



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- November 7, 2014



Dear Parents,

I would like to provide you with information on a few important topics this week:

Reading Workshop for Parents

At the parent workshop on Wednesday, we discussed a number of important ideas: how reading skills develop, how teachers assess young readers, and how parents can support their children's developing skills. During the first part of the workshop, I shared our expectations of readers at different points in the year in kindergarten and first grade and how we provide support for students who need a boost in their development. Parents found the information helpful, especially because it is the time of year when they are meeting with teachers to discuss their children's strengths and needs. The second part of our discussion focused on how parents can support their children's reading comprehension skills by reading aloud to them. If you would like to review that information, visit our school website. My PowerPoint presentation will be posted this weekend under the Parent Communications link. Because parents found the information to be so helpful, I will be presenting the workshop again on Thursday, November 20th at 9:30. I hope you'll be able to attend!

School Improvement Team (SIT)

SIT is a committee made up of parents, teachers, teacher assistants, and the principal. We meet monthly to work on projects designed to enhance the school experience for our students. Each year, the SIT establishes goals and develops a plan to address them. This year's goals and ways you can contribute to the work of the team are:

- 1) To begin to create an electronic Parent Handbook (accessible on the School Website) outlining school procedures and providing parents with tips and useful information. You will receive an email from the GPFA requesting that you submit your ideas for inclusion in the handbook. Thank you in advance for taking the time to contribute your ideas!
- 2) To plan and implement a school-wide Healthy Living event for students on Friday, January 16, 2015 (half day for students). Each class will rotate through nine workshops (12 minutes each) offered by teachers and parent volunteers. We will be seeking parents who would like to offer workshops on topics such as (but not limited to): how the body works, healthy eating, yoga, exercise, staying safe, stress management. You will receive a flyer next month inviting your ideas and participation.

Safety Drills

As you know, we conduct safety drills on a regular basis. The children learn what to do in the event of emergencies requiring either evacuation or a lockdown of the building. Today we conducted the first lockdown drill. Teachers instructed the children to be seated in a specified area of the classroom. They explained that Lockdown means we **lock** the door and sit **down** in a safe area in our classrooms. The drill serves as a practice experience for the children so that in the event of an emergency, they will be more readily able to follow their teacher's directions. Most importantly, it serves as an opportunity for the adults in charge to review and implement our safety protocols. During the remaining months of the school year, we will conduct additional drills as a matter of course and without notification. Please be assured that we make every effort to ensure that the children are not alarmed. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thank you for taking the time to read these Weekly Notes. I hope they serve to keep you informed about your child's school experience.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein

Dates to remember

- **November 11th**- Veterans Day- No school for students
- **November 12th**- **GPFA Meeting at 9:30** in the Goosehill Community Room
- **November 13th**- Photo Retake Day-If you wish to have your child's photo retaken, please send in the individual photo package. (keep your child's class photo)
- **November 19th**- Spirit Day! Wear school apparel or school colors.
- **November 20th** – Parent Reading Workshop



Exciting Parent Event with Dr. Shefali Tsabary

Join us on Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7PM

At the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School Performing Arts Center

Dr. Shefali Tsabary, a clinical psychologist, is a renowned international speaker on parenting. She is an author of two parenting books and has made several appearances on *Oprah*.

Please pre-register at www.csh.k12.ny.us

Pre-Registration: \$10

Night of Event: \$15



PRE-REGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

TABLE OF CONTENTS

(notices you can access at our website and read/print from home)

<u>Item</u>	<u>Page #</u>
CSH Board of Education meeting, 8 p.m. on November 18, 2014 at The Francis Roberts Community Ctr.....	3
CSH Library Programs and Community Conversation Notice.....	4

Notes from the GPFA

There is still time to purchase tickets to **Parents Night Out on November 10th!** You can send in payment via backpack or visit <http://bit.do/parentsnightout>. Tickets are \$75 per person. It is going to be a wonderful evening! Here are just a few of the exciting prizes you could win: Summer Membership to Crest Hollow Country Club! A Night at Oheka Castle! A Week at Crestwood's Country Day Camp! Rangers v. Islanders Tickets! Dinners! Gym Memberships! And Much, Much More!!

