using pennies for passengers, that supported their labs on density. They also began to work with coordinate planes in math as they solved equations. This week, we said good-bye to the large traveling map of North America. Thankfully, I was able to participate in one more game of Simon Says with some of our third graders. Finally, our students in fourth, fifth, and sixth grade attended a concert in the gym led by the Heritage Blues Trio. Thank you to Ms. Daniels and the music staff for collaborating with the artists at Lincoln Center to make this happen. The concert ended with a number that had all students and teachers in the gym dancing. What a success!

### FLES Open House

Parents of students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are welcome to join us in FLES class the week of December 1st. Students in grade 4 will be sharing their storybooks. Grade 5 and 6 students will be presenting their vokis, (Spanish speaking avatars). All are welcome!! See schedule for details.

### Winter Clothing

As the weather continues to change, we are asking that all students have a pair of pants or sweatpants and a sweatshirt, sweater or jacket for outdoor recess. These items will help to keep them warm while playing on the field when the weather is cold. Thank you for your support.

### Locks of Love

*Tuesday, November 19<sup>th</sup> at Cactus Salon in Huntington*

Would you like to buy a t-shirt or pen to donate to Locks of Love? Do you have between 8-10 inches of hair that you would like to donate to Locks of Love? The annual Locks of Love hair cutting event will take place at Cactus Salon in Huntington on November 19<sup>th</sup> at 3:30. You do not have to cut your hair to participate. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Girl Scouts, Troop 45, are working with the CSHHS Locks of Love Club to bring you this fabulous charity event. All are welcome. See the attached flyers for more information.

### West Side Kids Care

West Side Kids Care's Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive is underway. All donations are due Monday, November 18th. A flyer went home with your assigned food items (see below) and all children are asked to bring in \$1 of their own money to help a family buy a turkey. The families served by the Helping Hands Rescue Mission appreciate your contributions. **2nd grade** - 2 boxes of stuffing; **3rd grade** - 2 large cans of fruit; **4th grade** - 2 boxes quick bread, brownie or muffin mix; **5th grade** - 2 large cans of yams; **6th grade** - large bottle of apple or cranberry juice

### Fall Musical

Please visit WSSA's website [www.wssta.org](http://www.wssta.org) for information regarding *The Wizard of Oz*.

### 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).

### News from Cold Spring Harbor SEPTA

Do you have questions about student services? AIS, 504, CSE, IEP, related services.....What does this all mean? Please attend a presentation sponsored by CSH SEPTA on November 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 AM in the Community Room at Goosehill Primary School. Information regarding the continuum of services that are provided in each of the buildings will be reviewed. Denise Campbell, Director of Special Education, and a representative from each building will be on hand to answer questions regarding how children are identified to be in need of support and how services are delivered. If you have any questions, please email [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com). Cold Spring Harbor SEPTA needs your support!

SAVE THE DATE: Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM in the Community Room at Goosehill Primary School. PRE-CHARTER MEETING to renew SEPTA charter. This meeting is part of the process for our SEPTA chapter to be reinstated. We have representatives from the Suffolk Region PTA to discuss the process. We NEED parents and teachers to attend to support us and show Suffolk Region PTA that it is important to this community that we maintain our CSH SEPTA chapter. Thank you in advance for your support!!! Please email any questions to [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com).

### Important WSS Dates

**Photo Re-Take Day:** Wednesday, November 20<sup>th</sup>

**West Side Wednesday:** November 20<sup>th</sup>

**SIT:** Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:30 PM

**All Students Wear Blue:** Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Thanksgiving Recess:** November 27<sup>th</sup> – November 29<sup>th</sup>

**Winter After School Program:** Begins the week of December 2<sup>nd</sup>

**Holiday Boutique:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room

**Next Banking Day:** Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>

**DNA Lab Field Trip – Grade 6:** Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup>

**BOE Meeting:** Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 PM at District Office

### Attachments from the School

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# FLES Open House

*You are welcome to join us for our Spanish FLES lesson the week of December 1st!*

Please refer to the dates and times listed below:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Class</b>	<b>Time</b>
Monday 12/2	Mrs. Dopico	1:35-2:05
Monday 12/2:	Mrs. Dudek	2:30-3:00
Tuesday 12/3:	Mrs. DeRosa	1:35-2:15
Wednesday 12/4:	Mrs. Baratta	11:20-12:00
Wednesday 12/4:	Mr. Arloff	12:50-1:30
Thursday 12/5:	Mrs. Gerver	9:05-9:45
Thursday 12/5:	Mrs. Agnello	1:35-2:15

¡Hasta pronto!

Gracias,

Señora Tassani



## ***Cold Spring Harbor Mighty Mite Kid Wrestling Club Registration***

*Registration Date:* Monday November 18<sup>th</sup>

*Location:* Field House Loft (Wrestling room)

*Time:* 6:30-7:30

*Fee-*\$60 (Check made to Cold Spring Harbor Booster club)

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*Start Date:* Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup>

*Start Time:* 7:00-8:00

*Days:* Tuesday & Wednesday Nights

*Location:* Wrestling Room (Field House Loft)

*Dates:* November 19<sup>th</sup> – December 18<sup>th</sup>

*Coaches:* Drew Edgar, Rich Burlinghof and CSH Wrestlers

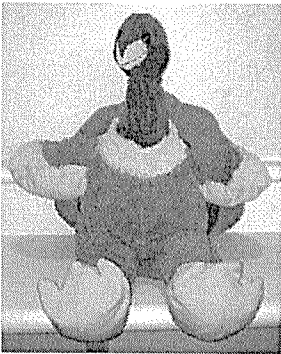
Your child will receive a T-shirt, Embroidered shorts and a headgear.  
Awards will also be handed out on the last day of practice.

***USA Wrestling Insurance cards must be purchased prior to registration and presented at the time of registration.***

How to purchase a card:

1. Google "USA Wrestling Card" and click on the first link "Membership USA"
2. This will bring you to a list of regions (click on New York)
3. Then click on the link NEW memberships. Fill out the information needed with the club name Mighty Mites. You should get a USA Wrestling Card. Once you receive the card please write the number down or print a copy of the card and present it at registration.

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



**STUFF A TURKEY**

Tuesday, November 19 @ 4:30

For children in grades K-6

*Come in to make a cute stuffed animal  
turkey to display or cuddle.*



The library is a drop-off point for Toys For Tots.

Please bring unwrapped toys only.

**New Addition to our Parent Collection**

***The Bullying Antidote: Superpower Your Kids for Life***

by Louise Hart and Kristen Caven (Jul 2, 2013)

The authors give parents the skills they need to prevent their children- whether 6 or 16- from being bullied.

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***

**Thursday Evening Book Discussion**

Thursday, November 21 from 7:00-8:30 pm

*The Last Van Gogh* by Alyson Richman

There's still time to read this wonderful book! Pick up your copy at  
the circulation desk.

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