



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 20, 2016



Dear Parents,

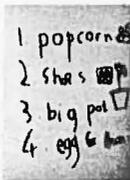
During a recent unit of study, our kindergarten and first grade students learned and applied high level skills as readers and writers of informational text. They learned about the purpose of nonfiction writing (to inform/teach an audience) and all about its features, such as headings and illustrations with captions.

Our teachers designed lessons to teach our young students how to listen for information and remember the most important facts. They chose interesting, yet simple books to read aloud and engaged the students in discussions about what they were learning. Then they helped them to record key details in their own set of "notes." The notes included sketches, labels, and key vocabulary words to help the students remember "what the author is teaching me." Eventually, the students learned to use their "notes" to compose "All-About Books" on the topic.

The children enjoyed drawing and writing about what they'd learned. They wrote using the "voice" of an expert---teaching their readers "all about" the information they'd learned from a book. The teachers and I marveled at their ability to recall information and retell it in interesting ways! We especially loved to examine the rich detail many of them included in their drawings.



Over the course of the year, our teachers have engaged their students in a study of many different genres--narrative, poetry, procedural, persuasive and informational writing. They have read stories, poems, and articles aloud to help their students understand the many ways writers share their ideas. I know you must be proud of the growth your child has made as a writer this year! I will include suggestions for ways to engage your child in writing at home over the summer in my notes next month.



Enjoy the weekend!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Herschlein

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

- 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 14<sup>th</sup>** First graders attend Symbols of America performance



**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

### **Safe Footwear**

Please send your child to school wearing footwear that is safe for running and climbing.  
Please avoid flip-flops or other backless shoes. Thank you.



### **GPFA UPDATES**

**Box Tops-** The last Box Top competition of the school year is underway! We are holding a two week class box top competition from **May 16<sup>th</sup> - May 27<sup>th</sup>**. End the year with some box top pride!! Make sure to mark your teacher's name on the envelopes when sending in your Box Tops. The winning classes will receive an extra recess!

**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 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 First 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.** (For students moving on to West Side or Lloyd Harbor School, you will order one PTG dues per family). *Orders must be placed by June 22<sup>nd</sup>*. Feel free to email Augusta Melendez with any questions at [augustamelendez@gmail.com](mailto:augustamelendez@gmail.com).

**Yearbooks-** Yearbook orders are due! If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook for your child, simply complete the order form that was sent home and return it along with a payment of \$30 ASAP. Please note—the reference to “signing parties” applies to first graders only. Checks can be made payable to the GPFA. Email Mel Saladino with any questions at [mel.saladino@yahoo.com](mailto:mel.saladino@yahoo.com).

**Heckscher Family Hour-** Sunday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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 Screening-** Incoming Kindergarten students visited Goosehill this week for Kindergarten Screening- we are excited to have them join us in the fall! Special thanks to Samantha Sliwak and Corinne Lomangino for helping organize the screening. Thanks also to all of our volunteers who helped out throughout the week: Sarah Trust, Theresa Kingdon, Andrea Streater, Kristine Jacobson, Melissa Leopard, Michele Coco, Kaitlin Eisenegger, Amy Koenigsberger, Kristyn Mulada, Meg Gallagher, Stacy Neri, Lisa Lesser, Lisa Smith, Rhonda Sutaria, Bessi Mavronicolas, Janine Mullen, Nancy Worden, Claudine Caracciolo, Purvi Gandhi and Julie Starrett.

**Raffle Winners-** Congratulations to the winners of our Plant Sale raffle prizes! The Labuda Family won the Stand Up Paddle Basket and the Albert Family took home the \$180 prize for the 50/50. Thanks to all who purchased raffle tickets and once again congrats to the Labuda and Albert families!

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

**Beautiful Birdhouses**

Monday, May 23 @ 4:30 pm

For children in Grades 4-6

Add a touch of color to your back yard and make a home for your feathered friends by painting your very own birdhouse!



**Adventures in Art**

Tuesday, May 24 @ 4:30 pm

For children in grades K-6

Discover the work of *Georgia O'Keeffe* then create an art project inspired by her work

**Afternoon Art**

Friday, May 27 @ 2:00 -4:00 pm

For children of all ages

Bring your imagination and the Library will supply the rest.

**Little Scientists**

Thursday, May 26 @ 2:00 pm

For children ages 4-5

Enjoy the wonderful world of science with books, and hands on activities

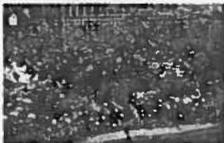


For more information about any Kids Or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library 631-692-6820

**Programs and Services from the Information Services Department**

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

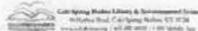
Saturday, May 21 at 11am



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).



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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 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*



THE FOUNDATION  
COLD SPRING HARBOR EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION



Bringing Families and Schools Together

# JOIN US THIS SUMMER!

## Mini-Seahawks Dates for Grades K-1

July 11-15th from 9am-12pm

July 18-22nd from 9am-12pm



### What is the Mini-Seahawks Camp?

Mini-Seahawks is a weeklong camp, which will be filled with many fun activities for kindergarten and first grade students. For three hours each day the campers will experience a wide variety of sports including Basketball, Soccer, T-ball, Lacrosse, Tennis and many more. The campers will be introduced to the fundamental skills of a variety of sports. CSH coaches will teach these basic fundamentals

**Registration is going on NOW!**

Reserve your spot today by signing up at [www.seahawkssportscamps.com](http://www.seahawkssportscamps.com)



# Anything That Floats Notice of Race

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**When: Sunday, June 5th**

**Time: 4:30pm**

**Where: Beekman Beach, Oyster Bay, New York**

All participants/groups must fill out an Anything That Floats Race (ATFR) Registration Form for each entry and sign a liability waiver. This event is a creative challenge open to all! We encourage people of all ages to participate and make colorful, standout, fun, exciting, and abstract boats. We support the use of anything recycled and recyclable found in an attic, garage, the recycling bin, etc. Participants must be ready to race when it is their turn and cannot begin racing until signaled to do so by the Race Committee. The race will start from the beach each craft will paddle around several buoys, and return to the beach after crossing the finish line.

**There will be three categories of racers:**

1. Youth Challenge: Any craft constructed and crewed by one or more children under 14 years of age.
2. School/Group Team Challenge: Two (2) or more constructors/crew per craft  
Two divisions
  - Half the crew are 12 y/o and under
  - All crew are between 13 to 18 y/o
3. Open Challenge: NO Age or Builder Restrictions.

**Requirements:**

- Life Jackets must be worn
- Use Recycled materials, such as:
  - o Wood
  - o Cardboard
  - o Cloth
  - o Metal
- The following are not permitted:
  - o Styrofoam of any kind
  - o Rubber
  - o Mechanical propulsion



**[www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org](http://www.TheWaterFrontCenter.org)**

# Goosehill Yearbook 7.

## Order Form

**Hooray! Goosehill yearbooks are on the way!  
Please kindly submit your payment of \$30 by  
Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.**

(We greatly appreciate timely payments, as late payments create extra work for your teacher and the office staff. Also, in the case of siblings, we recommend purchasing a yearbook for each child as there are "signing parties" in the <sup>First Grade</sup> classrooms).

**Please remove this order form and send it in with your payment of \$30.**

**Attn: Mel Saladino, for First Grade Students**

**Attn: Geraldine Ficara for Adams and Rinaldo**

**Attn: Amanda O'Grady for Cooper, Gross, & Kestenbaum**

**Checks can be made payable to GPFA.**

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**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

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