

Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-February 26, 2016



Dear Parents,

I hope you fared well during the wind and rain storm on Wednesday night and were able to enjoy the unexpected day with your children yesterday. As you know, the decision to close school is never an easy one, but is always based on keeping children safe and comfortable.

Similarly, as a parent you have to make decisions about when to keep your child home from school due to a health concern. Sometimes it's an easy decision---your child is obviously sick. Other times, it may not be that simple. Here are a few ideas to consider:

Fever: Children should stay home from school if they are running a fever of 100° or greater. They may return to school after 24 hours only if there is no fever without fever-reducing medication.

Nausea: If your child vomits or has diarrhea in the morning before school, s/he should stay home. If s/he has no appetite and/or complains of stomach pain, is clingy, or lethargic, a day to rest and recover is also indicated.

Cough/nasal discharge: If your child's cough or runny nose is producing excessive mucus or discolored discharge, it is important to keep him/her home. Please help him/her practice blowing his/her own nose and covering his/her mouth when coughing. Having the sniffles, mild congestion, or a slight cough, does not necessarily mean a child can't be active and participate in school activities. On the other hand, if s/he's been up coughing all night and needs to be woken up in the morning (if s/he typically wakes up on his/her own), s/he will likely need to stay home to rest and recharge.

Head Lice: Although not considered a health concern, lice are upsetting and require effort, time, and money to treat. You should check your child's scalp on a regular basis, especially if you observe him/her scratching the head. Students are reminded to avoid head-to-head contact at school, which is the primary way lice are spread. We often see an increase in cases following vacations, when playdates and sleepovers are most common. Please be extra vigilant during those times. The following information is important to note:

- > Head lice are not an indication of poor hygiene. They do not cause disease.
- > Head lice are tiny, wingless insects that live close to the human scalp and feed on blood. The eggs (nits) are tiny, yellowish or white eggs that attach to the hair shaft. They can look like dandruff but cannot be brushed off. The adult louse is the size of a sesame seed and is tan to grayish-white.
- > If you suspect your child has lice, talk to a healthcare provider to discuss the best treatment approach for your family. If your child is treated for lice, there is no reason to keep him/her home from school.

If your child will be absent for any reason, please call the **Health Office 631-367-5950** and leave a voicemail with your child's name, class, and **reason** for the absence. Please send a note explaining the absence upon your child's return to school. (This is required by the NYS Education Department.)

Thank you for your support as we work together to keep our students happy, *healthy*, and ready for learning! Enjoy the weekend---

Lynn Herschlein

Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company

Thank you to Mrs. Melendez, our Cultural Arts representative for arranging today's special assembly in support of our school-wide theme of celebrating diversity. The Nai-Ni Chen Dance Company performed dances from China. The children were a terrific audience and thoroughly enjoyed experiencing a little bit of Chinese culture.

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u> -***including dates rescheduled due to yesterday's school closing ***

March 1st -Parent Book Club- rescheduled to Tuesday, March 1st 10:00

March 3rd- Central Parents Council (CPC) Meeting 9:00

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

March 9th - GPFA Meeting 9:30

March 10th- Spirit Day- rescheduled to Thursday, March 10th

March 24th - 28th - Easter Break

March 31st- Kindergarten Dance 6:00

April 7th - First Grade Dance 6:00

April 22nd-29th- Spring Recess

Half Days of School- Noon Dismissal

❖ FRIDAY, March 18th Parent-Teacher Conferences

❖ WEDNESDAY, March 23rd Parent-Teacher Conferences

❖ FRIDAY, April 1st Parent-Teacher Conferences

* THURSDAY, April 21st Professional development for all <u>elementary</u> staff. (Friday, April 22nd is the start of Spring Recess.)

Board of Education

The next meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 8th at 8:00 p.m. in the District Office.

GPFA UPDATES

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. 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.





COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT 75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

** PLEASE POST **

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 26, 2016, at 4:30 p.m. at the Francis Roberts Community Center. The Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters appropriate for Executive Session.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

SAVE THE DATE



Seahawks Athletics Booster Club FUNDRAISER

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



order tickets at 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
The Seahawks Athletics Booster Club Inc. Is a 501(c)(3) organization. All donations are tax deductible; please consult your tax professional.



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



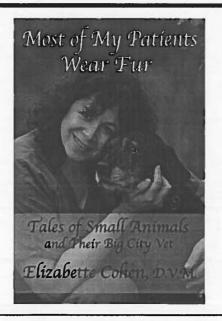
JEDI ACADEMY

Saturday, February 27 @ 2:00 pm For Children of all ages

A long time ago and not so very far away, children yearned to be Rebels. You are invited to learn the ways of the Jedi with Panniken Moonjumper, a true Master of Intergalactic fun and adventure. During this engaging program your little Jedi Warriors, Princesses and Darth Vaders will feel empowered to discover the great Force within their hearts. Family audiences will be wowed by comic antics, exciting physical challenges, magical mayhem, light saber lessons and a visit from our space hero's furry alien sidekick.

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

Programs and Services from the Information Services Department



For the Whole Family! Dr. Elizabette Cohen:

Most of My Patients Wear Fur

Saturday, March 5 at 2pm

Come hear some great stories and get your pet questions answered. Attendees will receive a gift bag for either a cat or dog, and an autographed copy of Dr. Cohen's book. Limited to 50 participants.

Advance registration is required for this event.



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

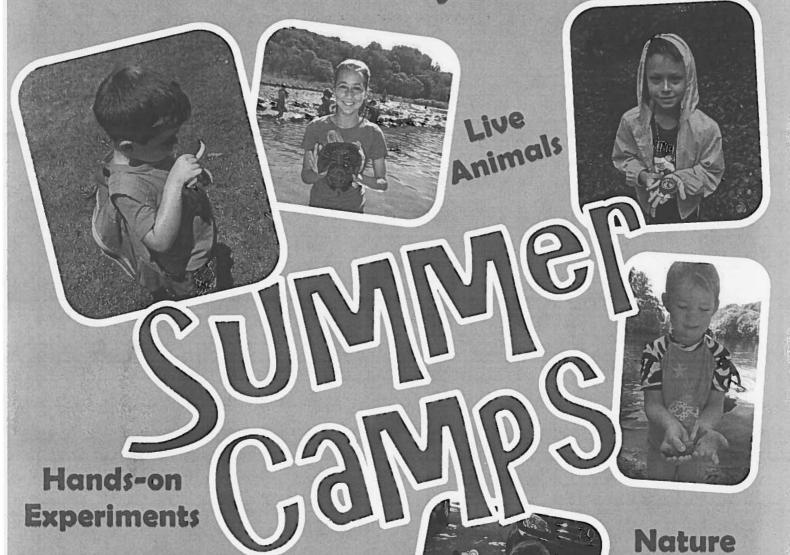
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We will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 3rd Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge





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

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!

Last year over **400** Plungers braved the chilly waters while hundreds of spectators watched on.

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raise more money and receive more great prizes!

How do I get started?

Log onto 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 facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at jcantone@nyso.org or 631.254.1465 ext. 204

Fun, Fun, Fun! Annual Lion's Club Egg Hunt

Welcome Parents and Children (up to 12 years old)

Date: Saturday, March 26, 2016

PLACE: The Francis Roberts Community Center
75 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor

TIME: 10:00 AM SHARP!!
Rain or Shine

DONATION: Please bring a non-perishable food item to help the Huntington Community Food Council

PRIZES, EGG RACES, AND LOTS OF COLORED EGGS!!



For Info Call Skip Norton (631)692-6179



