



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-April 15, 2016



Dear Parents,

As part of our school district's partnership with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the first graders enjoyed their visit to the lab this week where they participated in six exciting science activities. They examined their fingerprints and explored the properties of solids, liquids, and gases. They learned about the brain and even examined a sheep's brain! The children loved learning about magnets and about how DNA is a code for the proteins that make up the human body. They loved the experience and learned so much. We are so grateful that our students have the opportunity to see "real" scientists at work in our own community.

In school, our students are fascinated by science. Teachers share poems and informational texts about living creatures, physical science, and the environment. All of our students engage in exciting science investigations on a regular basis. It is wonderful to witness their delight as they explore such topics as the water cycle, force and motion, magnets, and sound. They especially love learning about the turtles and earthworms they are raising through our work with the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery.

The goal of science in a primary school is to build students' understandings about how the world works and how science is practiced. Hands-on experiences help our students form theories to explain "how" and "why" things happen. In school, they use tools like magnifying glasses, eye droppers, measuring cups, rulers, and scales to gather information. They make predictions, record their ideas on charts, and "try things out." Our teachers help our students use language to ask questions, describe what they see, and draw conclusions.

Here are some ideas for ways parents can nurture scientific thinking at home: (from the National Science Teachers Assoc.)

Observing: Invite your child to notice details in his/her environment.

- What happens when we heat a pot of water?
- What do you notice when you breathe on a window pane?

Classifying: Put things in groups based on their characteristics.

- Try sorting your socks by color.
- Divide your toys into groups according to how they work. (push, pull, bounce)

Predicting: Predict and then test what happens.

- How long will an ice cube last sitting on the counter?
- Which will fall faster to the ground, a marker or a crumpled piece of paper?

Quantifying: Encourage children to quantify the world around them.

- What is the temperature outside? Is it warmer or colder than the freezing point of water?
- How many cups will it take to fill this container?

The most important thing you can do as a parent is encourage a sense of wonder in your child. Talk and read about interesting topics. Pose questions like the ones above and look for answers together. Visit the library and take your own field trips to explore the natural world. Just remember...*science is all around us!*

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

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Diversity Day 4/21 (Half day of school)

The children will attend a variety of workshops about differences next Thursday. They will meet a visually impaired adult who uses a guide dog and learn about her life. They will learn a Latin dance, sing songs about diversity, learn some Polish and meet CSH High School students who will share their pride in their heritage. **Plantain chips and water will be offered as a snack. The chips are gluten-free. Ingredients: plantains, non-hydrogenated vegetable oil (palm olein) and sea salt.** (You may send another snack for your child as well, if you would like.) It promises to be an interesting and fun morning!

Earth Day Activities

Thanks to the GPFA, the kindergarten children will enjoy Earth-related recess games and the first graders will plant flowers around our school on Monday. Thank you to Mrs. Johnson, the children will be creating a mural out of reused items next week.

Parent Book Club

We will be reading a new book this month: How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success. Our discussion (on the first half of the book) will be on Wednesday, April 20th at 10:00. Books are available at the CSH Library Circulation Desk. Please join us!

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20th Parent Book Club Meeting 10am

April 21st Half Day of School- Noon Dismissal

April 22nd-29th - Spring Recess

May 4th GPFA Meeting 9:30am

May 7th Plant Sale 9am



GPFA UPDATES

Works of Art: Thanks to all who participated in the Works of Art fundraiser - the kids brought home some really cute items and we surpassed last year's fundraising totals! Special thanks to committee chair Erin Amadori for organizing the fundraiser and to committee members: Melissa Leopard, Shannon Millett, Jill Seiman-Mayer, Denise Ioannou, Deb Aviles, Katie Walton.

Goosehill Celebrates Earth Day! As part of the school's celebration of Earth Day, the Environmental and Beautification committees have teamed together along with the school to provide a hands-on celebration for both the Kindergarten and First grade students this coming **Monday, April 18th**. The Kindergarten classes will celebrate with nature themed lawn games during recess, while the First Graders will leave their mark at Goosehill with flowers and plants they will sow themselves. We are looking forward to a great day. Thank you to everyone who has helped to create the celebration. Happy Earth Day!

Apparel: Flyers went home earlier this week with information on Goosehill apparel available for spring! Place your orders online at <https://ghspring16.itemorder.com/sale> by **Wednesday, April 20th**.

GPFA Meeting: The next meeting of the GPFA will be **Wednesday, May 4th** at 9:30am. Hope to see you there!

