



The Friday Notes

Celebrating 225 years!
February 13, 2015



Principal's Corner

This week, with the help of the Cultural Arts Committee, our second, third, and fourth graders welcomed David Adler. Mr. Adler shared stories with our students about the life of an author, how he creates different characters, and his experiences growing up. On Thursday, our bus assistants reflected on their leadership experiences this fall. Together, we brainstormed different ways to improve our students' experiences on the buses. Our newly nominated bus assistants will begin after the Winter Break. Congratulations to J.P. Rush who competed in the Long Island Regional Spelling Bee last weekend at Hofstra University and did an incredible job representing West Side. Finally, thank you to Mrs. Vallone, Mrs. Shammah, and our PTG volunteers for another successful Sports/Game Night!

Enjoy the break!

Art Show

Please visit the Cold Spring Harbor Public Library to view the CSH Elementary Art Show. The show consists of selected students' artwork from grades 2 – 6 from West Side, Lloyd Harbor and Goose Hill. The show will be on display from February 3 – 27 in the gallery on the lower level and in the small meeting room. We are so proud of our young artists!

2014-2015 School Calendar Revisions

On Tuesday, February 10th, the Board of Education amended this year's school calendar. Friday, June 26th, was added as an additional Superintendents Conference Day. ***This addition does not impact students; their last day of school remains Thursday, June 25th.***

If there are any additional days when school must close due to inclement weather or unforeseen emergencies, days will be taken from the Spring Recess, beginning with Friday, April 10th then working backwards.

WSS Joins Facebook and Twitter

In an effort to increase communication between the home and school and to keep everyone updated about West Side's 225th anniversary, we have joined Facebook and Twitter. Like us on Twitter @WestSideSchool and on Facebook @WestSideSchool1597. Look for our 225th anniversary logo!

Pick-Up Notes and Nameplates

Beginning next week, we are requesting that all students bring two pick-up notes for any change in dismissal – one for the school and one for the bus driver/pick-up circle. Pick-up notes can be found on the school's website. Go to csh.k12.ny.us and select West Side School under the **Our Schools** tab at the top of the page. Click on **For WSS Parents** on the left and select **Forms**. Parents have the ability to type in the information needed and print two copies. In addition, please remember to display your nameplates when picking up your child. This will help with the efficiency of our dismissal process. Thank you for your support!



PTG Board 2015-16

We are in the process of accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on next year's WSS PTG Board. We encourage any parent to consider submitting their name for a position. Self Nominating letters were sent home via backpack. If you have any questions about any positions, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Lolita Reichbach at gorgesborg@aol.com.

Sports/Game Night

Last Sunday we had about 100 participants enjoying board games, games of Pinopoly, Bingo, and a delicious pasta dinner at our annual Sports/Game Night. The kids and dads along with some grandpas all had smiles on their faces. Thank you to all who came out to enjoy this wonderful family event. A special thanks to Mr. Simon, Mr. Trotter, our WS custodians and of course Mr. Yost for running our Pinopoly games in the gym. Thanks to our Jr/Sr High School student volunteers for lending us a hand and a huge thank you to our parent volunteers: Kimberly Lynch, Mara Arneja and Linda Castellano for assisting us that evening as well.

Talent Show

It's that time again! Get ready...set...perform, all you wonderfully talented West Side Stars! The 2015 West Side Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 8th. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. ***A special note: This year students WILL be allowed to be in one SOLO act plus one group act (sixth grade group act not included).** Both parents and students should read all the rules before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals, see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than 3/20/15. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$35 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.) We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, a CD or digital copy of the song must be submitted or emailed to me by 3/20/15. If you would like me to copy and edit the music, please indicate that on the application form. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact either Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jen Genser at Cona@genserlaw.com.