The Green Committee has been teaching the children about recycling during Monday lunch periods. Other learning activities will be implemented throughout the year.

Lloyd Harbor School's Little Apple Fun Run was a huge success. Many members in the Goosehill community participated, and we had several winners! In the 6 year old & under category, Jack McConnachie, Luke Dircks, and Brody Reim came in 1st, 2nd & 3rd for the boys! Dylan Wolf and Alexa Torrey came in 1st & 2nd for the girls! Great job kids!

Thank you Mrs. Herschlein for another wonderful **reading workshop!** We had a great turnout!

Don't forget to keep sending in your **Box Tops and Labels for Education!** Every dime helps!

Our next GPFA Meeting will be November 12th at 9:30. Mrs. Herschlein will present some tips for helping our children with Math, and Mrs. Fuller will discuss the RULER Approach. Hope to see you there!

Thanksgiving Food Drive Next week, each class will be participating in a Thanksgiving food drive in conjunction with Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington Station. Each child will be asked to donate one dry food item and \$1 to put towards a turkey gift certificate. The children will decorate boxes for the items to be stored, and they will talk about the importance of helping others, especially during the holiday season. Participation is voluntary. We think this is a wonderful opportunity for family discussions about charity and good will towards all.

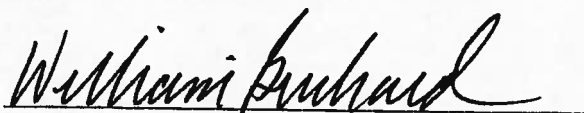


COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on November 18, 2014, 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 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 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.


William Bernhard, District Clerk

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



iPads are now available for use in our Children's Room!
After extensive research, over 30 fun, educational, and developmentally appropriate apps have been selected for children between the ages of 3 and 12.

These apps enhance many skills essential to your child's development including dexterity, creativity, reading comprehension, letter and sound recognition, critical thinking skills and much more. Help your child learn while they play!

Our apps were chosen after consulting a number of professional review sites and other sources.

Review Sources
**School Library Journal's
Touch & Go App Blog**
<http://www.slj.com/category/reviews/apps>

Children's Technology Review
<http://childrenstech.com>

Best Apps for Kids
<http://bestappsforkids.com>

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

Community Conversations

Your Life, Your Family, Your Future

Common Core: Uncommon Challenges

Wednesday, November 12, 2014

7:00 p.m.

South Huntington Public Library

145 Pidgeon Hill Rd., Huntington Station, NY



Moderated by Dr. Thomas Rogers
Superintendent, Syosset S.D.

Come hear some of the top experts on the Common Core and its roll-out in New York State. They will help us understand what was intended, how it's going, and what we need to know to be the best possible advocates for our children. Please bring your questions. It's an important conversation!

Panelists include:

Lydia Bellino, Asst. Superintendent, Cold Spring Harbor S.D.,
Lorna Lewis, Superintendent, Plainville-Old Saybrook S.D.,
Lydia Longley, Asst. Superintendent, Nassau S.D.,
Jackie Harris, Asst. Superintendent, South Huntington S.D.

Presenting Partners

Cold Spring Harbor Library
cslibrary.org

Greenvale Public Library
greenvalepubliclibrary.org

Elwood Public Library
elwoodlibrary.org

West Babylon High Community Library
wbhlibrary.org

North Babylon Public Library
northbabylonlibrary.org

Huntington Public Library
thehuntingtonlibrary.org

Sponsors

Huntington Township
Committee of Commerce
huntingtonchamber.com

Huntington League of Women Voters
hwlw.org
huntingtonleawomen.org

Town of Huntington
huntingtonny.gov

Leadership Huntington Foundation
leadershiphuntington.org

Northport-East Northport Public Library
northport.org

South Huntington Public Library
shpl.org

Community Conversations Common Core: Uncommon Challenges Wednesday, November 12 @ 7 pm

Dr. Thomas Rogers, Superintendent of the Syosset School District will moderate a panel of top experts on Common Core and its roll-out in New York State. They will help you understand what was intended, how it's going, and what we need to know to be the best possible advocate for your children.

South Huntington Public Library
145 Pidgeon Hill Road
Huntington Station, NY