

# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 13, 2016



Dear Parents,

With just six weeks remaining in the school year, we have begun the process of preparing our students for the transition to the next school year. The ability to deal with change is an important skill for children to develop. All change, whether it's the end of the school year or the move to a new home, brings some sadness and uncertainty as well as anticipation and excitement. Our goal is to provide opportunities that will help our students understand the upcoming changes and feel comfortable asking questions and sharing any concerns they may have. While we address the changes that each group of students will experience, we keep things simple. Children don't need to be overly concerned about the future! We simply want them to feel confident that no matter which school they attend or classroom they are assigned, they will be safe, comfortable, and happy.

While our current kindergarten students will have the simplest transition next year, we want them to get to know a little about first grade before they leave for the summer. Each kindergarten class will make a weekly visit to a first grade class for "*Buddy Reading*." The first graders will give their kindergarten "buddies" a tour of their classroom and then they will spend time reading their favorite books and/or their own writing to each other. The teachers and I believe this experience helps build excitement while easing the transition to first grade for our kindergarten students.

Our first graders will visit West Side and Lloyd Harbor Schools on June 6<sup>th</sup> for the very same reasons. They will ride a "big bus" to their new schools where they will have a tour and spend time in the second grade classrooms. Our first grade teachers are very skilled at helping the children feel comfortable about moving on to second grade. They answer their questions about each of the schools and assure them that they are ready to "move up." The teachers acknowledge that the children may be sad that some of their friends will be attending a different school and reassure them that they will continue to have good friends in their new schools. Parents often help their children maintain "across town" friendships through play dates and of course, all of the children will be together again in seventh grade. Parents of current first graders received an invitation to attend an Orientation Meeting at Lloyd Harbor and West Side School on May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

While we think about the future, we are still very busy and focused on the present! The children are learning new things every day and using the skills they have developed this year in exciting ways. We look forward to celebrating their successes with you at upcoming events, such as classroom literacy celebrations. **Field Day** and **Moving Up** dates and times are listed on the reverse side of this page in the **Dates to Remember** section. Detailed information about all of our events will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

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## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- May 17<sup>th</sup>** Annual District Budget Vote 6:00 a.m.- 10:00 p.m. at the CSHHS  
Educational Technology Showcase 7:00 (HS Gymnasium)
- May 18<sup>th</sup>** Parent Book Club 10:00
- May 25<sup>th</sup>** GPFA Parent Welcome Tea 10:00
- May 26<sup>th</sup>** Spirit Day- Wear School Colors or GH apparel!  
Kindergarten Students Nature Hike at CSH Fish Hatchery  
Current First Grade Parents- Second Grade Parent Orientation at LH and WS 9:30
- May 30<sup>th</sup>** Memorial Day-No School
- June 1<sup>st</sup>** First Grade Field Trip to CSH Fish Hatchery
- June 2<sup>nd</sup>** Field Day Kindergarten- 9:30-10:45      1<sup>st</sup> Grade- 11:15-12:30
- June 6<sup>th</sup>** First graders visit LH and WS
- June 17<sup>th</sup>** First Grade Moving Up Day Ceremonies- Katz & GC 9:00-10:00      DeRop, Riggles, Villa 10:30-11:30
- June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>**- Half Days of School 12:00 dismissal
- June 23<sup>rd</sup>** Last Day of School 10:30 a.m. dismissal



## **GPFA UPDATES**

**Box Tops**- We are holding a two week class box top competition from May 16th - May 27th. End the year with some box top pride!! Make sure to mark your teacher's name on the envelopes. Winners to be announced Monday, May 30th.

**School Supplies**- We have again teamed up with A.Hartz Pack To School to offer you online ordering of school supply packets for the 2016-2017 school year! This hassle-free program saves you time and money and guarantees that your child will have all of the the teacher-approved school supplies needed for the new school year. To order your packet, visit <http://www.ahartzpacktoschool.com> and select your district, school and grade for the *next* school year. It's that easy! **For those entering Kindergarten or 1<sup>st</sup> Grade, be sure to purchase your GPFA dues when you order - You need to order one GPFA dues per family for your order to be processed.** (ie: if a parent has two children at Goosehill, s/he would only purchase one dues package for Goosehill GPFA. Order deadline is June 22! (For students moving on to West Side or Lloyd Harbor School, you will order one PTG dues per family).

