



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- October 10, 2014



Dear Parents,

At the GPFA meeting on Wednesday, I shared information about the incredible teaching and learning taking place in our classrooms every day. The focus of our discussion was on the New York State Common Core Learning Standards in English Language Arts and Mathematics. As a follow-up to our discussion about reading, I will present a workshop for parents on ways you can support the development of your child's comprehension and critical thinking skills. I hope you'll join us on **Thursday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 9:30 a.m.** in the Community Room. (Our discussions will focus on Mathematics in November.)

During their time at Goosehill Primary School, our students will learn numerous concepts about the printed word and strategies for making meaning from text. They will learn what punctuation means, how to read with expression, and how books are organized. They will learn to study illustrations for clues to the meanings of words and to make inferences about what characters are feeling based upon evidence in the text. It's a lot of work! I often wonder if adults appreciate the incredible effort it takes to learn to read.

Before children can read complex material on their own, it is critical that parents read aloud to them regularly. Reading aloud to children helps them experience the excitement of interesting characters and plots in books they aren't quite ready to read on their own yet. When adults read aloud to children, they also model important reading behaviors and positive attitudes about reading. A landmark study about reading concluded that reading aloud to children is *"...the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."*

Here are a few tips for reading aloud to your child: (Additional ideas and strategies will be shared at the workshop on 10/23)

- ◆ Try to carve out at least 10 minutes a day to read aloud to your child.
- ◆ Turn off other distractions, such as televisions and cell phones.
- ◆ Read with expression. Ham it up! Try creating different voices for different characters.
- ◆ **Think aloud as you read.** Tell your child who a character reminds you of, what the story makes you think or wonder, what something means, or what you predict will happen next.
- ◆ Encourage your child to ask questions and to talk about the story.
- ◆ Your child may want to hear the same story over and over again. After several retellings, have your child tell *you* the story!

So, cuddle up together this weekend and read a story to your child. Stop at the library in the coming days and get a book filled with Halloween jokes and riddles or one about a topic you know your child will find fascinating. Reading to your child will create lasting memories for both of you and will make a big difference in your child's development as a reader. Happy reading!

Enjoy the long weekend,

Lynn Herschlein



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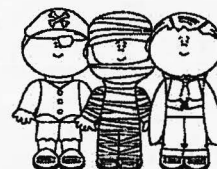
### **SPirit DAY- Wednesday, October 15<sup>th</sup>**

We will have our second Spirit Day Assembly on Wednesday. Children are invited to wear school colors—red, white, and blue or Goosehill apparel.



### **IMPORTANT- Halloween Costumes Guidelines for Friday, 10/31**

- Please avoid costumes that represent things that are very frightening or gory. Remember, children at this age love to be superheroes, animals, and princesses!
- The costume needs to be simple enough for your child to change out of independently or safe and comfortable enough to be worn all day.
- All children must wear safe footwear in school.
- Hats should be easily removed and should not cover the eyes. (No masks, please.)
- Please do not send your child with large accessories, especially weapons.
- We prefer that children not come to school with their hair spray-painted or face painted.



Parents are invited to attend a sing-along on Halloween morning in the cafeteria and an outdoor parade around the field. (Kindergarten 9:00-9:40 and 1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:25-10:15. \*All classes will parade together 9:25-9:40.)

\*\*\*The flyer sent home on Wednesday is included in the Table of Contents, should you need to refer to it.

### **NOTES FROM THE GPFA**

**Please note this change in the School Directory:** Juliette Barry's (K-Mrs. Adams) change of address:

New: 195 Laurel Lane, Laurel Hollow 11791 Home Phone: 516.224.4329

#### **October 13th- No School**

October 15th is **Spirit Day**. Be sure to send your child in Goosehill gear or blue, red and white apparel.

October 16<sup>th</sup>- **Parent Lunch-Recess Volunteer Meeting** 9:30 a.m – Attendance required before parents can volunteer. (This is for parents who were unable to attend this week's meeting.)

