

### The Friday Notes

Celebrating 225 years!
November 14, 2014

### Principal's Corner

This week, West Side second graders participated in a color mixing lab during science. Throughout the week, they also continued to draft their realistic fiction pieces during writing. Our third graders edited drafts of their small moments and began to publish their final pieces. Students chose to write about topics such as Halloween, spotting sea turtles and going to the beach. During a shared reading, students also practiced understanding words within context. Fourth graders explored different text structures, such as cause and effect, and the key terms associated with them. During writing, they encouraged one another to choose topics they felt passionate about in order to generate enough support for their thinking. Fifth graders participated in another lab with a scientist from the DNA Learning Center which involved the Punnett Square. They also read about the transcontinental railroad and the earliest Americans. Sixth graders completed their unit on fractions, decimals and percents and began a unit on the classification system in science. While reading, students focused on what they knew about fiction and non-fiction text in order to get the most out of their work. Finally, thank you to Kim Gambino from the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. On Friday, Ms. Gambino spoke to our students at morning assembly and showed a slideshow. Your words truly inspired our students! Also, thank you to Mrs. Lynch for your continued support with West Side Kids Care and building this relationship.

### 6th Grade Maturation

Next Thursday, sixth graders will participate in maturation workshops. The girls will be led by West Side's health teacher, Ms. Parent. The boys will be led in discussions by Mr. Homer who teaches health at the junior-senior high school.

#### Seussical Jr.

Please contact Mr. Adler with any questions at 516.551.2797 or via e-mail at <u>oldandnewellis@aol.com</u>. For more information, please visit <u>www.wssta.org</u>.



### **Next PTG Meeting - Parenting Workshop**

Mark your calendars for Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30am! Our next PTG meeting will offer the following parenting workshop:

# DIALING DOWN THE STRESS AND DIALING UP THE JOY IN FAMILY LIFE USING POSITIVE (AND THEREFORE, EFFECTIVE!) COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

This fun and interactive workshop will highlight positive communication techniques that can reduce family stress, bump up your child's self-esteem, help him/her develop those vital coping mechanisms that can put the whole family on the same happy team.

This workshop will be hosted by Jane Golub who is a Registered Nurse and an educator based on Long Island. She conducts workshops for parents, educators, administrators and students that focus on social and emotional skill development.

### **Holiday Cookie Bake**

Our annual cookie bake is Wednesday, December 10th. We ask parents to donate holiday cookies, bars or other tasty treats to make up delicious platters for the teachers and staff of West Side School. The type of cookie is up to you (preferably not chocolate chip). Not a baker? That is fine...bakery goods are welcome! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful event, please bring 4-6 dozen cookies to the community room on that Wednesday morning between 8-10am. Cookies should be brought in disposable trays. If you would like to stay and help assemble, wrap and deliver, please contact Gina Marino at <a href="mailto:rgm39hill@aol.com">rgm39hill@aol.com</a>. Please put "cookie bake" in the subject line. Last year we were low on donations, so if you could contribute it is greatly appreciated.

### Holiday Boutique 2014

Please save the date for our annual WS Holiday Boutique. This year, the children will be shopping with their classes on December 3 and 4 during school hours. A schedule of when each class will shop will be emailed and sent home via backpack next Friday. We are looking for volunteers on December 2 to help set up the displays, on December 3 and 4 to help the children shop and on December 4 to help break down the event. If you signed up already, an email will be sent for you to pick time frames. To volunteer, please contract Edra Tepper via email at <a href="mailto:edratepper@verizon.net">edratepper@verizon.net</a>

#### **West Side Kids Care**

We had a great turnout of kids who volunteered their recess time to make Veteran's Day Cards. We truly put a smile on the faces of many staff members and veterans at the VA Hospital in Northport. Thanks to Tara Belfi, Vicky Roberts and Liz Franklin for helping.

Our Annual Thanksgiving Food Drive culminated in a great presentation this morning by Kim Gambino of the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. She spoke with our students about all the mission does, the various families it helps, and how the mission needs and appreciates all of our support. Thank you once again to a very generous West Side Community. A big thank you to Liz Franklin, Ms. Santoro and Mrs. Ryan for organizing.

Our Second Annual Candy Drive was a huge success. We collected almost 50 pounds of candy for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission holiday party. Those families and your dentists thank you! Thanks to Maria Reilly for your assistance.

Our first Food Pantry delivery of the year was made to the Tri-Community Youth Agency in Huntington Station this week. The staff and many children they support were grateful for our great contribution. Please keep the non-perishable foods coming!

### 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 <a href="http://www.memorybook.com/parentpay">http://www.memorybook.com/parentpay</a>

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

The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have. You must submit event photos within one week of the event. Yearbook pages are made as each event passes, so please do not wait to submit photos!

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- \* Go to: <a href="https://images.memoryebooks.com/login">https://images.memoryebooks.com/login</a>
- \* If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 401854382
- \* Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- \* Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- \* Click "Save Details".