Yankee Doodle Circus is Coming to Town

Save the Date! The Yankee Doodle Circus is coming to the CSHHS Field House on Sunday, March 1. Bring the family down to America's Best Circus for Children and support the CSH Jr/Sr HS CFA. There will be a 1pm and 4pm show. To purchase tickets please go to GetCircusTickets.com. Pre Sale tickets are \$14.75 for Adult plus you receive 2 free tickets for children. Door sale prices are \$18 Adult/ \$6 Child. Don't miss out a fun day for the family!

Literary Luncheon

The CFA Literary Luncheon is being held on Wednesday, March 18th from 11-2pm at the Huntington Country Club. The guest speaker will be New York Times Best Selling Author Tim Green. Please see the attached flyer for ticket purchases. This promises to be a great event!

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be sold online only! No paper order forms! Order Your WEST SIDE Yearbook Online! Just follow the steps below:

Step 1: Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/parentpay>

Step 2: Enter your pay code 74315 and click next

Step 3: Buy a yearbook for \$30.00 or yearbook with personalized name for \$32.25

Order online through: April 20, 2015

6th Grade "Get Togethers" with LHS

We are planning two "get-together" events for our 6th grade graduates of WSS and LHS this year. Please mark your calendars with these dates and times:

United Skates of America, Seaford, NY

Date: Sunday, March 15, 2015

Time: 6:00-8:30 pm

The Sports Hub, Syosset, NY

Date: Sunday, April 19, 2015

Time: 5-7:00 pm

Details will follow after Winter Break. If you have any questions, please email Grace Cover at scrapbookcover@aol.com or Joely Hetherington at jlc29@me.com

Upcoming Events

Mid-Winter Recess: February 16 – 20

West Side Wednesday: February 25th (Wear your West Side spirit clothes!)

SIT: Thursday, February 26th – Evening Meeting (Specific time TBD)

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Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$35 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2015 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 3/20/15. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 3/20/15. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 3/20/15, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside School, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. May 7 at the Cold Spring Harbor High School Performance Arts Center (PAC) to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday May 7 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2015 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

A Message from Randi and Jen. To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

West Side School Annual Talent Show
Friday May 8, 2015
Participation Form

Check #	
Amt\$	
Shirt Size	

(Must be submitted by 3/20/15 Late Submissions will not be accepted)
Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cellphone number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____
(Please **write neatly** as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$35 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.
Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2015 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

REMEMBER:

√ - CHECK # _____
√ - T-Shirt Size _____
√ - Music _____

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

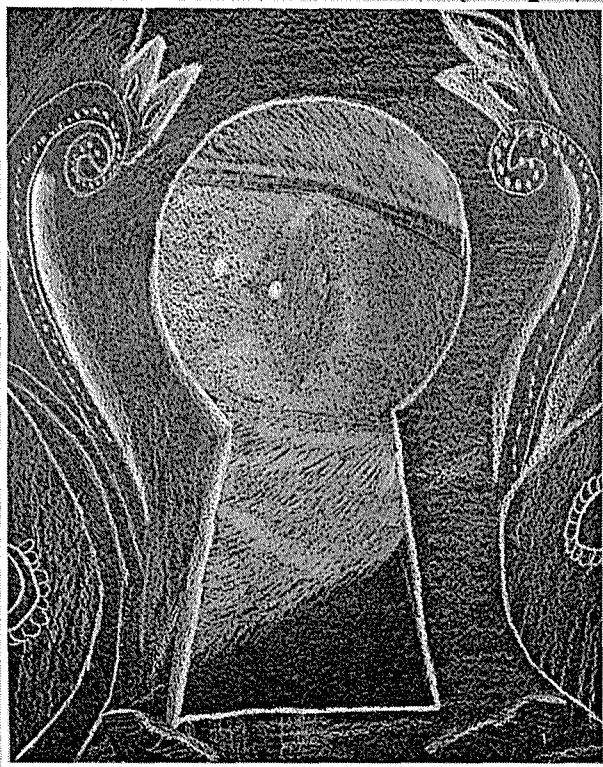
Student's Name _____	Grade _____	Teacher _____	Total # of T-shirts Ordered _____
(Youth S ___ Youth M ___ Youth L ___ Youth XL ___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___)			

The Cold Spring Harbor School District Presents...

