

West Side School

Friday Notes

Special Tuesday Edition November 26, 2013

Principal's Corner

In the book *Crash* by Jerry Spinelli, the author reminds the reader of how friendships can evolve from the most unlikely situations. As the story unfolds, the main character, Crash Coogan, gets to know Penn Webb and eventually becomes best friends with him. At West Side, it is the friendships that our students build with one another that make our school so special. This Thanksgiving I am extremely grateful for having the opportunity to work with such an incredible group of young individuals. I am also thankful for our faculty and community who continue to collaborate to support these learners. It is such a pleasure to work with all of you.

I would like to wish the students, faculty, and community a very Happy Thanksgiving. Our students are so fortunate to attend school where the entire community works together to foster their independence, build a strong work ethic, support their outside activities, and support them in the socialization process.

If you are traveling during the holiday, please do so safely. Looking forward to seeing everyone in December!

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 5th and 6th 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.

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 memoryebooks.com website. Staff at memoryebooks.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!

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Yearbook Upload Process:

Go to: http://www.memoryebooks.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 27th – November 29th

Winter After School Program: Begins the week of December 2nd

DNA Lab Field Trip - 5th Grade: Tuesday, December 3rd

Holiday Boutique: December 3^{rd} and 4^{th} in the Community Room

Next Banking Day: Thursday, December 5th

DNA Lab Field Trip – Grade 6: Tuesday, December 10th

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, December 10th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Attachments from the School

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

** PLEASE POST **

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on December 12, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

William Bernhard, District Clerk