



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- February 13, 2015



Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe that the February break is upon us and we are more than halfway through the school year! I will use this week's **NOTES** to update you on a variety of topics and events.

I hope you enjoy the time off with your family next week. Whether you are home or away, I hope you'll carve out some time to read to your children. Reading aloud to children enhances their reading comprehension skills, and builds vocabulary and background knowledge. Just a few minutes a day makes a big difference!

Have a wonderful vacation~ Happy Reading!



Warmly,
Lynn Herschlein

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Board of Education

The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 10th at 8:00 p.m. in the District Office.

District Calendar Revision-**Please see the note about how any additional Snow Days will be handled.*

On Tuesday, February 10th, the Board of Education amended this year's school calendar. Friday, June 26th, was added as an additional Superintendents Conference Day. **This addition does not impact students; their last day of school remains Thursday, June 25th.**

**If there are any additional days when school must close due to inclement weather or unforeseen emergencies, days will be taken from the Spring Recess, beginning with Friday, April 10th then working backwards.*

Thank You, Teachers!

Thank you to our teachers for organizing and running a terrific math workshop for parents at Wednesday's GPFA meeting. Parents enjoyed learning about math concepts and the math tools their children are using in school.



Math Website

Remember that you can access the online portion of the **Envision Math** program for more information about the topics your child is studying. (www.pearsonsuccessnet.com) Your child's user name is: *First initial, last name, followed by your child's HS graduation year.* e.g. MSmith26. *The password is lowercase s followed by your child's student ID, e.g. s12345.* Once you log on, you will click on the word **Explore** in the top right corner. Then click on a topic your child is studying. Click on **View** to view the video introducing the topic and then **My Books** and the **Open Book** icon to see the student materials. There is even a Glossary with visual supports to help you define mathematical terms for your child.

Valentine's Day

The children enjoyed many Valentine's Day activities this week. Thank you for helping your child to write Valentine cards and notes. It was a pleasure to watch all of the children carry home their "mailboxes" filled with sweet notes from their friends. I know the teachers used the experience to teach their students important lessons about the power of words to express appreciation and give compliments to others.

Author Visit

The children enjoyed meeting author **Laurence Pringle** and hearing about his research and writing process. Thank you to Mrs. Melendez and the Cultural Arts Committee for arranging the visit and the book signing. We hope you enjoy reading his books over the break!



Read Across America Day- March 2, 2015—Read a Shirt Day! On Monday, March 2nd, all members of our school community will stop what they are doing...and read a book! Our twenty-minute "Read-In" will honor "Read Across America Day," when children and adults across the country celebrate the joys of reading on Dr. Seuss's birthday.

100th Day Assembly for Kindergarten Friday, February 27th

Kindergarten students will present a short concert at 9:30 for their parents highlighting all they have learned in their first 100 days of school. Kindergarten parents will receive an invitation to the assembly that will take place at 9:30 a.m., after which there will be an opportunity to view the children's projects in their classrooms.

Please try to carpool, as parking is very limited.

*****Kindergarten 100th Day Projects are due on Wednesday, February 25th.** Please remember that the children's projects should be simple enough and small enough for them to carry to school themselves.

Social Emotional Learning- Feeling Words Curriculum

The children are learning words from the family of words related to feeling respect. Kindergarten has learned the word "*respect*" and first graders learned the word "*honest*." Thank you for the time and effort you put into the Feeling Words Homework you do with your child. They enjoy sharing your stories and learning your perspectives on these important concepts.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **February 16-20-** Mid-Winter Recess
- **February 23-27-** Family Focus Week---Homework this week will be a family reading log. Your goal will be to read a total of 100 minutes for the week!
- **March 2-** Read Across America Day—Wear a shirt we can read!
- **March 4-** Spirit Day---Wear Goosehill apparel or school colors!
- **March 13, 20, 27, and April 2-** Half Days of School for Students (noon dismissal)

Notes from the GPFA

THANK YOU to all of our teachers for organizing and presenting such a wonderful math workshop for parents at Wednesday's GPFA meeting. We appreciate everything you do to help us help our children!

FAMILY FUN NIGHT FOR FIRST GRADE- *Ellis the Funnyman!* **New date:** Thursday, March 5th 6:00.

THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO TOWN! Yankee Doodle Circus will be performing in the CSH Field House on Sunday, March 1st. Bring the entire family to this special fundraising event for the CSH Jr./Sr. High School CFA. Show times are 1:00PM and 4:00PM. Limited number of Discount Sale Tickets. **ACT NOW!** PRE-SALE Adult Tickets: \$14.75 Plus 2 free tickets for children and teens only available at GetCircustickets.com. Door Sale: Adults \$18.00, Child \$6.00

The Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation invites you to the first POP Party (Power of Partnership) on Friday, March 13th in the Founders Room at The Paramount. For ticket information, please visit <http://www.cshedfoundation.com>.

Box Tops are due by Monday, February 23rd. Anything we collect after that will go into next year.

Schools will be closed on Monday, Feb. 16 - Friday, Feb. 20th. *Have a safe and wonderful mid-winter recess!*

WINTER BREAK FUN @ THE LIBRARY

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JUMP FOR JOY

Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 2-5 with adult

JUMP BUNCH NOODLE HOCKEY

Wednesday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.
For children in grades K-6

SNACK & A MOVIE

Sleeping Beauty (G; 75 min.)
Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.
For children of all ages with their families

LIFE-SIZED CANDYLAND

Thursday, February 19, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
For children of all ages

LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.
For children in grades K-6

BOARD GAME BONANZA

Friday, February 20, 11:00 a.m.
For children of all ages



AFTERNOON ARTS: CHINESE NEW YEAR

Friday, February 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
For children of all ages

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

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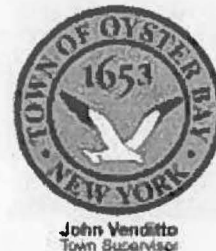
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We will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 2nd Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge



**Special
Olympics**
New York

Saturday, March 21, 2015
TOBAY Beach, Ocean Parkway
Check-in between 9:30 - 11:00 am
PLUNGE at 11:30am

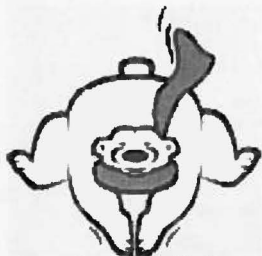


Last year over **340** Plungers braved the chilly waters while hundreds of spectators watched on. Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the PLUNGE! **Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt.....** raise more money and receive more great prizes!

How do I get started?

Log onto www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay and click the **Register Here** button. Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to "Freezin' for a Reason!" Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!

**TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE
JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP!**



FREEZIN' FOR A REASON

Did you know?

Special Olympics New York has **64,659 athletes** training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports.

Our athletes and their families or caregivers are **NEVER CHARGED** to participate! Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!

**Sign up today! www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay
[facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY](https://www.facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY)**

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at jcantone@nyso.org or 631.254.1465 ext. 204

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