



Goosehill Primary School
Weekly Notes-January 8, 2016



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It was so nice to welcome the children back to school after the break.

Here are a couple of important reminders about next week:

- 1) **Next Friday will be a half day of school.** Teachers will be engaged in professional meetings all afternoon.

To avoid confusion for the children, please adhere to the following noon dismissal guidelines:

Pick-ups: If your child is a pick-up on Friday 1/15, please send a note to school in the morning. Pick-ups for both grades will take place from the cafeteria. Please park your car and sign your child out between 11:50 and 12:00.

Van Riders: On half days, the children do not ride their regular afternoon van routes. In order to avoid confusion, please do NOT make requests that your child get off at a friend's stop. That child may not be on your child's van on Friday afternoon!



Kindergarten parents: Meet your child at the stop approximately two hours before the usual time.

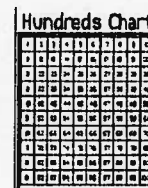
First grade parents: Meet your child at the stop approximately three hours before the usual time.

**** Please don't worry if the van is a little later than you expect. The routes take a little longer on half days because kindergarten and first grade students ride home together.*

Please keep your child's usual dismissal plan! We had a number of challenges on the last half day due to play date arrangements. To avoid confusion and to ensure the safety of all children, we respectfully request that play date arrangements take place after the children have arrived home.

Please plan ahead! We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the day on Friday.

- 2) **GPFA Meeting- Wednesday, January 13th** - 9:30-10:30. Each year, a few of our Kindergarten and First grade teachers conduct an engaging math workshop for parents. During the workshop on Wednesday, parents will use the math tools the children use in school and our teachers will provide insights into how math concepts are developed using the tools. The teachers will also share tips for supporting children with math homework. We hope you can join us on Wednesday for a fun and informative meeting!



Enjoy the weekend!

Lynn Herschlein

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Board of Education - The next meeting will take place on Tuesday, January 12th - 8:00 in the District Office.

First Grade Artwork - Congratulations to our first grade artists whose artwork is on display in the Cold Spring Harbor School District Office during the month of January.

First Grade Clubs The second session of clubs will begin the week of January 19th. Students received a new form this week on which to indicate their interest. They will receive confirmation of their club assignment next week.

Blue Northface Boy's Coat Missing One of our students is missing a reversible dark/light blue Northface jacket. Please check to be sure your child has the correct jacket at home. As a reminder: Please label your child's outerwear. The children often become confused, as many of the coats and jackets are similar!

School Improvement Team (SIT) We continue our work on our schoolwide theme of Respect for Diversity. We are considering having a special day of short workshops for students in April and are seeking your ideas! We are looking for parents, relatives, school community members who would be interested in presenting short workshops during the morning of Thursday, April 21st (9-11 a.m.). Topics may include, but are not limited to: languages other than English, cultures and traditions from around the world, abilities/disabilities, assistive devices/technology, simple genetics/DNA (e.g. what makes us look the way we do). We welcome any idea related to the theme of respect for all people. Please email ideas to Mrs. Herschlein: lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us. Feel free to call to discuss an idea as well

Kindergarten Registration If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2016. 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 next month.

DATES TO REMEMBER

January 13th- GPFA meeting 9:30 a.m. Teachers will present a math workshop for parents
January 14th- Spirit Day- Wear School Colors
January 15th- Half Day of School for Students (Noon dismissal)
January 18th- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No school for students
January 27th- FOCUS workshop: Conquering School Anxiety, 9 a.m. Goosehill Primary School
January 27th- Kindergarten Family Fun Night- 6:15 p.m.
February 4th- First Grade Family Fun Night- 6:15 p.m.

GPFA UPDATES

Please join us on Wednesday, January 13th at 9:30am for our next GPFA meeting. Some of our wonderful teachers will be running a math workshop to help parents with strategies to assist students with their math skills. It's a great event - parents last year found it very informative, particularly with helping with math homework. Hope to see you there!

Have you sent in any box tops this month? **The GPFA is running a Box Top competition** during the month of January. Each class will collect as many box tops as possible and the top-collecting kindergarten and first grade class will win an extra recess! To participate, simply clip box tops at home and send them to school with your child in a baggie marked with your child's teacher's name. Thank you for your time and support.