**Special Education PTA (SEPTA)**- Parents of the community -- please join us for an open forum **Friday, May 20th @ 9:30 AM** in the district office board room. We want to discuss with you: topic/speaker ideas for next year, should SEPTA stay part of the NY State PTA, and how we can provide parent support. We want to hear from you! If you can not make it please feel free to email us at [CSHSEPTA@yahoo.com](mailto:CSHSEPTA@yahoo.com)

**Heckscher Family Hour**- Sunday, May 22nd, 1pm. Families with children 5 - 10 years old can experience an interactive tour and art-making activities in the Heckscher Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Master of Illusion: The Magical Art of Gary Erbe." Call [631-351-3250](tel:631-351-3250) to register.

**FOCUS Event**- The CSH Ed Foundation & FOCUS Present: Mindful Parenting, an Interactive Workshop to decrease toxic stress, increase well-being and improve your focus. **Tues, 5/24, 11:00am, Kala Luna, 322 Main St Huntington.** Led by Certified Mindful Educator, Alison Cohen. Refreshments will be served, Bring a yoga mat if you have one.

**Kindergarten Orientation**- The end of the school year is approaching and we have already begun thinking about next year. This past Monday night, parents of the incoming kindergarten class met with Mrs. Herschlein for kindergarten orientation. Thank you to Cat Bauer and Andrea Streater for helping to organize the evening and to those who volunteered their time: Melissa Leopard, Sandra Reilly and Kristen Tizzano. We are excited to have our new students join us in the fall!

**Plant Sale**- Thanks to all who purchased plants and came out to our second annual plant sale last weekend! The event was a big success and we surpassed last year's fundraising totals. Special thanks to Bessi Mavronicolas and Deserie Saunders for organizing the event and to all of the volunteers who stood out in the not so spring-like weather to help our school: Vanessa Mostafa, Nora Burger, Erin Amadori, Gwen Ugan, Rhonda Sutaria, Lisa Smith, Lisa Lesser, Meg Gallagher, Kaitlin Eisenegger, Kristen Choi, Ava Sierecki & Amy Koenigsberger.



# Cold Spring Harbor Schools

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# EdTech Showcase

Methods of teaching and learning are rapidly evolving. Staying current with technological advances in education is vital to student achievement and success. Come experience first hand what's happening in Cold Spring Harbor classrooms today!

It's an event you won't want to miss!

Participate in many  
student-run exhibitions, including:

