



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-March 18, 2016



Dear Parents,

Your child's report card is available on the Parent Portal of the CSH website [www.csh.k12.ny.us](http://www.csh.k12.ny.us). Go to the **For Parents** Tab and use the drop-down menu to access the Parent Portal. Click on "*If you already created a log-in...*" to access the portal log-in page. Follow the instructions to the Elementary Report Card. You can print your own copy at home and bring it with you to your parent-teacher conference.

As you review your child's report card, I hope you'll remember that student performance in school is benchmarked in relation to high level New York State Standards. Kindergarten and first grade students are engaged in complex work every day! As I read with students and watch them write and think through math problems, I marvel at how hard they work to apply newly-learned concepts and skills. I hope you'll tell your child how proud you are of all that s/he has learned so far this year. I hope you'll also celebrate your child's effort and willingness to make mistakes as s/he learns to do new things. Children need to see themselves as capable of learning anything they put their minds to---**effort matters most!** We want our students to know that all people are smart but it is how hard they try that helps them achieve success. Finally, we want them to know that making mistakes is an important part of learning. Being comfortable with taking risks and making mistakes helps learners grow with confidence.

Please also consider the following important ideas as you review your child's report card:

- ✓ Each marking period, **the expectations increase** as we work toward end-of-the-year learning goals. If your child's performance level has stayed the same, it still means that *s/he has made significant growth!* For example, a performance level of 3 in the first marking period meant your child had mastered a particular set of skills. In order to perform at level 3 in the second marking period, your child had to *use* those skills and learn and develop **additional** skills, many of which are even more complex.
- ✓ A performance level of 2 means your child *is* learning, but has not yet developed skills he can perform with **automaticity or fluency** and requires extra support in school. Learning is a process, and we do everything possible to support our students along the way. Your child's teacher may provide extra help after school or additional small group or individual instruction in class. Some students receive Academic Intervention Services (AIS) outside of the classroom to give them an extra "boost" for a period of time. We monitor all students' progress closely to ensure that we provide the right amount of support at the right time.
- ✓ Your child's teacher can provide you with suggestions for ways to **practice and reinforce important skills at home**. For example, it is critical that beginning readers develop the ability to read a bank of words with automaticity. **Your child should be reading every day** and practicing "sight words" (e.g. *said, was, went, come*) at home on a regular basis.
- ✓ Reading aloud to your child is the most important thing a parent can do to support a child's vocabulary, listening comprehension, language skills, creativity, and knowledge base. Please make time to read to your child as often as possible---every day is the goal!

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Lynn Herschlein

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**Thank You** Thank you to Mr. Walkin for playing his bagpipes for the children as they entered school yesterday! The children were delighted to hear the wonderful sounds of the bagpipes. Music is yet another way we celebrate diversity at Goosehill Primary School.



**Parent Book Club** Thank you to all who participated in our book club! We had some terrific dialogue about parenting and gained some interesting insights into ways to support our children (and ourselves!). We are in the process of selecting a new book to read and discuss next month. If you would like to join the group and/or have any suggestions for titles, please email Mrs. Herschlein. [lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us](mailto:lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us)

### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**March 24<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>**- Easter Break

**March 31<sup>st</sup>**- Kindergarten Dance 6:00 p.m.

**April 6<sup>th</sup>**- GPFA Meeting 9:30 a.m.

**April 7<sup>th</sup>**- First Grade Dance 6:00 p.m.

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**- Spring Recess

### **Half Days of School- Noon Dismissal**

- ❖ **WEDNESDAY, March 23<sup>rd</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ **FRIDAY, April 1<sup>st</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ **THURSDAY, April 21<sup>st</sup>** Professional development for all elementary staff. (Friday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> is the start of Spring Recess.)

### **GPFA UPDATES**

**Original Works-** Last chance to get your orders in for Original Works! Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to have your child's artwork placed on numerous items including tote bags, notebooks, night lights and more. Get your Mother's or Father's Day shopping done early while also supporting our school! To place an order, complete the order form and send it back to school (along with your child's artwork and a check made out to GPFA) in the plastic bag provided by **Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>**. No orders can be accepted after Monday. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Erin Amadori at [erinhum@aol.com](mailto:erinhum@aol.com). Thanks for your continued support of our school!

**FOCUS & SEPTA-** FOCUS (Families of the Community United with Schools) is accepting names for the 2016-2017 FOCUS board as well as school representatives. If interested please email Angel Engel at [angelaengel2@hotmail.com](mailto:angelaengel2@hotmail.com) by May 31<sup>st</sup>. SEPTA (Special Education PTA) is also accepting names for the 2016-2017 board in addition to school representatives. If interested please email Nicole Prizzi at [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com) by May 20<sup>th</sup>. We are also seeking feedback on how we can serve the community. Please feel free to send in recommendations for topics, concerns or general feedback to [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com).

**Holiday House Fundraiser-** On Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, North Shore Holiday House will be hosting a "Kids Helping Kids" Pottery Painting Fundraiser onsite at 74 Huntington Rd. Parents and kids can stop by anytime between 3 and 6pm to participate. It will be \$25 for everyone's first piece of pottery, \$15 for additional pieces. These pieces are great for every day use as well as for Mother's Day and Father's Day gifts. All proceeds will go toward purchasing art supplies for the 2016 Holiday House camp season. Since 1914, North Shore Holiday House, an independent, not-for-profit organization, has provided free summer experiences to more than 200 children each summer from low-income communities. Holiday House relies heavily on support from our community. This fun event will be a wonderful opportunity for elementary school children to be involved with this local charity.

