



West Side School

Friday Notes

December 6, 2013

Principal's Corner

This week our second graders participated in lessons about money during Math. They also revised, edited and published their "All About" books during Writing Workshop and began a character study in Reading. Third graders explored new quests in eSpark, where they used text evidence, and began closing up their book clubs in Reading. Our fourth graders worked on turning their persuasive essays into personal persuasive essays. Not an easy task! They also practiced serving during volleyball time in Phys. Ed. Fifth graders took a field trip to the DNA Learning Center and learned about DNA extraction. In Math, they developed an understanding of decimals and their relationship with fractions. Fifth graders also welcomed a new student. Welcome back, Jack Corbin! Sixth graders spent time working on their Seven Wonders of the World projects, played fraction basketball, and participated in a lab on investigating properties of matter. Finally, thank you to all of the parents who came in to support the FLES open house.

Student Council Update

Children's Book Donations Needed: Student Council is having a book sale fundraiser. They are asking that families donate any gently used books that would be age appropriate for West Side students by December 16th. They will be selling these books during recess time on December 17th to raise money for relief efforts in the Philippines.

Fall Musical

Follow the Yellow Brick Road to the PAC Theater at the Cold Spring Harbor High School next Saturday, December 14th at 7pm and Sunday, December 15th at 2pm. Dorothy, Toto, the Wicked Witch and all the munchkins and flying monkeys will be performing West Side School's performance of THE WIZARD OF OZ. The talented 5th and 6th graders will be entertaining you like never before. There is even an amazing tornado scene that you just can't miss!!! Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the door before the performance. Let's get into the school spirit and support our fellow classmates while watching an unbelievable talented cast of characters that we all know so well.

Note to the cast and parents: Next week is tech week. You should have received a permission slip in your child's backpack that allows your child to take the bus from West Side School to the PAC every day after school next week (Monday-Friday). You MUST sign and return the slip in order to take the bus. All parents must pick up their children at the PAC at 6pm sharp in the circle of the high school. No parents will be allowed in the PAC during the rehearsal except for the costume and makeup committees. This is a wonderful experience for your children and they have been real professionals! We will be having a cast party to celebrate all their hard work after the last show on Sunday. The party will be in the high school cafeteria. Parents, grandparents and siblings of the performers are all invited.

West Side Kids Care

Our Annual Holiday Toy Drive has begun to benefit the underprivileged children served by the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. In an effort to keep the gifts equal, all students have received a specific item requested by the mission. All donations are due in the classroom collection boxes by Wednesday, December 11th. As always, this is a voluntary event and your participation is appreciated.

Our first Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative Sandwich Making Event will take place for 2nd and 3rd graders in the cafeteria after school on Monday. We appreciate all those who plan to donate and/or participate.

HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE

CALLING ALL BAKERS! THURSDAY 12/12/2013

It is almost time for our annual West Side Holiday Cookie Bake. If you would like to volunteer, please bring 3-6 dozen cookies, bars or other tasty holiday treats, which will be made into beautiful gift trays for our West Side Teachers and Staff. Not a baker? Bakery goods are fine but please, no pre-packaged cookies. If you would like to donate cookies or would like to help wrap and deliver on Thursday, 12/12, please email Gina at rgm39hill@aol.com. Please put COOKIE BAKE in the subject line. Cookies can be dropped off Thursday morning to the community room between 8:00 and 10:00. Wrapping will begin at 10:30. Thank you in advance for your help!!!! Happy Baking!!!!

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!

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

Tech Week at the CSHHS PAC: Week of December 9th

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

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

Holiday Cookie Bake: Thursday, December 12th in the Community Room

Report Cards Mailed Home: Friday, December 13th

6th Grade Maturation: Friday, December 13th

School Musical – *The Wizard of Oz*: Saturday, December 14th at 7:00 PM at the PAC (Tickets are \$5.00)

School Musical – *The Wizard of Oz*: Sunday, December 15th at 2:00 PM at the PAC (Tickets are \$5.00)

Student Council Book Sale: Tuesday, December 17th

Spelling Bee: Tuesday, December 17th at 1:30 in the Gym

West Side Wednesday: December 18th – Wear your West Side clothing!

SIT: Thursday, December 19th

Winter Recess: December 23rd – January 3rd

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Gently Used Books Sale for
Relief Efforts in the Philippines:
Student Council Needs Your Help!

Dear Parents,

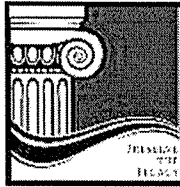
Have any gently used children's books that are lingering around your house that you were hoping to donate? As part of a new student council fundraiser, we are going to be selling used books to raise money to donate to the relief efforts in the Philippines.

