



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- October 31, 2014



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Halloween Festivities! The children had a wonderful time singing for you and parading in their costumes. Thank you to the GPFA for purchasing the pumpkins for the children and all of the parents who helped decorate them. Thank you, Mrs. Kotzky, for a fun-filled sing-along!

In observance of Fire Safety and Prevention Month, one of our local volunteer firefighters, Mr. Tom Buchta, visited Goosehill this week to speak to our students. The purpose of his visit was to help the children understand and respect the dangers fire represents, and to remind them of all the ways adults work together to keep them safe. The children learned many things from "Firefighter Tom," including:

- ⇒ If there is an emergency in your home, dial 911.
- ⇒ If your home's smoke alarm ("Mr. Nose Who Knows") sounds, get out of the house quickly. If the alarm sounds when you are sleeping, roll out of bed onto the floor. Crawl to the door. (smoke rises) Feel the doorknob with your hand. If it is cool, open the door slowly to see if you can exit that way. If it is hot, go to the window and shout for help.
- ⇒ Smoke alarm batteries should be changed this weekend! (Time to turn our clocks back!)
- ⇒ Never hide or go back into the house to retrieve an object or pet.
- ⇒ It is best to sleep with the bedroom door closed.
- ⇒ Families should establish a meeting spot outside of their home.



When talking with young children about fire safety, we are careful to present information without causing fear. Mr. Buchta provided age-appropriate information and helped the children know that in the event of an emergency, a firefighter or other emergency worker would be there to help them. We appreciate Mr. Buchta's time and the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department's commitment to our children's safety.

We were very proud of how attentive and thoughtful our students were during the presentation. I hope you'll ask your child to tell you what s/he learned this week about fire safety.

## Please also note the following:

- There is no school for students on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>**. Some parents will attend their Parent-Teacher Conference on that day. There **will** be school for students on the other parent-teacher conference days. (11/13 for K and 11/14 for grade 1)
- School will be **closed** on Tuesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> in observance of Veterans Day.



Have fun with your children tonight!

Mrs. Herschlein



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**Parent Reading Workshop-**I will be offering a Parent Workshop on Wednesday, November 5th at 9:30 where we will discuss the reading skills children need and ways parents can support them. Please join us! (\*I will also offer a final Lunch/Recess Volunteer Meeting at 10:30, immediately following the reading presentation.

**First Grade Turtle Program-** Our first graders have begun their study of turtles. In collaboration with the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery and Aquarium, our students raise baby painted turtles and release them back into the "wild" in June. Mr. DeSimone, Director of the Fish Hatchery (and father of Christopher and Thomas) introduced the turtles to the children this week. He taught them about the tanks and equipment the turtles need, how to care for them, and about the features of turtles and other members of the reptile family. The teachers engage the children throughout the year in investigations related to the turtle's habitat, life cycle, and adaptations. Each class has named their turtle and has assumed responsibility for caring for him/her every day. (The children learned that we don't know if a turtle is a male or female until it is much older!)

### Notes from the GPFA

November 10- Save the Date. **Parents Night Out** will be held at Honu in Huntington at 7pm. Don't forget to buy your tickets.

**"Box Tops and Labels for Education"**. Please continue to clip and send in with the children. The first submission deadline is November 4th.

**Photo Retake Day!!! Thursday, November 13th.**

Lifetouch states, "Love your portrait or we'll retake it (or refund). If not satisfied, return your portraits on retake day and we'll re-photograph free of charge. Still not satisfied? Return them for a full refund". \*\*\* Keep the class photo.\*\*\*

If you were absent on Photo Day bring in the Lifetouch Package Form on Retake Day.

If you need a Lifetouch Package form, please email Mel Saladino at [mel.saladino@yahoo.com](mailto:mel.saladino@yahoo.com) or call her at (917) 232-9611.

The next Reading Workshop will be held on Wed., 11/5 at 9:30 in the Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will discuss the reading skills children need and how parents can provide support.

Lunch/Recess Volunteer Meeting will be held at 10:30 on Wed., 11/5 in the Community Room.

CPC Meeting, Thursday, 11/6 at 9:00 in the District Office

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

**Minecraft Improv**

**Tuesday, November 4  
@ 4:30 pm**

**For children in grades K-6**  
Kids having fun with their  
favorite game in silly ways! Using  
Several pre-built scripts,  
students will be prompted through  
an Improve comedy scene.

**Tween Green Screen**

**For Children in grades 5-12**

**Thursday, November 6 @ 4:30 pm**

Place yourself into a world of your  
imagination! Using a camera, green  
screen and simple editing effects,  
kids what it takes to make some  
of their favorite movies

**TEEN PROGRAM:**

**TEEN ADVISORY BOARD: CUPCAKE CHEMISTRY**

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7 @ 3:00 pm**

***Experiment with different types of frosting and techniques!***

Want a say in what the library has to offer the Teen population? Join our  
Teen Advisory Board and share your ideas and know-how for projects, movies,  
crafts, programs and stuff for Teens. This is your chance to be heard!

**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***

**Empire Safety Council Defensive Driving Course**

***Saturday, November 8, from 10am to 4pm, with a 30-min lunch break***



**Open to adults and young adults!**

Save 10% on ALL VEHICLE liability, PIP, and collision insurance for  
three years! Reduce up to four points from your driving record.

No formal testing, EVERYONE PASSES!

Bring a bag lunch and your NYS driver's license to class.

Register at the Information Services Desk with a check for \$30, payable to Ramona Tracy.

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