October 22nd- **Fire Safety Assemblies**- Members of the CSH Fire Department will conduct short assemblies with the children.

October 23<sup>rd</sup>- **Parent Workshop** at GH (9:30 a.m.) - How to Support Your Child's Reading Comprehension Skills- Mrs. Herschlein will discuss ways to foster critical thinking and comprehension skills

#### **October 31st- Halloween Sing along and Parade.**

Kindergarten parents arrive at 9:00 for a sing along in the cafeteria.

First grade parents arrive at 9:25 for the parade on the field. (K & 1 parade together)

First grade sing along will be held in the cafeteria *after* the parade. (9:40-10:00)



November 10- Save the Date. **Parents Night Out** will be held at Honu in Huntington at 7pm. More info to follow soon.





# Goosehill Halloween



Friday, October 31<sup>st</sup>

1. Kindergarten Sing-Along in the Cafeteria 9:00-9:20
2. Whole School Parade around the Field 9:25-9:40
3. First Grade Sing-Along 9:45-10:05

*(Please adhere to the arrival and departure times for your child's grade.)*

**\*\*\*It is MOST important that you arrange to carpool with another parent in your child's grade, as there are not enough parking spaces to accommodate all of our families!\*\*\***



## Plan for the morning:

- **Parents of kindergarteners** should arrive at 8:55 and proceed to the cafeteria. Please stand on the perimeter of the room. For safety reasons, please do not bring hot drinks into the school.
- **Parents of first graders** should arrive at 9:15 and proceed directly to the field. Please stand along the parade route outlined on the field. It would be best if parents were spread across the entire route so the children have an audience the entire time!
- Parents of kindergarteners will proceed to the field at the end of their sing-along. You will go outside BEFORE the children and line up along the the parade route.
- We ask that parents remain along the perimeter of the cafeteria (behind the cones) during their grade level sing-along to avoid creating distractions for the children. There will be plenty of photo-ops during the parade!
- Younger siblings are welcome, but we ask that they remain with their parents at all times. Please do not take older siblings from their classes to attend our event.
- The Weekly Notes contains important reminders about your child's costume.

***We are looking forward to an exciting day for the children! Thank you for your support!***

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

**Stained Glass Leaves**

**Monday, October 13 @ 2:00 pm**

**For Children in Grades K-6**

Using construction and wax paper create  
"stained glass" leaves to display!

**Pumpkin Decorating**

**Tuesday, October 14 @ 4:30 pm**

**Wednesday, October 15 @ 4:30 pm**

**For Children in Grades K-6**

Decorate a pumpkin to celebrate Halloween!

**Tween Negative Space  
Halloween Painting**

**Thursday, October 16 @ 4:30 pm**

**For Children in Grades 5-7**

Using the idea of negative space, we'll  
create some spooky paintings.

**TEEN PROGRAM:**

**SOUNDS FROM OUTER SPACE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16 from 7:00 pm—8:30 pm**

Listen to actual recordings from outer space.

Data from radio observatories have been converted to  
sound. Share your ideas about extra terrestrial life forms.  
This is a great program if you are interested in astronomy.

**New Addition to our Parent Collection**

***Brainstorm: The Power and Purpose of the Teenage Brain* by Daniel J. Siegel, M.D.**



In *Brainstorm*, Siegel explains how brain development impacts teenagers' behavior and relationships. Drawing on important new research in the field of interpersonal neurobiology, he explores novel ways in which understanding how the teenage brain functions can help parents make what is in fact an incredibly positive period of growth, change, and experimentation in their children's lives less lonely and distressing on both sides of the generational divide.