Or you can submit directly from your Smartphone:

- \* Go to: <a href="https://images.memoryebooks.com/upload.jsp">https://images.memoryebooks.com/upload.jsp</a>
- \* If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 401854382
- \* Click on "choose file". Your photo album on your phone will automatically open and you can just choose which photos to
- \* Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- \* Click "Save Details".

### Message from SEPTA

Our next 2nd cup of coffee is Friday November 21st at 9:30 in the Community Room at Goosehill. Please join us!!

### **ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development**

Proactive vs. Reactive College Transition for High School Students with Disabilities

Is your teen thinking of attending college? Are you feeling stuck and aren't sure how to best prepare them for this transition? In this talk, staff from ASPIRE Center for Learning and Development will review what you and your teen need to know in order to make this transition a successful experience. Students with disabilities CAN succeed in college! Come find out how!

Speakers: Monica Arevalo, MS, MHC and Maureen Holohan

**Important WSS Dates** 

**PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, November 18th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, November 18th at 8:00 PM at District Office

West Side Wednesday: Wednesday, November 19th (Don't forget your West Side spirit clothing)

SIT: Thursday, November 20th at 3:30 PM

Thanksgiving Recess: November 26th – 28th

**Holiday Boutique:** December 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> in the Community Room

### **Attachments from the School**

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Dear West Side Families,

Student Council is raising money for the St. Jude's Foundation. This was an idea that the student council members came up with at our last meeting and we are excited about our new fundraiser.

We are teaming up with White Post Farms to sell pies and specialty breads for Thanksgiving. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the St. Jude's Foundation. The choices are listed below.

Please send your <u>order form in an envelope</u> to Mrs. Ryan or Ms. Santoro by no later than this <u>Monday</u>, <u>November 17<sup>th</sup></u> and use <u>cash only please</u>. <u>You must be able to pick up your pies on Monday</u>, <u>November 24th between 2:00-3:00 at West Side</u>.

10 inch PIES (\$16) QTY. COST

Apple	
Apple Crumb	
Pumpkin	
Dark Choc. Pecan	
TOTAL	

JUMBO BREADS (\$12) QTY. COST

Apple Crumb	
Banana	
Corn	
Hot Chocolate and Oreo	
Cookie	
Banana Dark Chocolate	
Pumpkin	
TOTAL	

YOUR NAME:

YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER:

Thank you for your support!

-West Side Student Council WSS-PTG Presents:

DIALING DOWN THE STRESS AND
DIALING UP THE JOY IN FAMILY LIFE
USING POSITIVE AND EFFECTIVE
COMMUNICATION STRATEGIES

November 18

9:30am

# PTG MEETING/PARENT WORKSHOP WSS Community Room Featuring: Jane Golub, R.N.

This fun and interactive workshop will highlight positive communication techniques that can reduce family stress, bump up your child's self-esteem, help him/her develop those vital coping mechanisms that can put the whole family on the same happy page.

Jane Golub is a Registered Nurse and an educator based on Long Island. She conducts workshops for parents, educators, administrators and students that focus on social and emotional skill development. She has many years of experience in adolescent risk behavior prevention, parent counseling and school health education. She works with schools, colleges, and libraries, as well as in corporate settings across Long Island.

## **Exciting Parent Event with Dr. Shefali Tsabary**

Join us on Wednesday, December 10, 2014
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

PREREGISTRATION IS STRONGLY ENCOURAGED

# 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  $8:00~\rm p.m.$ , 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

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Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Audit Committee will take place on November 18, 2014, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

# Lasting Legacy Field Hockey

USAFH Member Club

# WINTER INDOOR CLINIC WINTER INDOOR TRAINING & TOURNAMENT PROGRAM

Clinic Guest Coach David François Trinidad and Tobago Women's National Team

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup>
U12 AND U14 9AM - 12PM U16 AND U19 1PM - 4PM

SKATE SAFE AMERICA, BETHPAGE, NY
\*\*All Players Must Be USAFH Members\*\*

Visit our Website for Indoor Clinic Registration and Winter Program Registration

For More Information www.lastinglegacyfh.com

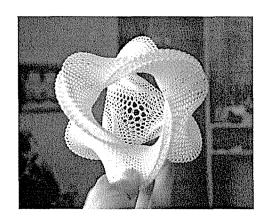
Inquiries lastinglegacyfh@gmail.com

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

### **3D Printer on Display**

Visit us in the Children's Department this week to see the Suffolk County Library System's traveling 3D printer!

We will be giving demonstrations of this new technology from Saturday, November 15– Friday, November 28. A reception will be held on Wednesday, November 19th in the Hands-On Learning Center from 4-6pm. Light refreshments will be served!





### 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

# What You Need to Know Before Buying a Digital Camera Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm



### Open to adults and young adults!

There are more products on the market than ever before to create digital images – cameras, lenses, flashes, filters, accessories, bags, computer software, and more. What should you get?

Learn what's available and what you really need to capture the type of images you want, just in time for the holiday season.

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