We need your help! Our first step is going to be gathering up books to sell. If you have any books that are gently used, seem age appropriate for a West Side student, and you are no longer using, please send them in! We will be accepting book donations through Monday, December 16th.

The book sale is going to take place on Tuesday, December 17th in the community room during each recess time. We will send a reminder for your child to bring in money on that day if he/she would like to buy some books. They will either be priced at 50 cents or a dollar.

Thank you so much for your support!

-Student Council



COLD SPRING HARBOR
EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

The “Hour of Code” Is Coming!

Only a few spots left so don't miss out! The CSH Educational Foundation has partnered with your school to become part of the largest education event in history: The Hour of Code. During Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 9-15), students will have the opportunity to join over 2 million people worldwide learning the basics of computer programming through fun hands on computer games and tutorials.

WEST SIDE KIDS CARE HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE

In the spirit of the season, we will once again collect gifts for the HELPING HANDS RESCUE MISSION, in Huntington Station. They are hosting their annual Holiday Party on Saturday, December 14 for local children in need. In an effort to keep all gifts equal, they have suggested the following items. We appreciate the help you can give, and respect those who are not able to help at this time. If you would like to participate, please bring in the item highlighted below by **Wednesday, December 11th**. Additional donations are always welcome. All gifts must be new and in original packaging. All students are welcome to join us for a wrapping/card making party during recess on December 11th. Thank you for your generosity during this busy time of year!

BOYS - AGES 0-2

Small stuffed animal
Small baby toy (i.e. Fisher Price toy)
Baby hat

GIRLS - AGES 0-2:

Small stuffed animal
Small baby toy (i.e. Fisher Price toy)
Baby hat

BOYS -AGES 3-5

Matchbox type of car
Appropriate game like Candyland
Hat, gloves or scarf

BOYS -AGES 6-8

Age appropriate small toy
Age appropriate game such as Sorry or Trouble
Hat, gloves or scarf

GIRLS -AGES 6-8

Crayons & activity book
Age appropriate game or craft
Hat, gloves or scarf

GIRLS- AGES 9-12

Bath & shower gel set or lip gloss/nail polish
Age appropriate game or craft kit such as Klutz
Hat, gloves or scarf

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**Cookies can be dropped off Thursday morning to the community room between 8:00 and 10:00 wrapping will begin 10:30. Thank you in advance for your help!!!!
Happy Baking!!!!**

****Disposable trays are recommended**



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TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE PROGRAM

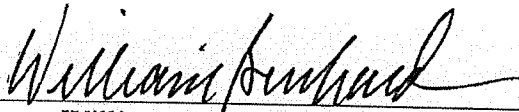
WEST SIDE SCHOOL
Banking Days Calendar
2013-2014

<i>Month</i>	<i>Day</i>
<i>OCTOBER</i>	<i>3rd & 17th</i>
<i>NOVEMBER</i>	<i>7th & 21st</i>
<i>DECEMBER</i>	<i>5th & 19th</i>
<i>JANUARY</i>	<i>16th</i>
<i>FEBRUARY</i>	<i>6th</i>
<i>MARCH</i>	<i>6th & 20th</i>
<i>APRIL</i>	<i>3rd</i>
<i>MAY</i>	<i>1st & 15th</i>
<i>JUNE</i>	<i>5th & 19th</i>

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75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Policy Committee will take place on December 10, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.



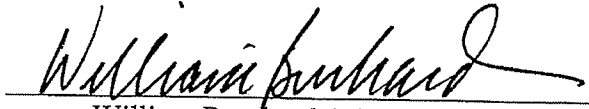
William Bernhard, District Clerk

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Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 10, 2013, at 6:30 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.




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Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on December 13, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.



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

AFTERNOON ART- Do-it-Yourself Gift Wrap

Friday, December 13 @ 3:30- 4:30

For children ages 2-5 with Adult

Make personalized gift wrap that will impress your loved ones!

Pick up Date
December 12



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

Please bring unwrapped toys only.

Coming Soon: Additions to our Audio Book CD Collection

Great for those long Holiday Car Rides!

- *The One & Only Ivan* by Katherine Applegate
- *Wonder* by R.J. Palacio
- *James & the Giant Peach* by Roald Dahl

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*



Digital Photography Basics for All Digital Cameras

Make this holiday's photos your best ever!

Take stunning pictures this holiday season! Professional photographer John Spoltore will show you how to use your digital camera to take the best quality photographs. Topics covered will include caring for and handling your digital camera, creating memorable images, different camera modes, and shooting techniques for optimal pictures. Please bring your camera and instruction manual

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