



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-September 11, 2015



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending **Back to School Night** last night. In spite of the heat and rain, I am sure you enjoyed meeting your child's teachers and learning a little bit about your child's school experience. The teachers, staff, and I appreciate your involvement in your child's education. Our partnership will ensure his/her happiness and success in school.

Last night, your child's teacher described our school's grade level expectations. You may have been surprised at what your child is already learning to do and all s/he will learn to do this year. Our teachers are experts at designing instruction that builds children's skills in a gradual, but steady way. At the beginning of the year, they devote a lot of time to developing the foundational skills necessary for success. Children are learning to listen carefully, interact respectfully, follow routines, and implement procedures. Even the morning arrival time is filled with opportunities to develop these skills. Your child is learning to unpack his/her backpack, put notes from home into the teacher's basket, make a lunch choice, organize materials, and get started on a morning activity. The goal is to develop independence and a sense of competence so that our students enjoy learning and can achieve at high levels.

As adults, we know that it takes more time for children to do things for themselves than it does for us to go ahead and do things for them. We are tempted to unpack a backpack or put belongings away so that we can help them on to the next task. However, if we keep the goals of *independence* and *confidence* in mind, we realize that teaching and then expecting children to complete tasks on their own is well worth our time and effort. By ***gradually releasing responsibility*** to children and praising their efforts, we help them develop the capacity to follow instructions, make choices, solve problems, and complete tasks independently---all essential to their success in school.

You can support your child's developing independence by recognizing all of his/her efforts in school and then having him/her take responsibility for similar tasks at home. Here are some ideas:

- ✓ Have your child unpack his/her backpack when s/he gets home from school. Establish a routine for where notices go, where to put homework papers, and emptying the lunchbox.
- ✓ After completing homework, have your child pack his/her own folder and backpack for the next school day. Model for your child how you mentally check off what is needed. ("Homework folder? *Check!*")
- ✓ Involve your child in making decisions about lunch and snack. Look at the school menu together and talk about the choices. If lunch will be packed, plan the "menu" the night before.
- ✓ Lay out clothes for the next day. Allow your child to make simple choices from a set of options you are prepared to accept.
- ✓ Let your child participate in simple household chores, such as setting the table and putting away his/her toys.



Of course, things won't be perfect from the start! Children need support, patience, and time to learn new procedures and routines. They need acknowledgement and praise---even when they don't do the task perfectly! Ultimately, they will take pride in their accomplishments and you will see that your child is even more capable than you imagined. The greatest payoff will be your child's developing confidence and how s/he begins to take pride in being a contributing member of your family---just as s/he is becoming a contributing member of his/her classroom and school.

To our families celebrating Rosh Hashanah, we wish you a Happy New Year!

We look forward to seeing you at the GPFA Welcome Picnic next Friday-- Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Dates to Remember

September 14th -15th - Rosh Hashanah (No school)

September 18th – GPFA Welcome Back Family Picnic 4:30-6:30

September 23rd – Yom Kippur (No school)

October 1st- Goosehill Photo Day

September 11th

Because our students are so young, we commemorate the day in a very simple way. We talk about this being a day when all of the people in our country think about how lucky we are to live in the United States of America. We are grateful for our homes and schools, and the people who take care of us and make sure that we have happy lives. We said the Pledge of Allegiance extra proudly today.

Notes from the GPFA

Thanks to all who came out to the GPFA's Welcome Back Tea earlier this week! We had a great turnout and are grateful to everyone who signed up for committees. If you were not able to attend the Tea and are interested in volunteering your time on a committee, please contact Lisa Smith at lisakoch_99@yahoo.com or Lisa Lesser at lalphd@yahoo.com. Special thanks to Mrs. Herschlein and our wonderful teachers for taking time out of their busy days to come to the Tea!

Directories were distributed at the Welcome Back Tea. If you paid your GPFA dues but were not able to attend the Tea, your directory should have been sent home in your child's backpack. Contact Kaitlin Eisenegger at kcarrollx3@gmail.com if you did not receive it. For those who would still like to pay dues, you can send a \$30 check made payable to "GPFA" in your child's backpack and a directory will be sent home. Please note the following correction for the school directory: The address for Paige Worden should be 3 East Huxley Drive.

The GPFA Back to School Picnic will take place on Friday, September 18th from 4:30-6:30pm at Goosehill. Bring the whole family and enjoy pizza, a DJ, bounce houses and more! Cost is \$20 per family, siblings welcome. Please be sure to RSVP to the Paperless Post and indicate how many family members will be in attendance and if any are gluten free. See you there!

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Cold Spring Harbor SEPTA

(Special Education Parent-Teacher Association)
2015-2016 Membership

The Cold Spring Harbor Special Education Committee is a district-wide organization which is dedicated to support parents/caregivers of students who have learning needs and require the support of district-wide services.

Levels of support include:

- Special Education
- Speech Therapy and Language
- Occupational Therapy
- Physical Therapy
- Extra Help/Tutoring
- AIS (Academic Intervention Services) for:
Reading
Math
Writing

The strength of our committee comes from our membership and their participation.

