



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- November 21, 2014



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the GPFA for organizing our Food Drive and to our teachers and parents for helping to fill the boxes with everything a family will need for Thanksgiving dinner. The boxes have been delivered, thanks to Mrs. Eisenegger, to the Helping Hands Mission in Huntington Station. This activity was an important one for our students, as it prompted discussions at home and in school about *gratitude and caring for others*. Through such discussions, children can become more sensitive to the needs of others and begin to develop empathy. It helps them to understand that their parents and other people do things for them –provide a comfortable home, prepare dinner, buy them toys, help them learn. They can begin to learn that not everyone may be as fortunate as they are and that sharing and helping others “feels good inside.”

If you would like to continue the discussion about gratitude with your child, the children's books below will prompt conversation about all there is in life to be grateful for, including nature, people, and everyday things.

An Awesome Book of Thanks by Dallas Clayton- Inspired by the idea of being thankful for all that you have, *An Awesome Book of Thanks!* is a beautifully written, fantastically illustrated walk through a world of magical unicorns, robotic dinosaurs, and all of life's simple moments, great and small. Crafted for children ages 0-1000, this timeless story is sure to be an instant classic, at home in the hands of anyone looking for the perfect reminder of just how beautiful life can be.

The Thankful Book by Todd Parr- Parr explores the idea of gratitude in this picture book: "Every day I try to think about the things I am thankful for." Those "things" include personal characteristics-"I am thankful for my hair because it makes me unique"; music- "because it makes me want to dance"; nature, and so on. Readers are sure to get a laugh out of the notion of being thankful for underwear-"because I like to wear it on my head." Parr's signature illustrations employ bold outlines and bright colors and feature an array of characters both human and animal. The theme is ripe for discussion about readers' own "I'm thankful for" ideas.

Bear Says Thanks by Karma Wilson- Wilson does it again in this new installment about Bear and his forest friends. This time Bear is bored and wants to throw a party. When he discovers that he has nothing in his cupboards with which to whip up a feast, he becomes despondent. But his trusty pals come to the rescue, all offering up something for the festivities. Bear is thankful for their generosity but still feels sad that he has nothing to make. Once again, his friends help him understand how much he is loved by telling him that his stories are the most valuable contribution to the party. The illustrations are as detailed as ever, and children will want to reach out and hug Bear because he is so fluffy and welcoming. The rhymes are pleasing to the ear and move the story along. This is a great choice when discussing gratitude, sharing, or thanks.

Splat Says Thank you by Rob Scotton-Splat the Cat's trusty mouse friend, Seymour, needs cheering up, and Splat wants to help. He's been working on something special for Seymour—not just a thank-you card but a thank-you book! His book lists all the sweet and often hilarious reasons Splat is thankful for their friendship.

Happy Reading and Happy Thanksgiving!

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein

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We have **full days of school** on Monday and Tuesday, November 24th and 25th. Thanksgiving recess begins on Wednesday. We return to school on Monday, December 1st. Enjoy the time with your family!

*****Please be sure to register for the Parent Portal on our website—You will need it to access your child's report card! Here is another copy of the instructions: (You need to have your child's student ID #)*****

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "For Parents" and click on "Parent Portal"
3. Scroll all the way down to "How can I apply for access to the portal?" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "Yes" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "Online Registration" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the *Account Information* portion (followed by *Personal Information* and *Student Information*).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted.

Parent Reading Workshop-Thank you to all the parents who attended this week's workshop on developing children's reading comprehension strategies. The Powerpoint Presentation can be viewed on our school website www.csh.k12.ny.us. Under the dropdown menu *Schools*- select *Goosehill Primary School* and click on the *Parent Information Link*.

Looking for something educational and fun to do with the kids this weekend?

How about a NATIVE AMERICAN FEAST! Visit Garvies Point on Saturday 10-4 (50 Barry Dr., Glen Cove) Join our celebration of northeastern Native American culture held annually the weekend before Thanksgiving. Participants can enjoy hands-on activities including pottery making, primitive fire-building and on-site cooking demonstrations with authentic Native American food sampling, artifacts and tool technology, face painting with natural pigments, and use of the atlatl for spear throwing. Native American films will be shown hourly. Activities ongoing from 10 am - 4 pm. Fun for families, all ages welcome. Special program fee: \$5.00 per person (4 & under free with adult)



Exciting Parent Event with Dr. Shefali Tsabary- Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7PM at the Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School PAC. Please pre-register at www.csh.k12.ny.us



Notes from the GPFA

- Thank you to everyone for donating to our Thanksgiving Food Drive. It was a big success!
- The next GPFA meeting is Wed., December 10.
- Thank you to all of the October lunch / recess volunteers. The children really enjoyed having you at the school and look forward to seeing you again soon!
- The Goosehill Holiday Dessert Bake will take place on Friday, December 12th. Please contact Tala Gitto (twashton@washtongitto.com) for more information.
- Need a birthday gift? Getting ready for the holidays? Run out of shampoo? Stop by Value Drugs and mention Goosehill when you check out - we earn 3% on every purchase!



Happy Thanksgiving!

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

Friday Fun @ the Library!



Come to the Library Friday, November 28

Lego Club @ 11:00 am

Afternoon Arts & Crafts @ 2:00-4:00 pm

Rocket and Robot Mania



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Save the Date!

Ballet Long Island- Nutcracker Act II

Sunday December 7, 2014 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

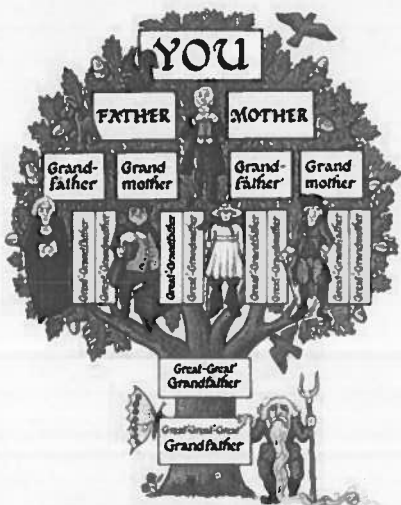
Make plans to enjoy this seasonal favorite at your library!

Registration is required.



For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs or for program registration, 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*



**Genealogy: Discover your Ancestors
Tuesday, December 2 at 2 pm**

Learn how to research your family tree using Google and other online tools.

Q&A follows.

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



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Dear First Grade Teachers and Students:

On behalf of the veterans and staff at the Northport VA Medical Center we would like to thank you for your Veterans Day Cards and good wishes. Your cards have been distributed to the patients. It means a lot to our patients to know that they are in your hearts and that you appreciate their sacrifices.

We appreciate your thoughtfulness and consideration. Your kindness has truly enhanced the lives of our veterans.

Sincerely,

Lynn Mott
Voluntary Services Specialist

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