The 2014/2015

Student Art Exhibition

Cold Spring Harbor Elementary Schools



February 3rd- 27th

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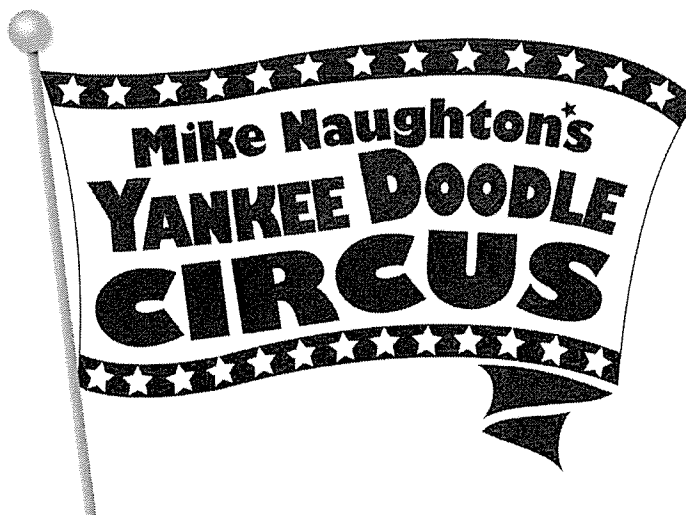
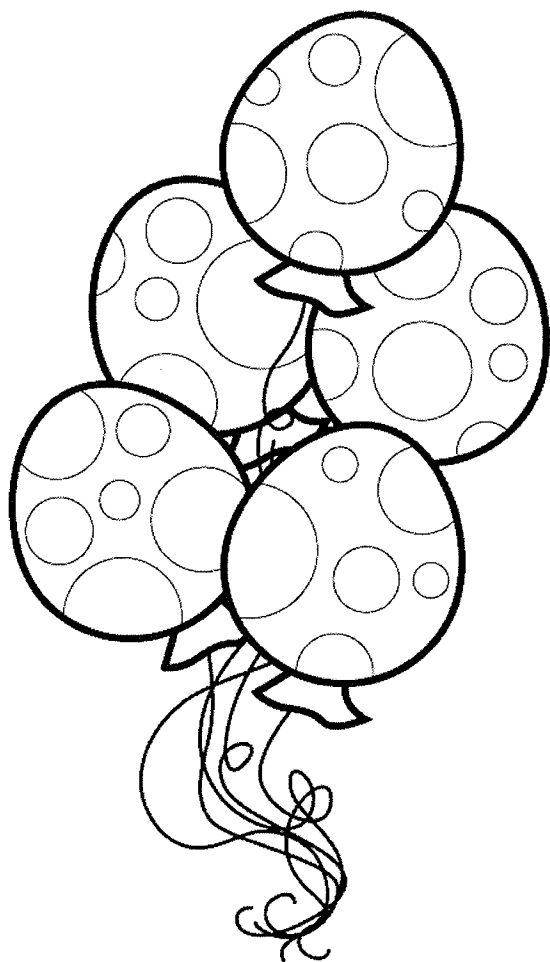
CSH Public Library



Featuring selected student work from grades K-6



KIDS AND TEENS GO FREE! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!



Beat the Winter Blahs!

BRING THE FAMILY TO AMERICA'S BEST CIRCUS FOR CHILDREN

Sunday, March 1, 2015

1:00pm, 4:00pm

Fund Raiser for Cold Spring Jr/Sr High School CFA

Cold Spring Harbor High School Field House, 82 Turkey Lane

We have a limited number of Discount Advance Sale Tickets. ACT NOW!

