



Dear Parents,

At our Spirit Day Assembly on Wednesday, we explored the commonalities among holidays celebrated by people of different cultures and religions. From Hanukkah to Christmas, Kwanzaa, Chinese New Year, Diwali, and Eid, we discovered that celebrations almost always included the same **five** things: *family, food, prayer, lights, and gifts* (especially for children!). Again, we reinforced the idea that while people all over the world may be different on the “outside”---- in how we look, speak, dress, and celebrate holidays---we all value our families, faith, fun, and showing kindness and love to others. Additionally, lights seem to be symbols of hope and joy for us all. At the assembly, we also sang a few songs, led by Mrs. Gonzalez-Condell’s class and Ms. Villa’s class and read a book about peace. The children enjoyed sharing stories of their own holidays and being dressed in their comfy pajamas all day!

Classrooms were abuzz with activity this week. The children loved doing winter crafts, writing holiday notes and cards, and having parents visit their classrooms. We had a sing-along this morning, and the children enjoyed a fun-filled day with their teachers and classmates.

I hope you will enjoy some quiet time with your children over the break. I encourage you to include some family reading time. Without the pressures of school schedules and homework, it is a perfect time for parents and children to settle into a good book together. It is not just the act of reading that benefits children. It is also the feeling that you create when you snuggle up with them, immerse yourselves in a story, talk about characters’ traits and actions, and make connections to people and events in your own lives. Conversations about stories help children learn the power of the written word—to create images and feelings in our minds and hearts.

The teachers, staff, and I hope you have a wonderful holiday! We want to thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our school community. We appreciate all you do to help your children grow and develop as the special, caring young people they are.

We wish you peace, joy, and a New Year filled with health and happiness!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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Kindergarten Registration

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before **December 1, 2015**, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2015. Please contact the District Registrar, **Gloria Albert (631-367-5910)** to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive a registration packet from the Superintendent next month. Registration begins in February.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- **January 5th**- School reopens
- **January 14th**- GPFA meeting 9:30 a.m.
- **January 16th**- Half Day of School for Students (11:50 dismissal)
- **January 19th**- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No school for students

Notes from the GPFA

Goosehill will be closed on Monday, December 22nd and reopen on Monday, January 5th.

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

Join us at the library for winter break fun! Please call us at 631-692-6820 or visit us online at www.cshlibrary.org to register for any children's program.

Model Magic Snowmen (All Ages)

Monday, December 22nd 2pm

Shaving Cream Snow Paintings (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 23rd 11am

Snack and a Movie (All Ages)

Tuesday, December 23rd 2pm

Puzzlemania (All Ages)

Friday, December 26th 11am

Glitter Trees (Grades K-6)

Monday, December 29th 2pm

Fingerpaint Fun (Ages 2-5 with adult)

Tuesday, December 30th 11am

Macaroni Snowflakes (Grades K-6)

Tuesday, December 30th 2pm

Play Hooray: Music and Fun for Your Little One! (Ages 2-5 with Adult)

Friday, January 2nd 10:30am

Winter Mix-it-Up Mayhem (All Ages)

Friday, January 2nd 2pm



Don't forget the FREE Museum Passes Available AT Your Library!

Passes are available for:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • American Museum of Natural History (NYC) • Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery • Cradle of Aviation Museum • Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum (NYC) • Heckscher Museum of Art • Long Island Children's Museum | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nassau County Museum of Art • Old Westbury Gardens • Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
(also admits to the Brooklyn Museum) • Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium • The Whaling Museum & Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor |
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Note: Reservations can be taken up to three months in advance of your desired date, subject to availability.

For more information about Museum Passes or any other adult program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.