



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- January 30, 2015



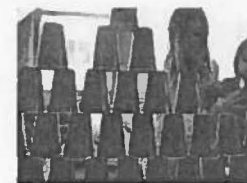
Dear Parents,

I hope your family's snow experience this week was manageable and that everyone stayed safe and comfortable. I also hope your children enjoyed some time to play in the snow! Snow days are perfect days for children to spend uninterrupted time simply *playing*, whether indoors or out.

A report from the American Academy of Pediatrics says, "*Free and unstructured play is healthy and, in fact, essential for helping children reach important social, emotional, and cognitive developmental milestones.*"

Unstructured playtime involves creativity, thinking, and problem-solving. When children engage in imaginative play, they have to generate ideas, take initiative, negotiate with each other, ask questions, and come up with a plan. They have to decide on props, objectives, and rules. Open-ended materials, such as blocks, dolls, figures, clay, sand, and water encourage this process. During indoor recess, we find that the children have the most fun with the simplest materials-- blocks, tiles, and even big, plastic cups!

As children play, they have to cooperate, take turns, and share. And if they don't, they have to find a way to compromise, solve problems, and manage conflict. There will be inevitable "bumps in the road," but each experience will help them navigate future social interactions and build resilience.



As parents, it is important to limit the amount of screen play (computer, iPad) children have. While children can learn a great deal through their use of technology, most screen play can be considered *passive* play. It doesn't involve the whole child's body, brain, and senses. The activities themselves and how to do them are already prescribed by a programmer and children play according to someone else's rules and design. This is very different from children generating their own ideas to make or do something.

Hopefully, your children will enjoy plenty of time outdoors playing and building in the snow in the coming days. And when it's just too cold to stay outdoors for long, let them play on their own for a while --- with some blocks, dolls, play-dough... or even some plastic cups!

Enjoy the weekend!



Lynn Herschlein

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Kindergarten Registration- Next Week!

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2015, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2015. Please contact the District Registrar, **Gloria Albert (631-367-5910)**, to make an appointment. Registration will take place next week.

Teens for Jeans! Donate jeans Monday through February 13th.

One of our High School students, Tamanna Bhatia, has organized a denim drive to benefit homeless teens and youth in our area. Please send in jeans of all sizes, colors, styles. The collection box is in our main hallway.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 5th** – Kindergarten Family Fun Night (see flyer in our posted ITEMS)
- **February 10th**- Author, Laurence Pringle, visits Goosehill
- **February 12th**- First Grade Family Fun Night (more info to follow)

Notes from the GPFA

Goosehill Family Fun Nights are a wonderful way to share a night with the entire family! Don't miss out!

- Kindergarten, Thurs., 2/5, 6:00PM Bubblemania!
- 1st Grade, Thurs., 2/12, 6:00PM Ellis the Funnyman



The Scholastic Book Fair will be held at **Lloyd Harbor School** February 2-4th. Hours: 8:30am - 1:30pm.

There are lots of fun books for the little ones!

The next CPC meeting will be held on Thurs., 2/5 at 9:30AM in the District Office.

Ms. Parent, Mr. Homer and Mr. Monastero will be speaking about our health curriculum and students' use of technology starting at 10:15.

The next GPFA Meeting will be held on Wed., 2/11 at 9:30AM. Teachers will be demonstrating materials and concepts from our school's math program.

Please continue to send in **Box Tops for Education**.



Please join us for
GOOSEHILL's
KINDERGARTEN
FAMILY FUN NIGHT
Thursday, Feb 5th at 6pm
featuring

BUBBLEMANIA

"This 45 minute soapy spectacular with really clean humor guarantees to amaze and amuse the entire family - ages 5 to 95!"

\$10 admission fee per family.

Hello!

My name is **Tamanna Bhatia**, and I am a junior at **Cold Spring Harbor High School**. I am starting a denim drive, called **Teens for Jeans**. This drive is from the charitable organization: **doSomething.Org**, which is the nation's largest organization for social change in youth.

DoSomething has partnered with **Aeropostale** to create this drive, which will benefit homeless teens and youth in our nation. **1 in 3** homeless individuals is **under** the age of 18. The item most requested by one of these teens is a **simple pair of jeans**. Every pair donated goes *straight* to homeless shelters.