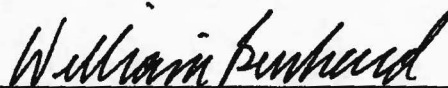
**Huntington Sports League-** There is still time for you to register your child for the upcoming 2016 TBall/Baseball/Softball season at [www.huntingtonsportsleague.org](http://www.huntingtonsportsleague.org). Please click BASEBALL/SOFTBALL REGISTRATION at the top of the page.

**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 March 29, 2016, at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, including the Goosehill Primary School, Special Education & Pupil Services, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, Undistributed, and General Support Budgets, 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!*

### Special Storytimes

**Spring is a Wonderful thing**  
For Children ages 2-5 with Adult  
Monday, March 21 @10:30 am  
Listen to stories about spring and create your own caterpillar.

### Sensory Storytime

For Children ages 3-5 with Adult  
Wednesday, March 16 @ 11:00 am  
Join us in this inclusive program for a sensory enriching experience where we will read stories, sing songs, dance with instruments, and play with some sensory stations.

### Anything But a Paintbrush

For Children in grades K-6  
Tuesday, March 22 @ 4:30 pm  
Get creative with paint and create a masterpiece using anything but a paintbrush. Dress to make a mess.

### Chess Club with the LI Chess Nuts

For Children in grades 3-5  
Saturday, March 19 @ 2:00-3:00 pm  
Learn the fundamentals of chess with the LI Chess Nuts! Participants will have the opportunity to practice and learn with other players. All Levels Welcome

### College Planning in a Nutshell

Monday, March 21 @ 7:00 pm

For children in grades 7-11 and their parents.

College planning in a nutshell is an overview of the college planning process. The discussion begins with college admissions and what factors colleges use to evaluate students. Then we review a calendar of what students need to do beginning in freshman year to build a profile for college. Lastly, specific strategies will be discussed that could help seniors who are borderline applicants at their desired schools.

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

**SIGNATURE EVENTS**

Cold Spring Harbor Library  
provides a  
**Chef Peter Berley Demonstration:**  
**Apostle's Fingers**  
Thursday, April 7 at 7 pm



Described as "the tastiest dessert you never heard of," Apostle's Fingers are lemon- and ricotta-filled crepes. Peter Berley, a James Beard Award-winning chef and author, will demonstrate how to create this delicious Italian dessert.

Advance registration required. Limited to 50.

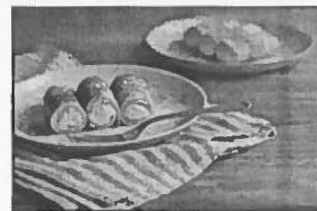


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631.692.6820 www.cshlibrary.org CSH Mobile APP

### Peter Berley Cooking Demonstration:

### Apostle's Fingers Crepes

Thursday, April 7 at 7pm



Chef Peter Berley will demonstrate how to prepare Apostle's Fingers, homemade buttermilk ricotta-filled crepes with lemon syrup. Cookbook sale and signing follows.

This program is free and open to all adults and teens.

Limited to 50 attendees. Advance registration required.

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



**The Foundation Speaker Series:  
Mind, Body and Social Media  
Presents**

**Josh Ochs, bestselling author of "Light, Bright and Polite"**

Josh will join us via Skype on  
**MARCH 30<sup>th</sup> from 11:30-1:00pm at**  
**LaunchPad Huntington, 315 Main Street 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

*He will provide practical and pertinent tools and information on how to know what your kids are doing online, ways to talk to them about it and how to help them present their best selves on social media.*



**Josh travels the country training  
30,000 Teens and Tweens each year  
on how to use social media to  
create a portfolio that enhances their  
online presence, impressing colleges,  
& future employers.**

You will also receive access to this great tool that helps parents monitor their  
student's social media presence every Friday in less than 5 minutes.



**All are welcome**

A lite lunch will be served – limited seating available

**Please RSVP by March 28<sup>th</sup>**

[www.cshedfoundation.com](http://www.cshedfoundation.com)

Join us for a production of



at

Cold Spring Harbor Junior High School  
Performing Arts Center

Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 7pm  
Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 2pm

**\$5.00 Student discount for Goosehill,  
Westside and Lloyd Harbor students!**

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XHHH NORTH SHORE HOLIDAY HOUSE

## "Kids Helping Kids" Pottery Painting Fundraiser



North Shore Holiday House  
74 Huntington Rd  
Huntington, NY 11743

Drop in between 3 and 6pm on Wednesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

\$25 for everyone's first piece of pottery,  
\$15 for additional pieces

All proceeds go toward purchasing art supplies  
for the 2016 Holiday House camp season

Since 1914 North Shore Holiday House, an independent,  
not-for-profit organization, has provided free summer experiences  
to more than 200 children each summer from low-income communities

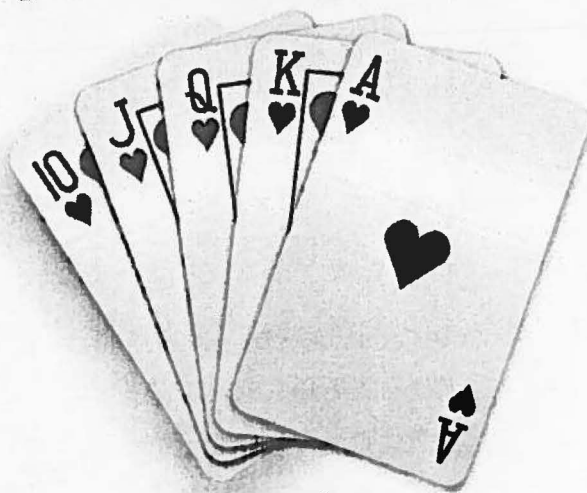
This fundraiser is generously supported by ClayNation  
31 Village Square, Glen Cove



# 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

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