FOCUS will be holding a workshop this month on Wednesday, January 27th at 9am in the Goosehill Community Room. **Conquering School Anxiety ~ Tips for Parents and Students!** Special guest speaker, Meredyth D. Kravitz, Psy.D will present us with applicable strategies that will help us help our children. Let's learn how to relax and stay calm so we can offer them support in being better-prepared and more successful as test takers.

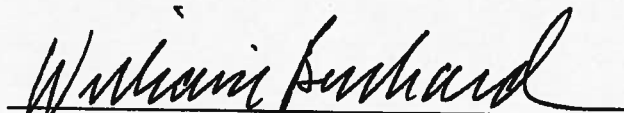
Mark your calendars for our upcoming family fun nights! Kindergarten Family Fun night will be held Thursday, January 28th at 6:15pm and First Grade Family Fun Night will be Thursday, February 4th at 6:15pm. Siblings are welcome to attend. \$10 per family.

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 January 12, 2016, 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 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

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

Adventures in Art

Tuesday, January 12, @ 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 13 @ 4:30 pm

For Children in grades K-6

Discover the art of Alexander Calder, then create your own sculpture inspired by his work!

Mix it up Mayhem

Friday, January 13 @ 2-4 pm

For Children of all ages

Come make a cool craft you may have missed!!



TEEN PROGRAM

**What's Changing on the
NEW SAT**

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 at 7:00 pm

For high school students & their parents
Come hear about the changes to the new SAT,
how they will affect your child, and what your
child can do to prepare and ace the exam!

Weekend Activities

Lego Club

Saturday, January 9 @ 11 am

Weekend at the movies

Saturday, January 16 @ 2 pm

We'll be showing "MINIONS" (pg; 91min)

For Families!

Sunday, January 31, 2016 @ 3 pm

Cinderella

The most classic of all fairy tales springs to life in this fast-paced musical production! Featuring a professional cast and live music, all the ingredients that have made the story a perennial favorite are here - ragged Cinderella, her cruel stepmother and selfish stepsisters, the ball, the handsome prince looking for a bride, the fairy godmother, the glass slipper, the search for the foot that fits it, and the happily-ever-after ending! This musical will delight the young and the 'young at heart.'

