



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- December 5, 2014



Dear Parents,

An important component of the New York State Social Studies framework for kindergarten and first grade involves teaching children about diversity. Here are a few concepts from the curriculum:

- Children, families, and communities exhibit cultural similarities and differences.
- Language, beliefs, customs, and traditions help shape the identity and culture of a family and a community.
- Diverse cultural groups embrace unique traditions and beliefs, and celebrate distinct holidays.
- Awareness of America's rich diversity fosters intercultural understanding.

When teaching children about diversity, we emphasize that all people are the same on the "inside" and have many, wonderful differences on the "outside." We celebrate and respect people's differences in the way they look, dress, speak, and celebrate holidays. Because many of our families celebrate a holiday in December, the children are very interested in the topic. In many classrooms, children are choosing to write about their family traditions and holidays and teachers provide opportunities for them to share their stories with each other.

Reading books together is a perfect way to start a conversation about the traditions of families that may be different from your own. Of course, there are many, many wonderful books to be found in the library and book stores. Try series such as My First Holiday series by Karen Katz and Rookie Read About Holidays to help you explore holidays and traditions around the world.

Happy Reading!



Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Thanksgiving Food Drive

We received a lovely thank you note from the Helping Hands Mission. They expressed gratitude for the nine wonderful Thanksgiving baskets we sent, as well as over \$400 in donations which helped them purchase additional turkeys for Thanksgiving. Thank you again, to the GPFA for organizing the drive and delivering the baskets. If you'd like to read the thank you note, it is in our Table of Contents today.

Healthy Habits Day- January 16 (half day of school) 8:30-12:00

We are seeking up to six parent/community members to volunteer to provide workshops for children. Ideas for workshops include, but are not limited to: Yoga, Fitness/Exercise, Tae Kwon Do, Community Helpers, First Aide/Safety, Human Body Systems, Dental Health. If you are interested in providing or arranging for a workshop, please contact Mrs. Herschlein (lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us) by December 12th.

Integrating Science and Art---Snowflakes Appearing at the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum

First graders created crystallized snowflakes which will be displayed at the Whaling Museum this month. During *art* class they shaped pipe cleaners to form snowflake shapes. In *science*, they watched a video about how snowflakes form and learned that every snowflake is unique. They measured 6 tablespoons of Borax (laundry detergent booster) and poured it into individual mason jars. Ms. Stapleton, our science teacher aide, poured two cups of boiling water to each jar and stirred until everything dissolved. The pipe cleaner snowflake shapes were then suspended in the mixture overnight. As the water cooled, the crystals formed on the pipe cleaners and by morning we had crystallized snowflakes! **Please visit the Whaling Museum's Winter Wonderland any Saturday in December (1-4 p.m.)** While you're there, you can enjoy making crafts (for all ages) and participate in a special winter-themed scavenger hunt.

*****Please be sure to register for the Parent Portal on our website---You will need it to access your child's report card next week! 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.

*****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

The Goosehill Holiday Cookie Bake is Friday, December 12th. If you would like to volunteer to bake, please contact Tala Gitto (twashton@washtongitto.com) and Becky Bonventre (rebeccabonventre@gmail.com).

Our next GPFA meeting will be on Wednesday, December 10th at 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Herschlein will be reviewing the report card and ways to help your child with homework.

As the shopping season is upon us and you cross off those lists, be sure to stop in to see all the great gifts at the store, *Little Switzerland* in Huntington Village. The owner, Lily Dergh, is offering 5 percent of sales back to the Goosehill GPFA. Just mention our school name when you shop.



November 23, 2014

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Dear Friends & Students of Goosehill Primary School:

We wish a very happy Thanksgiving to you all from all of us at Helping Hand Rescue Mission! We were truly blessed to receive the generous donation of non-perishable foods organized into such generous and nicely decorated Thanksgiving baskets. In addition to your food donation, you generously donated \$431.56 to help us purchase more turkeys for Thanksgiving. We also received a \$25.00 coupon for a turkey.

We are happy to distribute over 400 parcels of food and turkeys to families in our community this week, ensuring that many will enjoy a holiday meal that would otherwise not be possible. We are especially excited because this is our 50th Thanksgiving food distribution in Huntington Station.

It is a true blessing to receive support from the schools in our community like yours. When we count our blessings, we will be sure to count our friends at Goosehill Primary School in Huntington, NY. Thank you and God bless you richly this season. We look forward to your continued support. You're awesome! We hope to partner with you to help others soon!

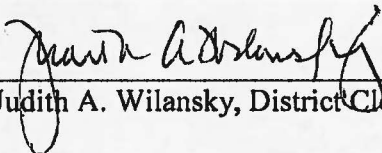
Richest Blessings,

Rev. Rosemarie Gaines, President

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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 8, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center. The Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters appropriate for Executive Session.



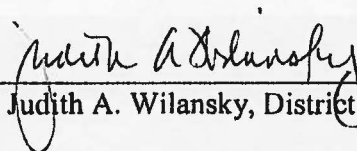
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At 8:00 p.m. the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting and workshop to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



Judith A. Wilansky, District Clerk, Pro Tem

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



SIGNATURE EVENTS

Don't Miss— THIS SUNDAY!

Ballet Long Island- Nutcracker Act II

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

Enjoy a live performance of this seasonal favorite!



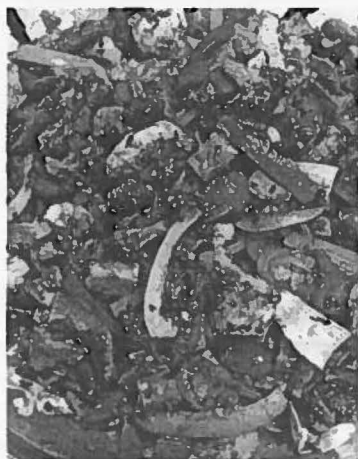
Cozy Up to a Good Book!

Come in this week for one of our many wintry picture books.



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*



One Wok, Three Meals Thursday, December 11 at 7pm

Learn how to use your wok and the same natural ingredients to prepare three international dishes.

Register by Tuesday, December 9 with \$5 cash or check payable to the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

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



7.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 6th

5:30pm

Santa Claus will light the Hatchery's Christmas Tree.
The Hatchery & Aquarium will remain open until 7pm.

Cookies • Hot Chocolate • Tea



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