



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-October 2, 2015



Dear Parents,

As part of our District Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an early dismissal drill on **Friday, October 9th**. Kindergarten AND first grade students will be dismissed together at 11:50 a.m. *If your child is in kindergarten, you should wait at the bus stop approximately two hours and ten minutes before the usual time. If your child is in first grade, you should wait at the bus stop approximately three hours and ten minutes before the usual time.*

Please understand that vans may run a little late, as the kindergarten and first grade students will be riding home on the vans together. (We use the morning routes to transport the children home on half days.)

Because the purpose of the drill is to practice an early emergency dismissal, it is important that you keep your child's usual dismissal plan!



Pick-ups: If your child must be a pick-up on Friday 10/9, please send a note to school on the yellow change of transportation form in the morning. Please park your car and meet your child **in the cafeteria at 11:50.**

*****Please note: We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.**

Van Riders: On half days, the children **do not ride their regular afternoon van routes.** Instead, they ride the vans they normally take in the MORNING, which **are NOT THE SAME as the afternoon routes because they include both kindergarten and first grade students.** In order to avoid confusion, **please do NOT make a request that your child get off at any other stop but his/her own.** That stop may not be on your child's morning van route!

The emergency dismissal drill is one component of our comprehensive safety plan. We conduct a variety of drills in school, including fire and lockdown drills. One requires that children know how to exit the building quickly and quietly with their class. The other requires that they remain seated and quiet in their locked classroom. We explain to the children that we practice different ways of being safe. We are careful not to alarm them and keep our discussions very matter-of-fact. The children know that safety drills are just one of many things we *practice* in school.

Because October is Fire Safety Month, our local fire department will provide a brief fire safety presentation for all classes. The children enjoy learning with "Firefighter Tom." I will share the contents of his presentation with you after his visit at the end of the month.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Dates to Remember

October 7th- GPFA meeting 9:30am

- 10/7 Lunch Recess Orientation 10:30am

October 9th- **Early Dismissal - 11:50am**

October 26th- FOCUS parent event "Celebrate Calm" by Kirk Martin 7:30pm

October 27th- FOCUS parent event "Celebrate Calm" by Kirk Martin 9:30am

October 30th - Goosehill Halloween Parade

November 9th - GPFA Parents' Night Out Fundraiser



November 11th - No School- Veterans' Day

November 15th- SEPTA Family Event - Peanuts Movie, 10am at Elwood Cinemas

GPFA Meeting on Wednesday, October 5th 9:30-10:30

Mrs. Herschlein will present a workshop on reading and writing. She will share grade level expectations for children in kindergarten and first grade and ways parents can support their children's developing skills at home. The meeting will be followed by the Lunch and Recess Volunteer Training, which is required for parents who wish to serve as volunteers during their children's lunch and recess period during the year.

Halloween Parade- Friday, October 30th

I will provide additional details next week, but please note the following for now:

- ✓ The children are invited to wear a simple costume to school.
- ✓ Please avoid costumes that are frightening or gory, include a mask or large accessories (especially weapons), or involve face or hair paint. Safe footwear is required.
- ✓ We engage the children in a simple sing-along and parade on the field which you are invited to attend. The start times will be at about 9 or 9:30 a.m. and the event lasts about 45 minutes.
- ✓ Details will be provided to you next week.



Immunization Records

New York State recently changed the immunization requirements for school children resulting in changes to *when* children must receive certain vaccinations. If you received a notice from our Health Office indicating that something is missing from your child's health records, simply call Mrs. Gurtowski, our school nurse, and she will explain the next steps. **631-367-5950**

Notes from the GPFA

Please mark your calendars and save the date for the GPFA Parent's Night Out Fundraiser on November 9th. Join us at Honu Cocktails & Kitchen from 7-9pm and meet other Goosehill parents while enjoying dinner, raffles and more! Money raised will help the GPFA plan events and activities for our students throughout the school year. Look out for an invitation and further details. We are currently accepting donations for raffles prizes for the event. If you are able to secure a raffle donation please contact Kim Testa at kn testa@aol.com. The deadline for donations is October 31st- we will be emailing out donation request letters soon to assist with your efforts. Thank you in advance for your help!

We'd like to thank Photo Day Co-Chairs Nicole Prizzi and Sandra Reilly for coordinating Goosehill's Photo Day! Their hard work and organization helped make the day run smoothly. Special thanks also to those who volunteered to help get our kids camera ready: Michele Coco, Colleen Haskell, Cat Bauer, Jennifer Sirris, Jillian Damast, Katie Zarboutis, Kristen Choi, Laurie Duke, Laurie Corallo, Catrine Golia, Tricia Avidano, Julie Starrett, Alicia Schwertl, Kerri Albers, Nicole Pultz, Jackie Murray, Katherine Gusick, Denise Ioannou, Whitney Vitale, Jordan Smith, Rebecca Goodkin-Carlin, Jenny Tsoumpas, Lauren Jasinski, Barbara Callaghan, Jill Seiman-Mayer, Purvi Gandhi, Dawn O'Rourke, Kristine Jacobson, Amy Bertsch, Anna Gevinski



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MEMO

To: All Parents

From: Mark Margolies 

Date: September 30, 2015

RE: **Early Dismissal Drill**

NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN REQUIREMENT

In compliance with the regulations of the Commissioner of Education, The Cold Spring Harbor Central School District has scheduled its annual test of the Early Dismissal Drill for:

Friday, October 9, 2015

All pupils in Grades K through 12 will be released **10 minutes earlier** in order to test the early dismissal response of the DISTRICT'S EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN.

Early Dismissal Time:

Goose Hill Primary	11:50 a.m.
West Side Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Lloyd Harbor Elementary	11:50 a.m.
Jr/Sr High School	2:15 p.m.

Please make appropriate arrangements for the early arrival of your children as a result of this drill. If your child is picked up at school, please adjust your schedule accordingly. Thank you.

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FAMILY SCARECROW PROGRAM

Sunday, October 4, 2:00 & 3:00 p.m.
For children with their families



Bring the whole family and make a scarecrow to display for the season! Bring your own clothes to use for your scarecrow design. Adult-sized clothes work best. **Registration required.**



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