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

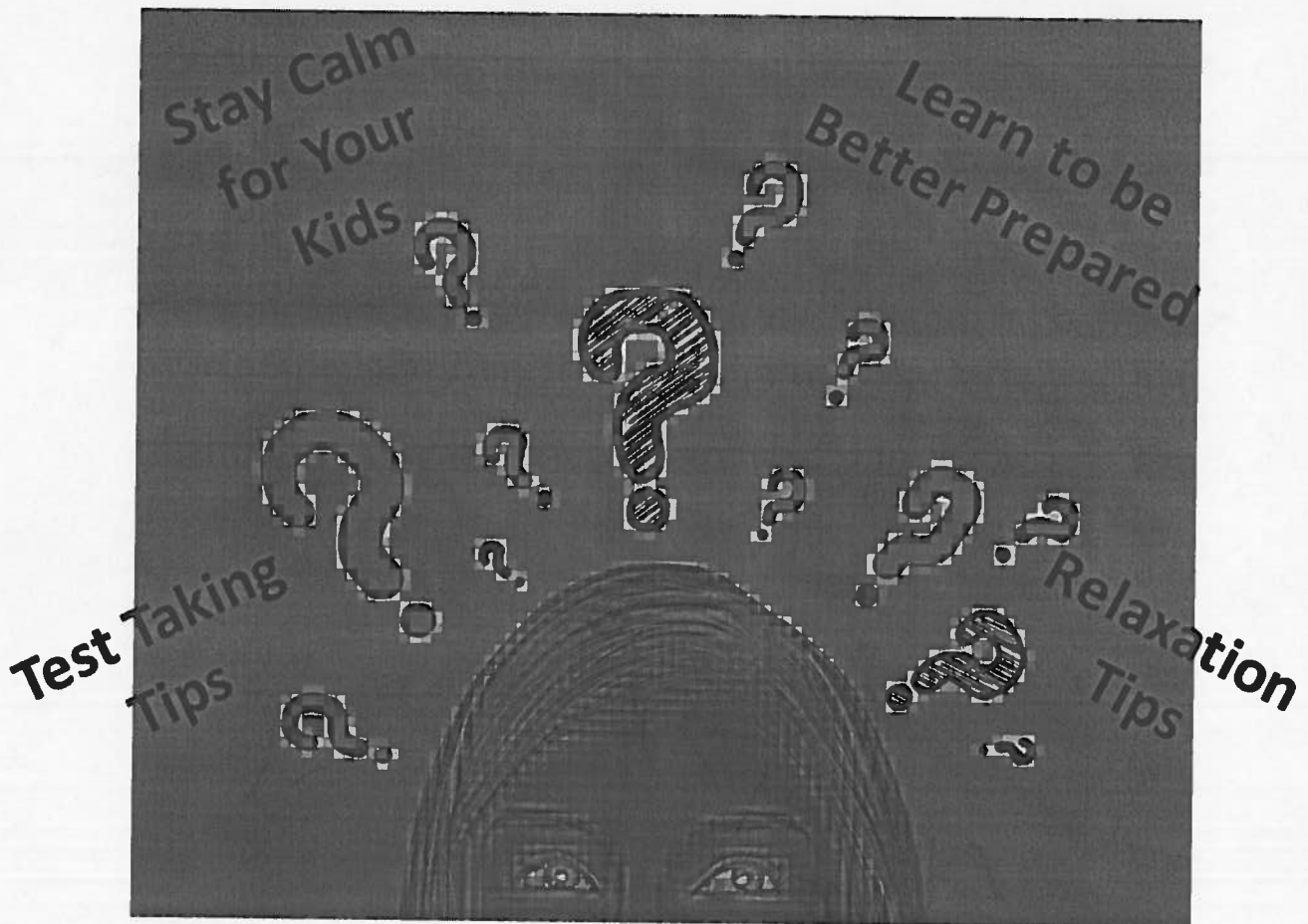


Bringing Families and Schools Together

Presents a Workshop

Conquering School Anxiety - Tips for Parents & Students

Special Guest Speaker: Meredyth D. Kravitz, Psy.D.



**We're All in This Together. Join us on:
Wednesday, January 27 at 9:00am
Goosehill Community Room**

MORE EVENTS 4 KIDS

at The Whaling Museum

& Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor

January 2016

PECULIAR PENGUINS

SAT, JAN 30 | 2:30 pm

Celebrate National Penguin Awareness Day with explorations and crafts about penguins & frosty friends.



February 2016

SAILOR'S VALENTINES

SATURDAY, FEB 13 • 1-2 pm or 2:30-3:30pm

In honor of Valentine's Day, create a Sailor's Valentine, a beautiful shell mosaic based on the gifts sailors brought home from the Caribbean in the 1800s.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!

MONDAY, FEB 15 • 11:30-12:30 pm or 1:30-

2:30 pm You are cordially invited to a birthday party for our Founding Father! Learn about whaling during colonial times, explore fun colonial toys, make a fun tin-punching craft, and enjoy birthday cake!

TOOTHPALOOZA!

SUNDAY, FEB 21 • 12-3 PM

It's National Children's Dental Health Month. Come touch whale teeth, hunt for shark teeth, see a whale tooth cavity, meet the Tooth Fairy, learn facts about teeth at our craft stations, create a keepsake box for your baby teeth, and enjoy face painting.

February Break

OCEAN EXPLORERS CAMP

MON-FRI, FEB 15-19 • 9:30-1pm

Dive into the world of our best-loved camp as we explore sharks, whales, and lots of ocean creatures with games, crafts, experiments, and activities. Grades K-3.

Crew Leader: Gr 4.

CITS: 8th Gr & Up (Community Service).

Sibling discount.

Registration Online by Feb 8.

BUILD A BOAT! WORKSHOP

TUES-FRI, FEB 16-19 • 2-4 pm

Stop in this week to freely imagine, design, and build a wooden vessel to take home. Adult and children both welcome!



LOTS MORE ONLINE!

279 MAIN STREET COLD SPRING HARBOR, NY 11724
(631) 367-3418 @SHWHALINGMUSEUM.ORG

STAR WARZ PARTY!

MON, JAN 18 | 1-4 pm

Explore celestial navigation at sea, create Jabba slime, meet a Star Wars character, plus lots more themed crafts! Drop in any time between 1-4pm. All ages welcome.

\$1 OFF ANY EVENT

Present this postcard for \$1 off any event mentioned on this postcard, including on the reverse, excluding camp. This postcard may be used for up to 2 admission tickets.



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