Robotics - Elementary through High School

Building with the Makerbot 3D Printer

Lightsail: Interactive Reading on the iPad

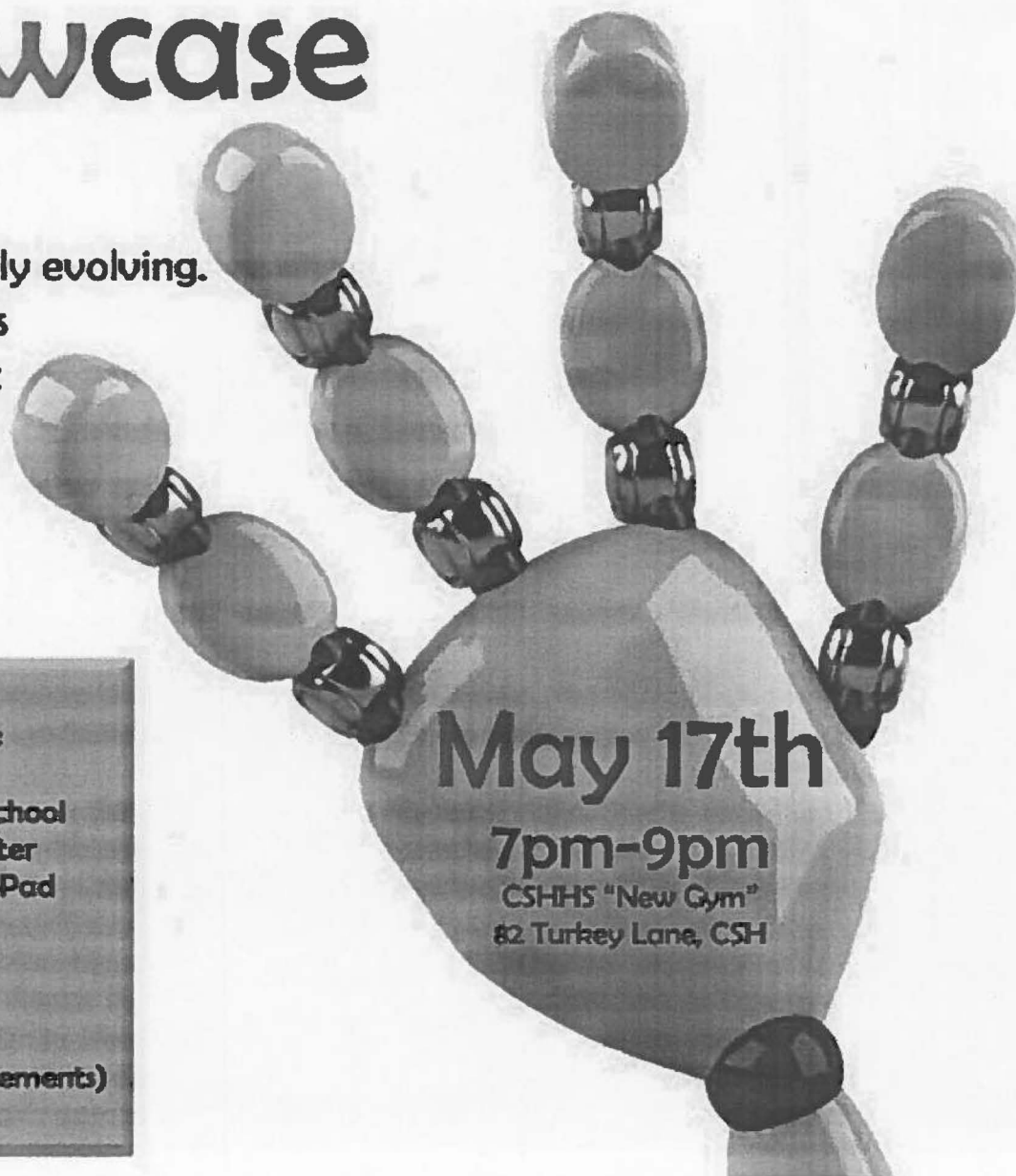
Virtual Enterprise

Beyond the Hour of Code

CSH Virtual Desktop

Media Mania

CSH Hawk Talk (video morning announcements)  
and many more!



## May 17th

### 7pm-9pm

CSHHS "New Gym"  
82 Turkey Lane, CSH

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The Cold Spring Harbor Educational  
Foundation & FOCUS Proudly Present

# Mindful Parenting

An Interactive Workshop to Help:  
Decrease Toxic Stress  
Increase Well Being  
Improve Your Focus  
And More

Led by, Alison Cohen  
Featured Mindful Educator, Mindful Schools

Tues, May 24<sup>th</sup>  
11:00 a.m.

**Kala Luna**  
322 Main Street  
Huntington, NY 11743

Come Dressed Comfortably  
With an Open Heart & Mind  
Please Bring a Yoga Mat – Limited Supply Available

*Refreshments supplied by Kala Luna*



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

**Coffee Filter Butterflies**

**Friday, May 20 @ 3:30 pm**

**For children of all ages**

Make a beautiful butterfly using coffee  
filters and cloths pins.

**LEGO Club**

**Saturday, May 21 @ 11:00 am**

**For children in grades K-4**

**Teen & InBeTween  
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.

**Meals on Wheels Placemats**

**Tuesday, May 17 @ 7:30 pm**

**Community Service Opportunity**

**Teen College Survival  
Monday, May 16 @ 7:00 pm**

For Student entering college & Parents:  
Make your transition from High School to col-  
lege run more smoothly by attending this  
workshop. Talk about issues in freshman year  
including financial responsibility, study tips  
time management, doming vs commuting  
and more

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**

**Annuals & Perennials for Your  
Spring & Summer Garden**

**Saturday, May 21 at 11am**

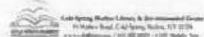


Horticulturalist Paul Levine will discuss some annuals and  
perennials to consider for your spring and summer  
garden. In addition to specific recommendations, Mr. Levine  
will talk about choosing the best location in your garden for  
planting; how much water your flowers will need; the best  
soil and fertilizer to use; insects and pests, and how to get  
rid of them. As an added bonus, a few lucky attendees will  
leave with samples of Mr. Levine's plants.

Q&A session follows. This program is free and open to all.

Advance registration is requested.

For more information or to register:  
visit the Information Services Desk,  
call 631-692-6820, or check [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org).



**Annuals & Perennials for  
Your Spring & Summer Garden  
Saturday, May 21 at 11am**

In addition to specific recommendations, horticulturalist  
Paul Levine will talk about: choosing the best location for  
planting; watering; the best soil and fertilizer to use; insects  
and pests, and how to get rid of them. Q&A session follows  
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For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services  
at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.

