



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 27, 2015



Dear Parents,

One of the hallmarks of an educated person is an expansive and rich vocabulary. Knowledge of a wide variety of words helps a person comprehend complex books and articles and enhances his/her ability to say and write precisely what s/he wants to communicate. A rich vocabulary helps a person make sense of content s/he reads and hears in the media. Vocabulary knowledge also enables a person to see the humor in word play and enjoy the beauty of language.

At Goosehill Primary School, we recognize the impact of students' vocabulary levels on their success in school. We know that a strong vocabulary enables young readers to use the meaning of words to support their efforts to decode them. When students use precise vocabulary when writing and speaking, they are more able to communicate clearly and succinctly. We also see how having a strong vocabulary helps children as they listen for information and instructions throughout the day.

There are many ways parents can support their children's vocabulary growth:

READ ALOUD Studies show that children learn many words from books read aloud to them. Read-aloud of stories is important, but it is also important to read-aloud nonfiction/information books. Research shows that parents tend to highlight vocabulary more when reading information books to their children than when reading stories to them.

GET THEM READING Children learn many new words through reading independently. Researchers estimate that 5-15% of all the words we learn, we learn from reading. Children who read more tend to have richer vocabularies.

ENGAGE CHILDREN IN RICH ORAL LANGUAGE Children also learn words through conversation. One study showed that young children whose parents use rich vocabulary at the dinner table had better vocabularies and were stronger readers than those who didn't. Try using "*unique*" instead of "*cool*," "*peculiar*" instead of "*strange*," or "*nuisance*" instead of "*pain*." You'll begin to notice that your children pick up and use the words *you* use!



RAISE WORD CONSCIOUSNESS Help your children notice when they encounter new words and celebrate when they use them!

Although it may not seem so at times, your child is listening to you all of the time! You can capitalize on that fact by using vocabulary you want your child to learn and use. Remember, you are your child's *first* and *best* teacher.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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BOOK SWAP MONDAY!

It's not too late to clean off the shelves this weekend and send your child to school with a book or two to contribute to the Book Swap. All children will receive a book, regardless of what is donated, so please try to contribute at least one book.

SIT (School Improvement Team)

We are in the process of organizing our team for the 2015-16 school year. The purpose of the team is to support the school and enhance the experience for all of our students. SIT has been instrumental in improving the recess experience, creating special programs, and enhancing the curriculum. If you are interested in serving on the team, which meets after school once a month, please submit a Self-Nomination Form by April 16th. The form appears as an attachment in the Table of Contents this week and can be accessed on the school district website.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the entire parent community for your continued kindness and support. We all enjoyed the breakfast the GPFA provided for our staff on Wednesday. We appreciate all you do for us!



DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **Half Day of School- Noon Dismissal THURSDAY, April 2nd** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Friday, April 3rd is the start of Spring Recess.)
- **Spring Recess- Friday, April 3rd - Thursday, April 9th.**
- **FRIDAY, April 10th is a Full day of school** (Make-up for snow day)

Notes from the GPFA

To celebrate and honor Earth Day this year, the New York State Senate is sponsoring a poster contest for children in grades K - 6. The theme of the Earth Day celebration is "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle."

You should receive an information sheet which includes a sample of the online registration form via backpack. All entries must be photographed and submitted electronically. If your child would like to participate, you can either submit the form or send in your child's artwork to be photographed and submitted by the GPFA. Please note that entries are due by April 6 (April 2nd if you are sending to school).

All entries will be displayed on Senator Marcellino's webpage.

Thank you to everyone who attended the **Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation's** first Power of Partnership Party. Through the generosity of our community, the Foundation raised over \$50,000 for personalized learning tools such as iPads, Chromebooks, and e-Books for the developing district-wide e-Library.



Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
SHARED-DECISION MAKING
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2015-2016 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

1. **NAME:** _____ **Email:** _____

2. **Please indicate the school you wish to represent:**

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of **September 2015**.

_____ Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)

_____ Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)

_____ West Side (4 Representatives)

_____ Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. **___ I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.**

(One representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. **Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2015:**

_____ grade(s)

Please write a brief sentence or two as to why you would like to serve as a SIT parent member. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

Please return this form to the District Office to the attention of the CPC Chairperson, no later than April 16th.