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

**For Everyone! Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor  
Library's Information Services Department**

**Introducing our NEW Language Learning Program:**

**pronunciator:** 

**Learn a Language - FREE through your library!**



**Visit our website for more information and to get started!**

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



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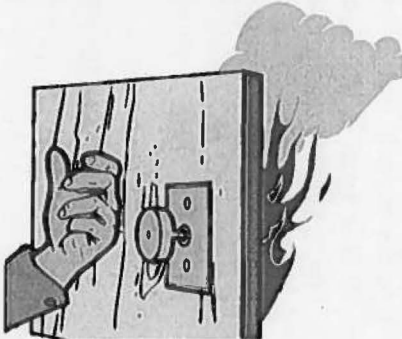
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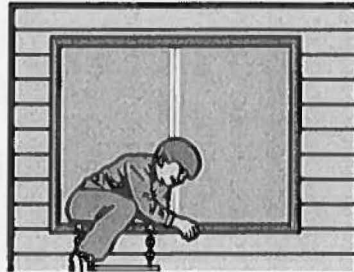
**October 22, 2014 7:00 P.M.**

TOWNWIDE

# Operation E.D.I.T.H. Drill



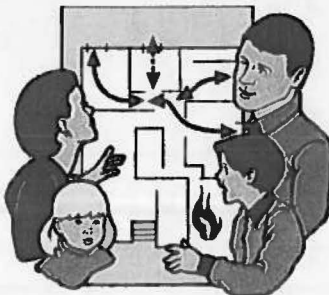
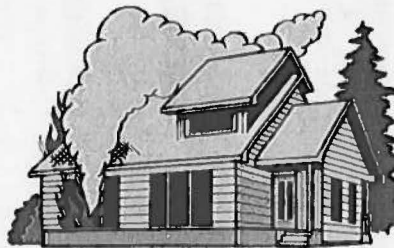
1. Feel the door to check if it's HOT!  
If it's Not Hot open the door slowly,  
bracing it with your knees and  
shoulder. But be prepared to slam it  
shut quickly if there's smoke and fire  
on the other side.



2. If the door is blocked by smoke  
or fire, leave through a window  
or secondary emergency route.

3. Once out of the house go  
directly to your meeting place,  
such as a tree or mailbox on  
your front lawn.

## Knowing How To React In A Fire Could Save Your Life, Or The Lives of your Children



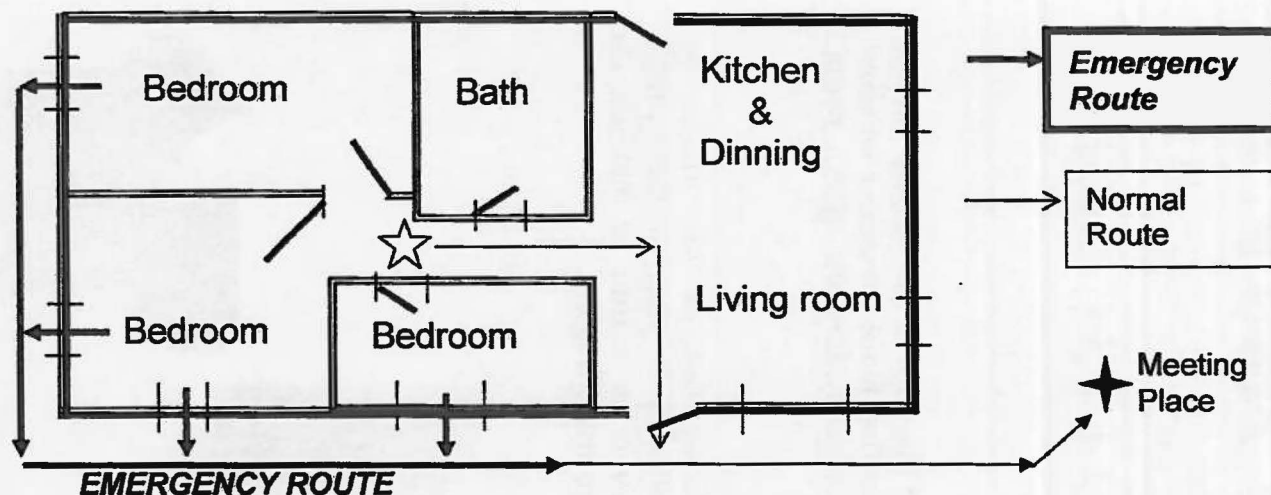
Coordinated through the efforts of  
the Town of Huntington Office of the  
Fire Marshal and in conjunction with  
your local Volunteer Fire Departments.

**OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
351-3138**

**"E.D.I.T.H." Stands For... "Exit Drill In The Home"**

## SMOKE DETECTORS

Most fatal residential fires occur while the occupants are asleep. Installing smoke detectors outside bedroom areas will provide the extra minutes of warning needed to escape. The most recent figures available from the National Fire Incident Reporting System indicates that the installation of a Smoke Detector will double your chance of survival during a fire.



## DEVELOPING THE PLAN

Members of the family should work together to draw a plan of each floor of your house where bedrooms are located.

Your plan should include:

- The location of Smoke Detectors.
- Two escape routes; one for normal and one for Emergency use.
- All doors, windows, stairways, fire escapes and adjacent buildings.
- A central meeting place outside your home.

If a window is designated as an Emergency Route, make sure the person who uses it is able to reach and unlock the window, remove the screen and / or the storm window, reach the ground safely.

Designate someone to call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Post a copy of your finished plan in a conspicuous place as a constant reminder.

## PRACTICE YOUR PLAN ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT HINTS:

- Sleeping with bedroom doors closed can add valuable minutes of protection against flame, smoke and toxic gases.
- If you have a telephone in your room, have the Fire Department's number on it or nearby.
- Keeping a whistle, horn, or other such audible signal near your bed may prove valuable in waking other members of your family who may not hear the smoke detector. If family members use a different signal you will know who is awake without opening doors.

**MAKE  
OPERATION E.D.I.T.H.  
A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY!**

## PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION

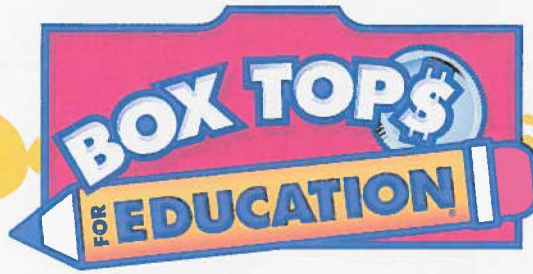
If the smoke detector sounds or you smell smoke, wake your family with your signal. If you hear another signal answer with yours. Keep Calm. Roll out of bed and crawl to the door. Feel the door from bottom to top. If it is hot near the top do not open it. Proceed to your designated emergency exit.

If the top of the door is not hot, brace your foot and shoulder against it and open it carefully. If there is only light smoke, crawl to the normal exit. If the smoke is dense or the door is hot use the Emergency Exit. Report to the designated meeting place.

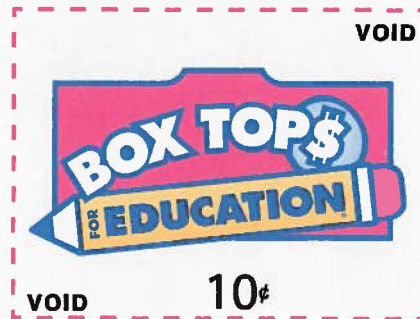
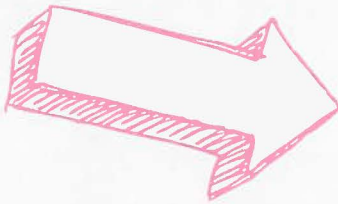
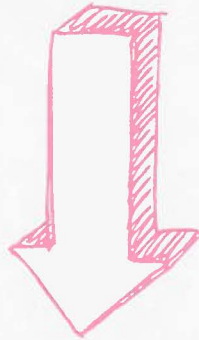
Notify the Fire Department from a neighbor's house. **DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO RE-ENTER THE BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.**