# The Heckscher Museum of Art

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

## HECKSCHER FAMILY HOUR Guided Tour and Activity

**1:00 pm - 2:00 pm**  
**Children ages 5 - 10 years**

**Sunday, March 13, 2016**  
*You Go Girl! Celebrating Women Artists*

**Sunday, May 22, 2016**  
*Master of Illusion*  
*The Magical Art of Gary Erbe*

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.

**Members Free, Non-Members Museum Admission**  
**(children free) + \$5 activity fee per child**



The Heckscher  
Museum of Art

### UPCOMING AT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM

**La Nuit des Musées: Free Community Event**

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

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# MOSQUITOES & THE ZIKA VIRUS:

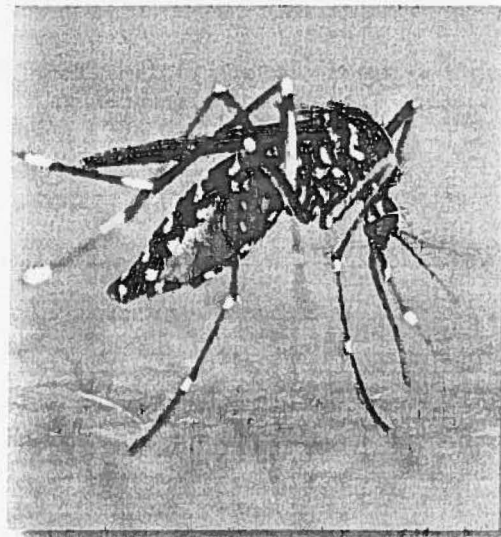


*Information & tips on how to reduce risk from the Suffolk County Department of Health Services*

## ZIKA VIRUS

The Zika virus was first found in humans in 1952 in Africa. In May 2015, the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) issued an alert regarding the first confirmed Zika virus infection in Brazil. As of April 2016, all cases of Zika virus in New York have been associated with travel to areas where outbreaks are taking place.

Infection with Zika virus is usually mild, with most people showing no symptoms. However it is now established as a cause of severe birth defects and serious medical complications. If you are pregnant or are trying to get pregnant and think that you may have been exposed to the Zika virus, or if your partner recently traveled to an area with Zika virus, you should discuss it with your OB-GYN or primary care provider.



## PROTECT YOURSELF FROM MOSQUITO BITES

- Cover your skin: wear shoes and socks, long pants and a long-sleeved shirt when outdoors for long periods or when mosquitoes are more active.
- Apply repellent according to label directions.
- Cover baby carriers with mosquito netting when outside.
- Close doors and make sure windows have screens on them.

*See the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention web site for more information:*

<http://wwwnc.cdc.gov/travel/page/avoid-bug-bites>

## PRECAUTIONS WHEN USING MOSQUITO REPELLENTS

- Avoid prolonged and excessive use of repellents.
- Use only EPA-registered repellents that contain between 20% and 35% DEET.
- Do not allow children to apply repellents themselves. Apply to your own hands and then put it on the child. Do not apply to children's hands. Do NOT use repellent on babies younger than two months old.
- Do not apply near eyes, nose or mouth; use sparingly near ears.
- Do not apply to sunburned, cut, bruised or irritated skin.
- After returning indoors, wash skin and clothing.

*Other repellents protect against mosquitoes but may not be effective against ticks or other bugs: Picaridin (a.k.a. KBR 3023, Bayrepel, and icaridin); Oil of lemon eucalyptus (OLE) or para-menthane-diol (PMD); and IR3535.*



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**Suffolk County Department of Health Services:**  
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631-787-2200