Plant Sale & Fundraising: Mark your calendars for the second annual Goosehill Plant Sale! The Plant Sale will take place **Saturday, May 7th** starting at 9am (the day before Mother's Day). Stop by and pick up Mother's Day gifts or even something for yourself! There will also be a bake sale for the kids as well as a raffle basket from Huntington Stand Up Paddle. Raffle tickets are \$5. We are hoping to raise additional funds to contribute towards the installation of a new outdoor basketball court that our students will be able to enjoy year-round. If you cannot attend the plant sale but would like to make a donation towards the basketball court, please send in a check (made payable to the GPFA) in an envelope marked "GPFA Donation." If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlin Eisenegger at kcarrollx3@gmail.com or Amy Koenigsberger at amymulada@gmail.com. Thank you for your continued support of our school!

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

Spring into STEAM

For Children in grades 3-5

Monday April 18 @ 4:30 pm

Join us for STEAM (Science, Technology,
Engineering, Art & Math) activities all about
the springtime season.

After-School is Cool

For Children in grades K-2

Thursday, April 21 @ 4:30 pm

Come to the Library and unwind after school while
listening to wonderful stories and creating an art
project.

Dirt Dessert!

For Children in grades K-6

Tuesday, April 19 @ 4:30 pm

Celebrate Earth Day and make a delicious dirt dessert using Oreo Cookies, Gummy worms,
and chocolate pudding!

InBetween Book Discussion

Monday, April 18 @ 4:30 pm

This Month we will be discussing *When you reach
me* by Rebecca Stead. Books will be available at the
circulation desk.

Teen Community Service:

Cards for Humanity

Thursday, April 21 @ 7:00 pm

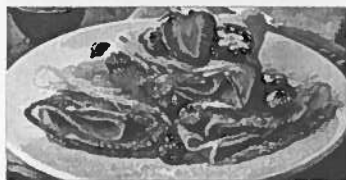
1 hour of community service will be awarded

For more information about any Kids 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

**SWEET & SAVORY CREPES
COOKING DEMO & TASTING**

Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm



Learn how to create a variety of dishes with delicious crepes.
Lucy Van Horn returns to demonstrate how to make sweet
and savory crepes. Bring your appetite!
(Class limited to 20 students.)

This program is open to adults & young adults ages 16+.
Fee: \$5 cash or check, payable to the
Cold Spring Harbor Library.

For more information or to register,
stop by Information Services,
call 631-692-6820, or visit www.cshlibrary.org.

Cold Spring Harbor Library & Information Services
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Cooking Demonstration & Tasting:

Sweet & Savory Crepes

Thursday, April 21 at 7pm

Lucy Van Horn will demonstrate how to prepare a variety
of crepe dishes. This program is open to adults and teens.

Register in advance with your \$5 cash or check, payable to
the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Limited to 20 attendees.

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



Huntington Historical Society
Presents
Passport to the Past
summer camp program



Tending to the kitchen herb garden on the historic Kissam property.

2016 Registration is Open!

Time Travel takes on a whole new meaning! A unique summer camp designed to bring history to life!

Offering 2 two-week, Monday through Friday, half-day summer camp sessions, 9 am to 12 noon for children ages 7 to 12.

Campers can wear colonial costumes, play old fashioned games, tour historical sites, handle various artifacts, and enjoy hands-on colonial-era activities including:

**Weaving, Candle Dipping
Felting Wool, Maypole Celebration**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

\$300 for Society members / \$400 for non-members.

Family Membership fee to join Huntington Historical Society \$60 (for a \$100 savings per child)

Session IJuly 11 to July 22

Session II.....July 25 to August 5

PASSPORT TO THE PAST -2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Refund policy: Tuition is refundable minus \$30 registration fee 30 days prior to session start date.

Parent's Name: _____ Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle Session: Session I / Session II

Amex/ Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover Credit Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Make checks payable to: *Huntington Historical Society*

Mail to: 2 High Street Huntington, NY 11743

Registration Fee: _____

(Optional \$60.00) Society Membership: _____

TOTAL: _____

For more information please call 631 427-7045 ext 404

The Huntington Historical Society is a private non-profit organization.

Spring Break Programs

When school's out, WFC adventures are in!

Marine Science Mornings

Sign up for one day or the whole week online at www.thewaterfrontcenter.org!

Schedule: April 25-April 29 **Grades:** K-2nd & 3rd-5th

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm **Fee:** \$20 per day

Topics Include: Marine Madness Monday, Turtle Tuesday, Wacky Whelk Wednesday, Tidal Thursday, and Fish Frenzy Friday



STEAM Camp

Sign up for whole week online at www.thewaterfrontcenter.org!

Schedule: April 25-April 29 **Grades:** 5th— 8th

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm **Fee:** \$100 for the week

Topics Include: Wind Power, Boat Building, and Simple Machines