**TOWN OF HUNTINGTON  
OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL  
351-3138**



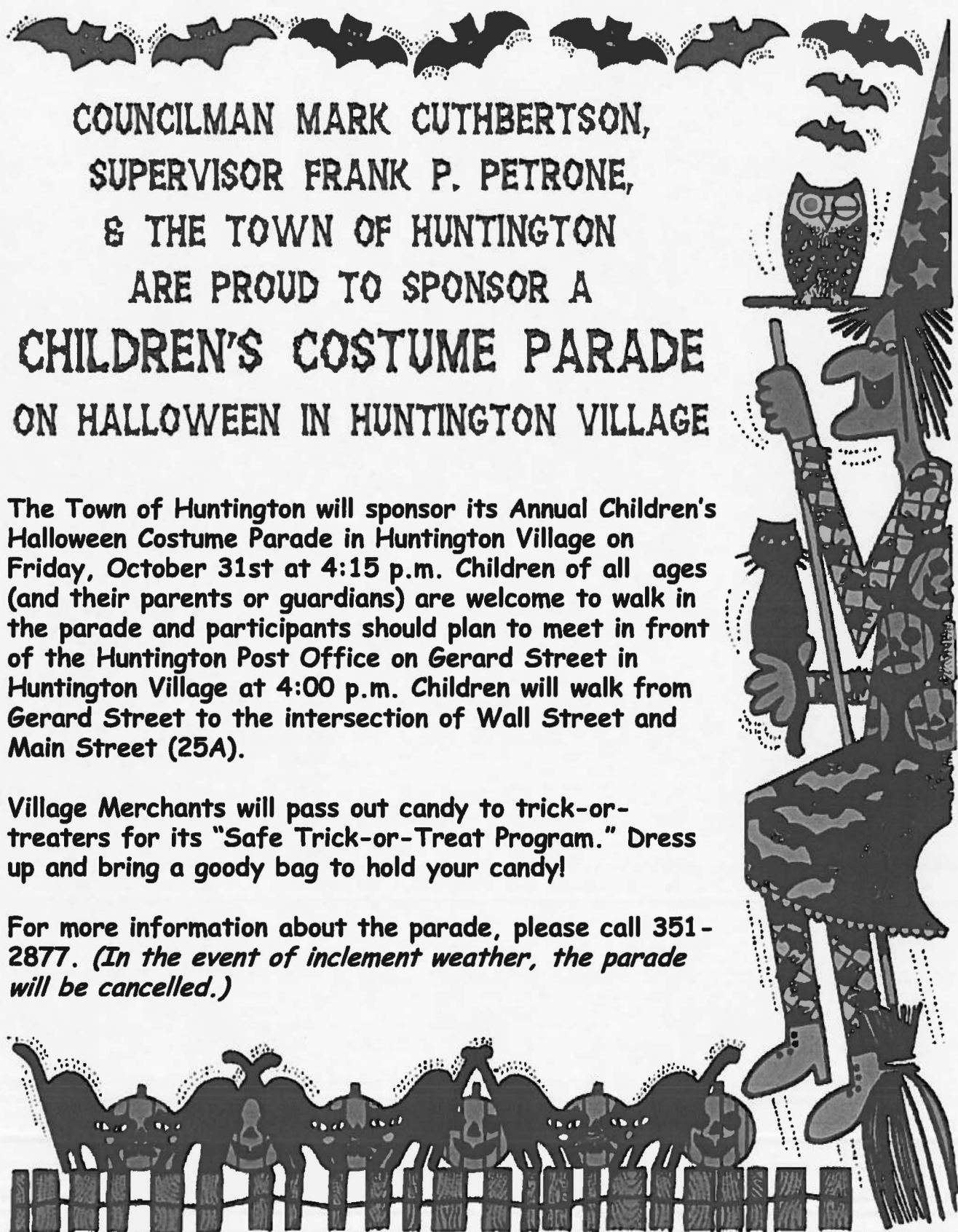


# IT'S SUBMISSION TIME!



Submit all your Box Tops to  
your school Coordinator by

October 24<sup>th</sup> 2014



**COUNCILMAN MARK CUTHBERTSON,  
SUPERVISOR FRANK P. PETRONE,  
& THE TOWN OF HUNTINGTON  
ARE PROUD TO SPONSOR A  
CHILDREN'S COSTUME PARADE  
ON HALLOWEEN IN HUNTINGTON VILLAGE**