PRE-SALE Adult Tickets \$14.75

PLUS 2 FREE TICKETS for Children and Teens

Only available at **GetCircusTickets.com**

Door Sale: Adult \$18.00 – Child \$6.00

FREE PRIZE FOR CHILDREN – Color the balloons and bring it to the circus

Child must be present; limit one prize per child

Please join us for the 15th Annual Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

Literary Luncheon

with guest speaker

TIM GREEN

New York Times best selling author
Former Star NFL player



Wednesday, March 18, 2015

11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

at the

Huntington Country Club

483 W. Main St. Huntington

\$75 per person,
\$750 for a table of 10

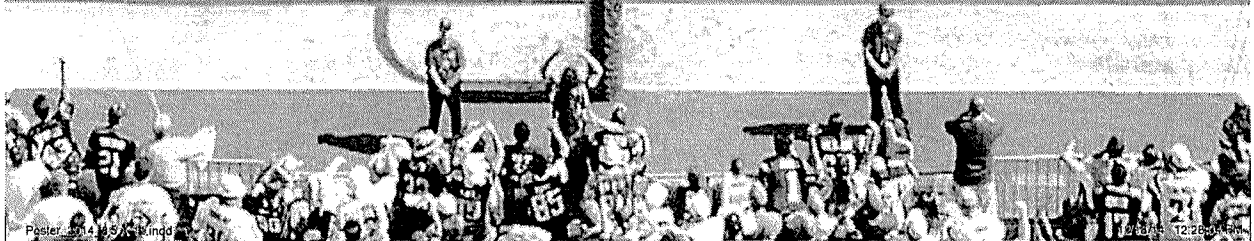
Checks payable to

CFA

RSVP by March 1st

Mail to: Lauryl Palatnick
215 Harbor Road, CSH, NY 11724
For more information, contact
Connie at connie@cpoggold.com

Free blow out at Salon Mayan by Ben
for all attendees.



Name: _____

Table of 10 for \$750: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ @ \$75/ticket = _____

Phone No.: _____

Please Sit Me With: _____

I am unable to attend, please accept my donation of \$ _____

WINTER BREAK FUN @ THE LIBRARY

JUMP FOR JOY

Tuesday, February 17, 10:30 a.m.
For children ages 2-5 with adult

JUMP BUNCH NOODLE HOCKEY

Wednesday, February 18, 2:00 p.m.
For children in grades K-6

SNACK & A MOVIE

Sleeping Beauty (G; 75 min.)
Tuesday, February 17, 2:00 p.m.
For children of all ages with their families

LIFE-SIZED CANDYLAND

Thursday, February 19, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
For children of all ages

LEGO CLUB

Wednesday, February 18, 11:00 a.m.
For children in grades K-6

BOARD GAME BONANZA

Friday, February 20, 11:00 a.m.
For children of all ages

AFTERNOON ARTS: CHINESE NEW YEAR

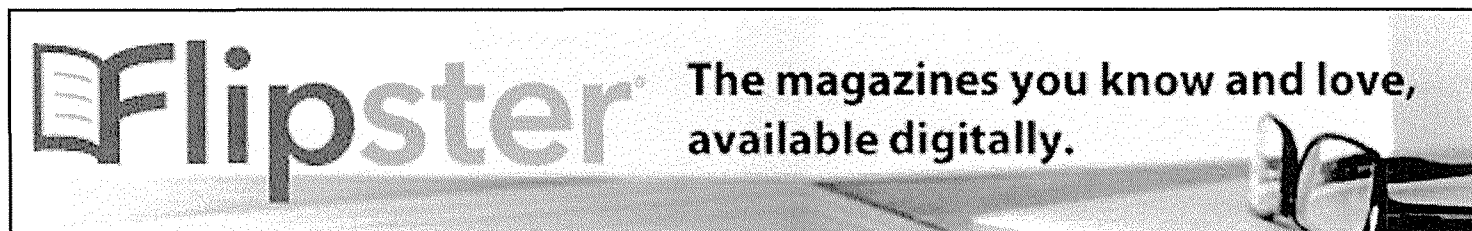
Friday, February 20, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
For children of all ages



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

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