

Dear Parents,

This week we celebrated the first 100 days of school. It's hard to believe we are more than halfway through the school year! The children have been working with the number 100 in a variety of ways, including counting by ones, twos, fives, and tens—an important practice for developing fluency and number sense. As a special treat during morning announcements, Zoe Wu and Anthony Jiang counted to ten in Chinese to help us honor Chinese New Year.

We had our kindergarten concert yesterday in recognition of all the growth the children have made in their first 100 days at Goosehill Primary School. Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky and the kindergarten teachers for organizing such a terrific experience for our youngest students. Thank you to all parents for helping the children to make such creative projects. They were so proud of themselves and enjoyed having you as their audience.

I hope you enjoy the time off with your family next week. Whether you are home or away, I hope you'll carve out some time to read to your children. Reading aloud to children helps them experience the excitement of interesting characters and plots in books they aren't quite ready to read on their own yet. When adults read aloud to children, they also model important reading behaviors and positive attitudes about reading. A landmark study about reading concluded that reading aloud to children is *"...the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for eventual success in reading."* Reading to your child enhances his/her comprehension skills, and builds vocabulary and background knowledge. Just a few minutes a day makes a big difference! Here are a few suggestions:



- ◆ Try to carve out at least 10 minutes a day to read aloud to your child.
- ◆ Turn off other distractions, such as televisions and cell phones.
- ◆ Read with expression. Ham it up! Try creating different voices for different characters.
- ◆ **Think aloud as you read.** Tell your child who a character reminds you of, what the story makes you think or wonder, what something means, or what you predict will happen next.
- ◆ Encourage your child to ask questions and talk about the story.
- ◆ Your child may want to hear the same story over and over again. That's fine! After several retellings, have your child tell *you* the story.

Have a wonderful vacation~ Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Reading!

Stay warm,

Lynn Herschlein



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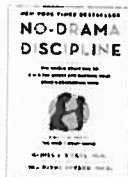
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## **Absences and Homework**

**If your child is absent due to illness** for more than two days, you may call the Main Office to request that some work be provided for your child to complete at home when s/he is feeling better. The teacher and/or an assistant teacher will work with your child upon his/her return to ensure that essential concepts are reviewed. **If your child will be absent due to a vacation**, we will not be able to provide school work in advance of that trip. We recommend, in these instances, that families engage their children in daily reading and writing, especially related to the trip (e.g. the location & culture of the area, daily adventures, etc.). Upon your child's return to school, the teacher and/or an assistant teacher will work with him/her to ensure that essential concepts are reviewed.

## **Parent Book Club**

We will be discussing the first half of **No-Drama Discipline: The Whole-Brain Way to Calm the Chaos and Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind** by Daniel Siegel, M.D. and Tina Payne Bryson, PH.D. on Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. There are still more copies on reserve at the CSH Library, so please consider joining us!



## **First Grade Clubs**

We have concluded Session II of clubs. The music club will meet one more time on Wednesday, February 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:20 a.m.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**February 15<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup>**- Winter break

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Return to school

**February 25<sup>th</sup>**- Spirit Day- Wear School Apparel or Red, White & Blue!  
- Parent Book Club Meeting 10:00 a.m.

**February 26<sup>th</sup>**- Assembly for Students- Chinese Dancers

**March 4<sup>th</sup>**- Dr. Seuss's Birthday/Read Across America Day- Students wear PJs to school!

**March 9<sup>th</sup>** – GPFA Meeting 9:30

## **GPFA UPDATES**

Thank you to all who attended the GPFA meeting this week! Special thanks to Mrs. Herschlein for her helpful presentation on talking to our children about diversity, as well as the importance of both play and high academic standards at Goosehill. The next GPFA meeting is scheduled for March 9th at 9:30am. Hope to see you there!

It's that time of year again! We are now forming the Nominating Committee which is responsible for putting together the slate for next year's GPFA board. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee, please contact the committee chair, Linda Miller, at [lindavonmiller@verizon.net](mailto:lindavonmiller@verizon.net). Available board positions will be posted soon.

Save the date for the Goosehill dances! The Kindergarten Dance will be held on March 31st at 6pm and the First Grade Dance will be April 7th at 6pm.

Enjoy winter break!



**COLD SPRING HARBOR ATHLETICS****"A COMMITMENT TO EXCELLENCE"**

**Come Support the Seahawks**

**Winter Sports: Playoff Schedule**

**Friday February 12<sup>th</sup> 2016**

- **#6 Seed Girls Varsity Basketball vs Division**
  - Game Time: 5pm
  - Location: Field House
- **#5 Seed Boys Basketball (Conference Champions) vs Seaford**
  - Game Time: 7:30pm
  - Location: Field House

**Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup> 2016**

- **Division II Wrestling County Championships**
  - Time: 10am
  - Location: Field House
  - Admission: \$6

**Monday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 2016**

- **CSH Ice Hockey – First Round Playoff Game vs Bellmore/Merrick**
  - Time: 8:30pm
  - Location: Newbridge Arena
  - Address: 2600 Newbridge Road, Bellmore NY 11710