The Town of Huntington will sponsor its Annual Children's Halloween Costume Parade in Huntington Village on Friday, October 31st at 4:15 p.m. Children of all ages (and their parents or guardians) are welcome to walk in the parade and participants should plan to meet in front of the Huntington Post Office on Gerard Street in Huntington Village at 4:00 p.m. Children will walk from Gerard Street to the intersection of Wall Street and Main Street (25A).

Village Merchants will pass out candy to trick-or-treaters for its "Safe Trick-or-Treat Program." Dress up and bring a goody bag to hold your candy!

For more information about the parade, please call 351-2877. *(In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be cancelled.)*



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COUNCILMAN

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COUNCILWOMAN







## HALLOWEEN FUN AT THE VANDERBILT MUSEUM

### Storytelling and Owl Craft

Children Ages 3 and 4 with an Adult

Wednesday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>

10 AM to 11:30 AM or 12:30 to 2 PM

\$20/\$18 Members

### Raptor Hunt and Owl Sculpture

Kindergarten - Grade 3

Sunday, October 19<sup>th</sup>

11 AM to 1 PM

\$25/\$22.50 Members

### Halloween Party

Join us for some creepy fun! We're turning off the lights for a scavenger hunt in the collections! We'll have pizza and create something that can be used in any spooky Halloween display. Participants are encouraged to wear costumes (no masks, swords, or wands).

Grades 2 - 5

Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup>

4 PM - 7 PM

\$35/\$31.50 Members

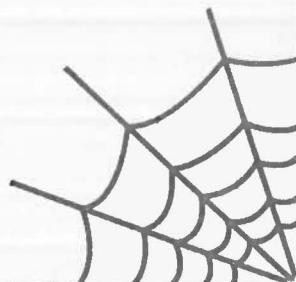
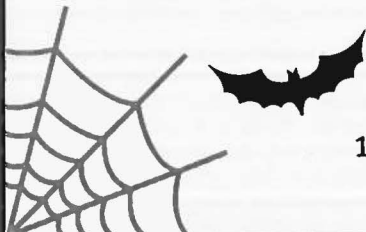



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Advance registration is required for all workshops. Please call (631) 854-5539 to register. Workshop fees are due at the time of registration.

*The Museum reserves the right to cancel any workshop not meeting the minimum attendance requirement.*

180 Little Neck Road, Centerport, NY 11721 (631) 854-5579





# **Register Now for Spring Lacrosse**

**Cold Spring Harbor Youth Lacrosse Club**  
is offering the following programs this spring:

**Boys K-1<sup>st</sup> and Girls K-1<sup>st</sup>**

Intramural League: weekly clinics focusing on skill development

**Boys 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> and Girls 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>**

Travel League: teams will practice 2-3 times per week and compete weekly against other town travel programs

**Boys 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**

Travel League: no practices, just Sunday games

**Registration closes on October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Please tell your friends to register today!**

For registration and more information, please visit:  
[www.cshlax.com](http://www.cshlax.com)

For any questions, please contact:  
[cshlacrosse@gmail.com](mailto:cshlacrosse@gmail.com)

# In Honor of Colin Bowles Blood Drive



**Saturday, October 25, 2014**

**9:00am~3:00pm**

**St. John's Episcopal Church Preschool  
12 Prospect St. Huntington**

**Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift!**

**Thank you for caring!**

#### **Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

**For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.**

** Long Island Blood Services**

**For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:  
Keith or Jennifer Bowles @ 631-424-0899**