Membership provides support to:

- Parent Support Groups
- 2nd Cup of Coffee
- Homework Club
- Friendship Club
- Parent Seminars

SEPTA dues are \$20 annually. Dues may be paid by cash or check. Checks can be written out to CSH SEPTA. Please email us with any questions at csksepta@yahoo.com.
Homework and Friendship Club will be additional fee.

We thank you for your continued support!!

Your SEPTA Board,
Nicole Prizzi, President
Lauryn Koke, Co-Vice President
Christiane Franzese, Co-Vice President
Ali Gladowsky, Secretary
Anne Scott, Treasurer

CSH SEPTA Membership Form

Name: _____	email: _____	
Address: _____	Phone: _____	
Childs name: _____	School: _____	Grade: _____
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Dues: \$20.00
Please make checks payable to: **CSH SEPTA**

The Heckscher Museum of Art

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HECKSCHER FAMILY HOUR Guided Tour and Activity

Sunday, September 20, 2015

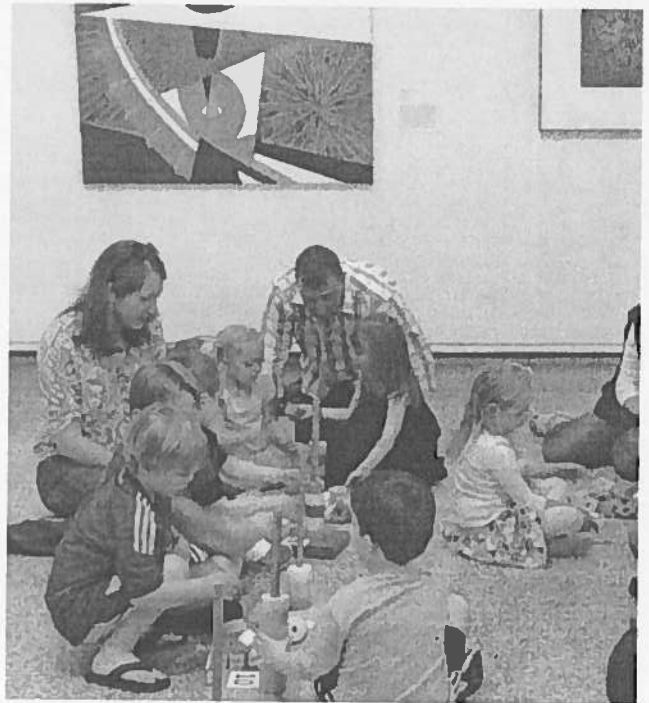
1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Children ages 5 - 10 years

Children and their families are invited to join museum educator Tami Wood for a family-friendly tour of the Museum's *Graphic Appeal: Modern Prints from the Permanent Collection* exhibition. 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



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UPCOMING AT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM

DRAW OUT! Free Community Event

Sunday, September 27, 2015 | 12:00 noon - 4:00 pm
(Rain date: October 4)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

RAINDATE: SUN, OCT 4

Step back in time and celebrate Long Island's maritime heritage and historical arts and crafts at The Whaling Museum!

VISIT

Our redesigned gallery *If I Were a Whaler* and raise the sails, swab the deck, and listen to sea chanteys

EXPLORE

Historical craft-making and see demonstrations about the crafts of yore

CREATE

The whole family can try candlemaking, woodworking, and scrimshaw carving to take home!

MEET

Local artists and artisans and shop the handmade wares of Long Island's craftspeople

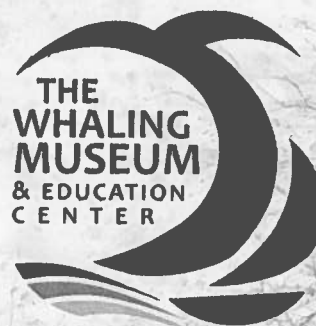


CALL FOR ARTISANS!

Bakers, Carvers, Knitters, Painters, Woodworkers, Candlemakers, Metalsmiths, Potters, Weavers, Quilters -- We invite local artisans to bring the skills of yesterday to life for the community. This event is an opportunity to give demonstrations as well as a setting to sell. Spots are limited; apply on our website: cshwhalingmuseum.org/seafaire

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27 | 12-3 PM
RAINDATE: SUN, OCT 4

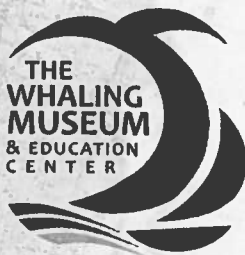
Step back in time and celebrate Long Island's maritime heritage!
Swab the deck & raise the sail in our new gallery, *If I Were a Whaler*

- ~ Historical Demos & Craftmaking for the Whole Family ~
- ~ Hear Sea Shanties ~
- ~ Try Candlemaking & Scrimshaw Carving ~
- ~ Meet local artisans & shop their crafts ~

Admission: Free With Museum Admission (\$6 Adults, \$5 Seniors & Kids)
Members Free Admission
Several activities have craft costs; All other activities are included in admission

The Whaling Museum & Education Center

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Save the Date!

SeaFaire Sept 27
Family Crew Hour Oct 3
Columbus Day Cosplay Oct 12
Wail-ing Museum & Festival Oct 25
Day of the Dead Nov 1

Lots More Online!

cshwhalingmuseum.org