We are accepting jeans of **all** sizes, colors, styles, **ages**, and of both **males** and **females**. We will take as many jeans as you can give us! Last year's national record was **7,284** pairs of jeans. Can CSH beat it? The drive will end on Friday, February 13th!

There is a box set up at:

~Cold Spring Harbor Library~

There will be boxes set up the first weekend of February at:

~Cold Spring Harbor High School~

~West Side Elementary School~

~Lloyd Harbor Elementary School~

~Goosehill Primary School~

If you have any questions at all, please contact me at:
tamannab97@yahoo.com

Thank you,
Tamanna Bhatia ☺





TEENS^{FOR} JEANS



AÉROPOSTALE p.s.

THE JEANS IN YOUR
CLOSET CAN HELP
SOMEONE EXPERIENCING
HOMELESSNESS

AERO IS TEAMING UP WITH DOSOMETHING.ORG TO COLLECT AND DONATE JEANS TO
LOCAL CHARITIES & SHELTERS. SIGN UP TODAY AT TEENSFORJEANS.COM

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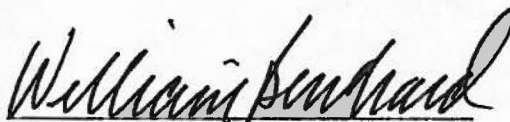
#TEENSFORJEANS

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

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 3, 2015, 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 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "William Bernhard", written over a horizontal line.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on February 4, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.


William Bernhard, District Clerk

For Kids & Teens! *Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!*

Valentine's Day Heart Art

Monday, February 2 & Tuesday, February 3

4:30 p.m.

For children in grades K-6

Create art using newspaper and watercolor.

Registration required.



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Acrobat Li Liu

Saturday, February 7th 2pm

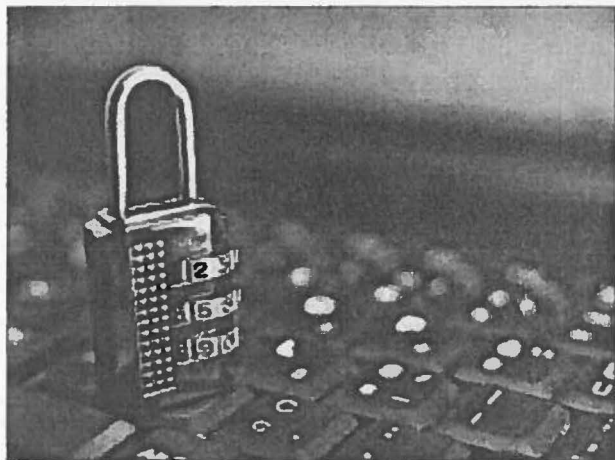
In celebration of the Chinese New Year, we welcome acrobat Li Liu for a thrilling performance. For children of all ages and their families.

Registration is required.

For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820

For Adults! *Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor*

Library's Information Services Department



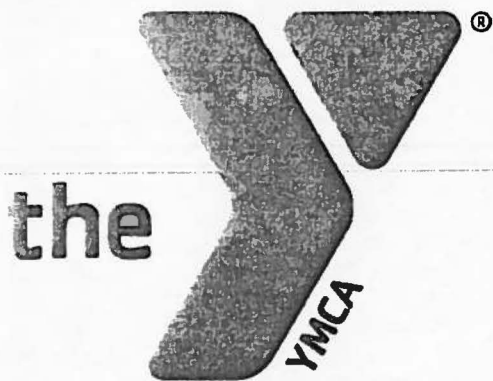
Computer Security

Wednesday, February 4 @ 2pm

Learn how to protect yourself from computer malware, spam, identity theft, and scams.

Advance registration is suggested.

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



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SPRING YOUTH SOCCER

- * Join us at the Huntington YMCA for 8 weeks of intramural soccer.
 - * Registration is available for children grades Pre-K to 4th.
 - * Season starts April 11th - Games are held on Saturday mornings.
- * Soccer is a great way for your children to stay active and meet new friends!
 - * Will help improve soccer skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
 - * Participation trophy is given to each child at the end of the year.
 - * Spring 2015 season is \$78 per child plus membership fee

Registration ends March 15th!!!

Any questions or concerns? Contact Michael Capobianco, Sports Coordinator
Email: Mike.Capobianco@ymcali.org Phone: 631-421-4242 ext. 145