



West Side School

Friday Notes

December 20, 2013

Principal's Corner

This week we celebrated the Fall HERO Project with our HERO Concert. Thank you to sixth graders Lianne Emanuel, Zoe Nesi, and Petey Striano, for leading the way, and to our sixth grade instrumentalists and vocalists. Second graders enjoyed attending this recital in the Community Room. During morning assembly this week, Avery Stark, Logan Vitagliano, and Annie Kraft performed a few winter numbers on the steel drums. The girls rehearsed with Mrs. Kleiner for weeks in order to prepare. On Tuesday, students in grades four through six competed in our annual Spelling Bee. Congratulations to this year's champion, Heather Baxter from Ms. Dudek's class, and to our runner-up, Timothy Louie from Ms. Gerver's class. Also, congratulations to our contestants: Alexandra Nesi, Isabelle Apostolakos, Fraser Lintott, Jack Corbin, Luca Sanna, Winston McLymont, Blake Molinari, Kaitlyn Fare, Zoe Nesi, Jonathan McGowan, Ben Davidson and Abigail Johnson. On Tuesday and Wednesday, our Student Council held a book sale in order to raise money for victims of the Philippines storm. The book sale raised \$356.85! On Thursday, Ben Saravi from Ms. Santoro's class was recognized by the First National Bank of Long Island as the winner of the November Money Puzzle and was awarded a ceramic piggy bank. Congratulations! Finally, thank you to our WSSTA members and parent supporters for such a successful school musical last weekend. The show was incredible!

As we come to the end of year, we reflect on many wonderful memories made in 2013. Wishing our entire community a very healthy and happy holiday season and a wonderful new year!

Report Cards on Parent Portal

In the next few weeks, report cards will be available on the parent portal. This will allow you digital access to your child's grades. When they become available, an update will be in our Friday Notes.

Family Skate Night

The annual Family Skate Night is scheduled for Sunday, January 12, 2014 from 6:30-8:00 PM at the ice rink at Syosset-Woodbury Park. All West Side families are invited for free ice skating, skate rentals and hot chocolate sponsored by the PTG. If you have any questions or would like to bring a dessert or treats, please contact Grace Cover at scrapbookcover@aol.com

Talent Show

It's that time again! Get ready...set...perform all you wonderfully talented West Side Stars! The 2014 West Side Talent Show will be held on Friday, February 28th. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. Both parents and students should **read all the rules** before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals – see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than 1/24/14. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$25 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application. (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.) We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, a CD or digital copy of the song must be submitted or emailed to me by January 31. If you would like me to copy and edit the music, please indicate that on the application form. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact either Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jen Genser at Cona@genserlaw.com.

West Side Clothing

Visit www.mylocker.net and click on **Get Started**. Enter our zip code – **11791**. Then click **Search**. Scroll down and select **West Side Elementary School**. You now have the ability to purchase and personalize West Side School apparel. Happy shopping!

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.

Important WSS Dates

Winter Recess: December 23rd – January 3rd

6th Grade Field Trip – DNA Learning Center: Tuesday, January 7th

Ice Skate Night: Sunday, December 12th 6:30 – 8:00 PM at Syosset Woodbury Rink

PTG Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, January 14th at District Office

Half-Day – Noon Dismissal: Friday, January 17th

Martin Luther King Day – No School: Monday, January 20th

Attachments from the School

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West Side School Annual Talent Show

Friday February 28, 2014

Participation Form

Check # _____

Amt\$ _____

Shirt Size _____

(Must be submitted by 1/24/14 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellphone number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

(Please write neatly as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

Soloist Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$25 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.

Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2014 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

REMEMBER:

√ - CHECK # _____

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

√ - T-Shirt Size _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

√ - Music _____

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ Total # of T-shirts Ordered _____

(Youth S ___ Youth M ___ Youth L ___ Youth XL ___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___)



Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$25 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2014 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 1/24/14. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 1/31/14. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 1/31/14, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Tues. Feb 11 or Thurs. Feb 13, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. Feb 27 to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child’s teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Tues. Feb 11 or Thurs. Feb 13 at West Side in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday Feb 27 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2014 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled “West Side Talent Show”

A message from Randi and Jen: To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

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

Winter Break at the Library

- * Puzzle-mania (all ages) Monday, December 23 @ 2:00 pm
- * Glitter trees (gr. K-6) Thursday, December 26 from 2:00-4:00 pm
- * Winter Bingo (all ages) Friday, December 27 @ 11:00 am
- * Snack & a Movie (*Planes*, PG; 92 min) Friday, December 27 @ 2:00 pm
- * Family Macaroni Snowflakes Saturday, December 28 from 2:00-4:00
- * Flowerpot Snowmen (gr. K-6) Monday, December 30 @ 3:00 pm

**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

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*

New Fitness Sessions Starting in January

We're here to help you keep your New Year's Resolutions!

**NEW! Evening Session of Total Body Conditioning,
Mondays at 6pm, starting January 13!**
 Pilates, Mondays at 7pm, starting January 13
 Yoga, Wednesdays at 10:15am, starting January 15
 Total Body Conditioning, Thursdays at 10am, starting January 16

Register at the Information Services Desk with a check for \$100 (Pilates) or \$70 (all other classes) made payable to the CSH Library. All classes meet 10 times.

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