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

## **Celebrate Winter Break @ the Library!**

### **Jump for Joy**

**Tuesday, February 16 @ 10:30 am**  
**For children ages 2-5 with Adult**



### **Macaroni Snowflakes**

**Tuesday, February 16 @ 2:00 pm**  
**For children in grades K-6**

### **Winter Tree Silhouettes**

**Wednesday, February 17 @ 11:00 am**  
**For children of all ages**



### **Snack & A Movie**

**Wednesday, February 17, @ 2:00 pm**  
***Hotel Transylvania 2***  
**For children of all ages**



### **Ceramic Snowmen**

**Thursday, February 18 @ 2:00 pm**  
**For children in grades K-6**



### **Afternoon Art**

**Friday, February 19 @ 2:00-4:00 pm**  
**For children in grades K-6**

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



**Save the Children.**  
Long Island Council



## Make a Pinwheel for Peace

Save The Children Long Island Junior Council  
**Healing Classrooms Challenge**

**Craft Making: PINWHEELS**



**Sunday, March 6 from 2:30 - 4:30 PM**

**Cold Spring Harbor Library**

Children of all ages and Adults

### **YOU CAN BE A CHALLENGE PARTICIPANT !**

For each pinwheel we make- the Bezos Family Foundation will donate \$2- up to \$400,000 to provide support to displaced Syrian youth. Through the International Rescue Committee's Healing Classrooms program teachers will be trained in special techniques to engage conflict-affected children with social emotional learning opportunities and to create secure, nurturing learning environments.



A HEALING CLASSROOM

### **Matching Grant Supports Save The Children Long Island Council!**

A matching donation of \$2- up to \$1,000- for each Pinwheel made at the library will be donated to  
Save The Children Long Island Council

For more information: [studentsrebuild.org](http://studentsrebuild.org) [savethechildrenli.org](http://savethechildrenli.org)

[Lhomer73@gmail.com](mailto:Lhomer73@gmail.com)

# The Heckscher Museum of Art

2 Prime Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 | 631.351.3250 | Heckscher.org

## HECKSCHER FAMILY HOUR Guided Tour and Activity

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Children ages 5 - 10 years

*You Go Girl!* exhibition

**Sunday, May 22, 2016**

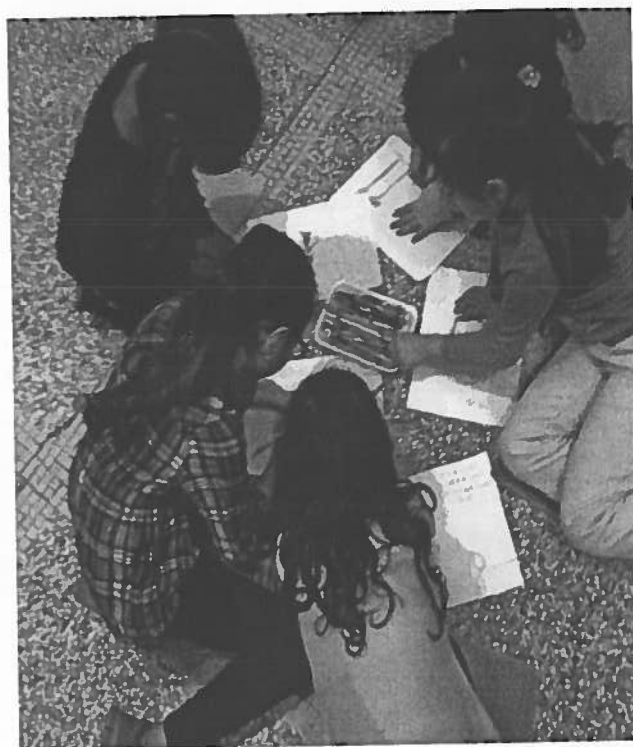
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Children ages 5 - 10 years

*Master of Illusion:*

*The Magical Art of Gary Erbe* exhibition

Children and their families are invited to join museum educator Tami Wood for family-friendly tours of the Museum's exhibitions. Experience the exhibition through close looking, lively conversation, and hands-on gallery projects.



Registration is recommended. Space is limited.

**Museum Admission (children free)**  
**+ \$5 activity fee per child**

The Heckscher  
Museum of Art

### UPCOMING AT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM

La Nuit des Musees: Free Community Event

Saturday, May 14, 2016 | 8:00 pm - 11:00 pm

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# We will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 3rd Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge



**Special  
Olympics**  
New York

**Saturday, March 19, 2016**  
**TOBAY Beach, Ocean Parkway**  
**Check-in between 9:30 - 11:00 am**  
**PLUNGE at 11:30am**



Last year over **400** Plungers braved the chilly waters while hundreds of spectators watched on. Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the PLUNGE! **Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt.....** raise more money and receive more great prizes!

**TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE  
JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP**



## How do I get started?

Log onto [www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay](http://www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay) and click the **Register Here** button.

You can start a team, join a team or join as an individual.

Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to "Freezin' for a Reason!"

Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!



## Did you know?

Special Olympics New York has **65,665 athletes** training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports.

Our athletes and their families or caregivers are **NEVER CHARGED** to participate!

Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!



**Sign up today! [www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay](http://www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay)**

**[facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY](https://facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY)**

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at [jcantone@nyso.org](mailto:jcantone@nyso.org) or 631.254.1465 ext. 204

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# SAVE THE DATE



## Seahawks Athletics Booster Club **FUNDRAISER**

Saturday, April 9, 2016  
7-11pm at The Huntington Country Club



order tickets at  
**[cshathletics.com](http://cshathletics.com)**

**Proceeds from the event support our student athletes!**

Recent contributions include: Varsity Turf Safety Nets • Field Hockey Goals  
Batting Cages • Program Development Clinics for Girls JV Golf & Basketball  
Path to Seahawk Field • New Community Message Board • Tennis Court Wind Screens  
Trainers & AD Golf Carts • Automatic Electronic Defibrillators • Equipment for Weight Room

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