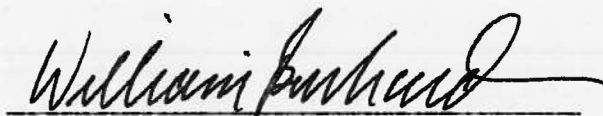
Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
The Francis Roberts Community Center
75 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
Attn: CPC Chairperson

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 March 31, 2015, 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 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, including the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School, West Side Elementary School, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, Undistributed, and General Support Budgets, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Bernhard", written over a horizontal line.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

SPRING BREAK ACTIVITIES @ THE LIBRARY

MODEL MAGIC FUN
Friday, April 3, 2:00 p.m.
for children of all ages

PUZZLEMANIA
Monday, April 6, 11:00 a.m.
for children of all ages



LEGO CLUB
Tuesday, April 7, 11:00 a.m.
for children in grades K-6

TISSUE PAPER FLOWERS
Tuesday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.
for children in grades K-6



WATERCOLOR BUTTERFLIES
Wednesday, April 8, 10:30 a.m.
for children ages 2-5 with adult

CERAMICS
Wednesday, April 8, 2:00 p.m.
for children in grades K-6



DOG SAFETY PROGRAM
Thursday, April 9, 10:30 a.m.
for children of all ages



CHIA PETS
Thursday, April 9, 2:00 p.m.
for children in grades K-6

JUMP FOR JOY
Friday, April 10, 10:30 a.m.
for children ages 2-5 with adult

BOARD GAME BONANZA
Friday, April 10, 11:00 a.m.
For children of all ages

AFTERNOON ART
Friday, April 10, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m.
for children of all ages



Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center
95 Harbor Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
www.cshlibrary.com / 631.692.6820 / CSH Mobile App



SOCCER REGISTRATION IS OPEN

AGES 3-7

www.cshhsoccer.com





7.

Take a "chance" and join us...

Seahawks Athletics Booster Club

"Fundraiser"



Saturday, May 2, 2015
7pm-11pm



Huntington Country Club

483 W. Main Street, Huntington, NY

Casual attire – collared shirts for gentlemen and no jeans, please.

Order tickets at www.cshathletics.com

Ticket to the event includes entertainment, food, drinks, prizes, Raffles and a Silent Auction.

Order before March 15th and receive bonus raffle tickets!!!

Funds raised at this event go towards assisting the student athletes of the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School.

Event Sponsors:

The Taglich Family • Fort Hill Estates, Inc. • The Hooks Family • The McCormack Family • The Acker Family
The McAteer Family • Seahawkssportscamps.com • The Reim Family

Name _____ Phone Number _____ Email _____

☐ **Yes, I would like to attend The Seahawks Booster Club Fundraiser on May 2, 2015**

Number of Tickets _____ X \$50 each = _____ Total (Make checks Payable to Seahawks Athletics Booster Club)

Each ticket purchased includes \$200 "Booster Bucks" (tickets sold at the door will be \$75.00)

☐ **No, I cannot attend but would like to support our Cold Spring Harbor Athletes**

☐ **One Pair \$50**

☐ **Two Pair \$75**

☐ **Three of a Kind \$100**

☐ **Full House \$150**

☐ **Straight \$200**

☐ **Flush \$250**

☐ **Straight Flush \$500**

☐ **Royal Flush \$750**

☐ **Four of a Kind \$1000**

All Donations will be recognized at the event!!!

Mail form to Kim McCormack / 8 Knutson Court, Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743 – any questions contact kimimcm@mac.com

New York State Senate Earth Day Competition 2015 Poster Contest



The Earth Day Competition is for school children in grades K-6 from every corner of New York State. The Senate's goal is to encourage children to develop an awareness of the environment and its resources. Teaching children about the importance of recycling and waste reduction is critical as we face the environmental challenges of the 21st Century.

OUR THEME: REDUCE, REUSE, RECYCLE

The Senate's focus is to emphasize the importance of recycling and waste reduction, to encourage the exchange of ideas about recycling and waste reduction among schools, children and adults and to stimulate creative thinking about solutions to problems concerning recycling and waste reduction. We are asking students to create a poster that could be used as part of this campaign.

ENTRIES

- Entries should be photographed and submitted electronically, preferably in a jpeg format via marcellino.nysenate.gov • Entries will be displayed on the Senator's website.

Below is a sample of the required on-line registration form.

SAMPLE OF ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM

(All entries must be submitted by April 6, 2015)

Student's Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

School Phone Number: _____

E-mail Address: _____