/SuffolkCountyHealthServices



@SuffolkCoHealth

**#ZikaActionNY**





# May 14<sup>th</sup> is Suffolk County Zika Action Day

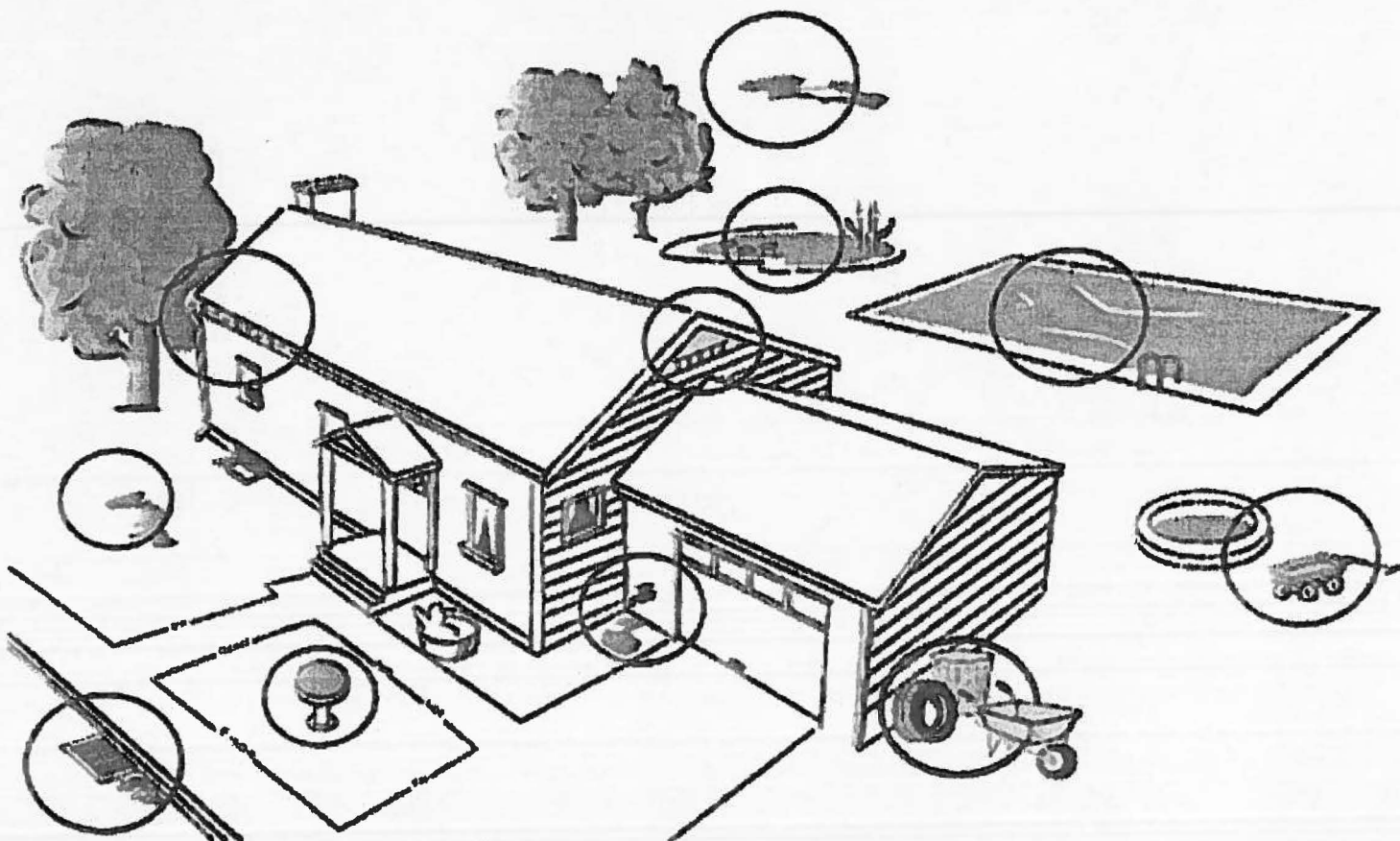
*Together we can reduce the numbers of mosquitoes in our communities  
& stay informed to prevent the spread of the Zika virus.*

On May 14<sup>th</sup>, post a photo of what you & your family are doing to reduce mosquitoes around your home with the hashtag #ZikaActionNY

## REDUCE MOSQUITOES AROUND YOUR HOME & YARD

*Mosquitoes lay their eggs in or near water, and their offspring "grow up" in water before emerging as adults that fly and bite. Therefore, mosquitoes can be controlled by controlling water.*

1. Dump water frequently from outdoor items such as children's toys, bird baths, planters, dog bowls, and garbage cans. Turn upside down, cover, or drill holes in the bottom of items that can hold water.
2. Dispose of used tires, which are a significant mosquito-breeding site. Call your local municipal public works office or the DEC Regional Office to find out how to dispose of used tires properly.
3. Unclog gutters.
4. Tend to your yard and fill in any holes with dirt where water could accumulate.
5. Drain water from pool covers and maintain swimming pools and other water features, such as hot tubs, fountains and ponds.
6. Make sure all window and door screens are free of holes and rips that could let mosquitoes inside.



#ZikaActionNY

