



# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

**November 22, 2013**

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### **Principal's Corner**

This week, I had the immense pleasure of accepting West Side School's award as a National Blue Ribbon School. I traveled to our nation's capital with our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Wilansky, and third grade teacher, Dr. Dawkins. Former West Side teacher and school historian, Mr. Bowden, celebrated with us as well. The awards ceremony took place on Tuesday, during which the U.S. Secretary of Education, Arne Duncan, spoke to all of the 2013 Blue Ribbon recipients. We were then presented with a beautiful plaque and flag given to us by the U.S. Department of Education. The award is a reminder of all of those who came before us in helping West Side become the place it is today. I was truly honored to represent West Side students, teachers, and families!

On Friday, our celebration continued with a visit from New York Regent, Roger Tilles, who congratulated our students and faculty on our Blue Ribbon achievement. During the assembly an episode of "West Side Speaks" aired as Luke Lynch and Sarah Lynch spoke about the positive impact of West Side Kids Care, which was a tribute to the late Paul Taylor, a former student and teacher at West Side. Former Principal, Ted Hilton, spoke fondly of Mr. Taylor. The Helping Hands Rescue Mission will be donating a plaque to our school in his honor. Thank you to Student Council Vice President, Allie McCauley, for kicking off the program, and to Student Council President, Robert Shammah, for your warm welcome to Regent Tilles. Also, many thanks to our Blue Ribbon Spirit Committee members, Matthew Maggiore, Philip Vattes, Sam Schneider and Ryan Mullen, for introducing our singers and instrumentalists. Finally, thank you to our jazz band and sixth graders for your performances, and of course to the Taylor family for attending. What a fitting end to this momentous week!

### **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.

### **Fall Musical**

Our school musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, will be taking place on Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at the PAC and Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM at the PAC. Please come out and support our 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders who have rehearsed to put this play together.

### **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**

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).

## **Yearbook**

We are very proud to announce a new and exciting club that will be offered and class size will be limited to only eight lucky students who will have the privilege of being part of a new way of learning based on the use of technology! The club will meet one time per week after school for one hour and will begin in January with a teacher and a parent present at all meetings. Any parent interested in volunteering for only one of the meetings, please do not expect to be techno savvy. We only need you to help supervise the children on the memorybooks.com website. Staff at memorybooks.com will be used each session for support. Be part of a revolutionary and progressive collaborative Yearbook process.

Each of the 80 pages has all ready been templated into the Yearbook online site with titles and drop down files to the left, where all the images have already been uploaded and subdivided. Each child will be working on another page of the Yearbook independently with parental volunteer and teacher insuring that specific tasks are carried out. Simple, exciting and educational! No longer will the Yearbook process be a daunting and dreaded task for the unsophisticated and outdated parents.

### **Yearbook Upload Process:**

Go to: <http://www.memorybooks.com/MemoryBookOnline/>  
Enter job #: 821537 Under staff, *not* Advisor  
Password: ny14  
Go to step 2: Organize Photos  
Double click: Activities to your left  
Click drop down: Baby Pics

Upload your pictures and see who has already completed this part of the Yearbook technology-based process. Double click on your baby picture uploaded to the baby picture drop down file and enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information. Click "Save Details".

Thank you in advance for your participation and cooperation in continuing to make this school the Blue Ribbon Awarded school that it already is.

### **Important WSS Dates**

**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>

**DNA Lab Field Trip – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</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
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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

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

**THANKSGIVING STORY & CRAFT**

Monday, November 25 @ 4:30

For children ages 2-5 with Adult

*Come listen to Thanksgiving-themed and make a themed craft*



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

Please bring unwrapped toys only.

**New Addition to our Parent Collection**

The Parent Backpack for Kindergarten through Grade 5: How to Support Your Child's Education, End Homework Meltdowns, and Build Parent-Teacher Connections by ML Nichols (Jul 23, 2013)

This straight-talking guide demystifies our complex education system and provides insights to help your kids thrive.

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***

**Author John Hanc: The Unknown Jones**

Wednesday, December 4 @ 12:30 pm

*Newsday* writer John Hanc, author of *Jones Beach: An Illustrated History* will discuss the mysterious and fascinating man behind the beach. The legacy of Thomas Jones, a 17th century swashbuckler and entrepreneur, lives on not only in Jones Beach, but right here in Cold Spring Harbor.

Books will be available for purchase/signing.

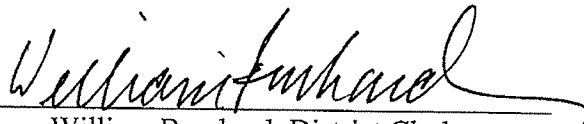
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**COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724*

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Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 10, 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 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

  
William Bernhard, District Clerk

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Donald McKay, Director

## HOLIDAY ATHLETIC WORKSHOPS

### December 2013

A variety of sports will be offered during the December Holiday School Break. Children will receive specialized training by qualified coaches and instructors.

**DATES:** December 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>

**LOCATION:** Coindre Hall gym, 101 Brown's Road,  
Huntington (entrance to gym in back)

**ACTIVITIES & TIME:**

Basketball	9:30 AM to 11:00 AM Activity #141502-01	Grades 1-3
Volleyball	11:15 AM to 12:45 PM Activity #141502-04	Grades 4-6
Lacrosse	1:00 PM to 2:30 PM Activity #141502-05	Grades 2-5

**FEE:** \$42 per person w/Rec. ID card  
\$57 per person w/o Rec. ID card

**REGISTRATION:** currently underway at the Parks and Recreation Department, Monday to Friday, from 9 AM to 4:30 PM or at the Dix Hills Ice Rink, Monday to Friday, 8 AM to 8 PM, weekends 10 AM to 5 PM or online at [tohparks.com](http://tohparks.com)

**EQUIPMENT:** Water bottle for all sports, for lacrosse, bring a stick

This flyer is distributed to students solely as a community service by the school district. Such distribution should not be considered to be an endorsement or approval by the district of either the sponsor or the activity.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE PARKS &  
RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 351-3089