



Goosehill Primary School
Weekly Notes-November 20, 2015



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the GPFA Board for organizing our Food Drive and to our teachers and parents for helping to fill the boxes with everything a family will need for Thanksgiving dinner. The boxes will be delivered this weekend to the Helping Hands Mission in Huntington Station. This activity was an important one for our students, as it prompted discussions at home and in school about *gratitude and caring for others*. Through such discussions, children can become more sensitive to the needs of others and begin to develop empathy. It helps them to recognize that their parents and other people do many things for them –provide a comfortable home, prepare dinner, buy them toys, help them learn---for which they can be grateful. They can begin to learn that not everyone may be as fortunate as they are and that sharing and helping others “feels good inside.”

At our Spirit Day Assembly yesterday we discussed what it means to be grateful for all that we have. The children sang songs that emphasized sharing, including others, and showing gratitude: “*The Welcome Table*,” and “*All I Really Need*.” We previewed our new “Buddy Benches” which were purchased through the generosity of the GPFA. A Buddy Bench is a special bench on a playground where children can sit if they are feeling excluded or lonely. If someone is sitting on the Buddy Bench, other children will know to invite him/her to play. We will have a brief ceremony after the Thanksgiving break to introduce our Buddy Benches. The last song we sang yesterday was “*Try New Foods*.” It encouraged flexibility and being willing to try new things, make new friends, and of course, to try new foods! We thought it was appropriate with all of the holiday festivities ahead!

The faculty, staff, and I hope you enjoyed **Family Focus Week**. We know how important family time is and wanted to support your efforts to spend unhurried time with your children. We look forward to reading the children’s responses to the week’s activities.

We have full days of school on Monday and Tuesday, November 23rd and 24th. Thanksgiving recess begins on Wednesday. We return to school on Monday, November 30th.

The faculty, staff, and I are grateful for your continued support. We wish you and your family a wonderful Thanksgiving!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Kindergarten Science

The kindergarten students enjoyed the first session of the SOILS program through the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery. Mr. DeSimone introduced the children to the earthworms they would feed and care for in the science room this year. They used magnifying glasses to examine soil and learned how earthworms make the soil rich with nutrients so that plants grow healthy and strong.

*****Please be sure to register for the Parent Portal on our website—You will need it to access your child's report card! Here is another copy of the instructions: (You need to have your child's student ID #)*****

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "*For Parents*" and click on "*Parent Portal*"
3. Scroll all the way down to "*How can I apply for access to the portal?*" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "*Yes*" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "*Online Registration*" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the *Account Information* portion (followed by *Personal Information* and *Student Information*).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted.

Notes from the GPFA

Book Exchange- Thanks to all who attended the GPFA meeting this week. Special thanks to Mrs. Herschlein for her very helpful reading workshop. At the meeting, it was suggested we start a book exchange where parents can borrow early reading books to enjoy with their children at home. If you are cleaning out your bookshelves and have any early reading books (BOB books, Brand New Readers, Reading A-Z, Handprints etc.), we will gladly accept any donations! More details will be available soon.

Yearbook Position- Mel Saladino has done an amazing job coordinating the yearbook at Goosehill, however this is her last year at our school. Mel is currently looking for a Kindergarten parent to "shadow" her this year and take over the yearbook next year. It is a fun job and a great way to see what is happening at our school! If you are interested contact Mel at mel.saladino@yahoo.com

Value Drug- With holiday shopping just around the corner we wanted to remind you about the Value Drug Rewards program. Value Drug will donate 3% of your purchases to Goosehill. Cards were sent home earlier in the month for you to use OR you can simply mention that you want to donate your purchase to Goosehill and the cashier will scan a card for you. Note: Please mention the rewards program BEFORE you begin checking out - thank you!

Goosehill Holiday Bake- It's time for Holiday Baking! The GPFA will again be wrapping plates of baked goods to thank all of the wonderful staff members that work at our school. Please consider helping out by baking (or buying!) cookies or baked goods. We also need volunteers to help assemble and wrap the plates on December 11th at 8:30am. If interested visit <http://vols.pt/TJF2UQ>

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

**Afternoon Arts & Crafts
Friday, November 27 @ 2:00 pm
For Children of All Ages**

Unlock your inner Picasso and let the artist in you shine! Visit our 'creation stations' in the Hands-On Learning Center and explore the possibilities of your imagination.!

The Library Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 25	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday, November 26	Closed
Friday, November 27	9 am - 5 pm

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

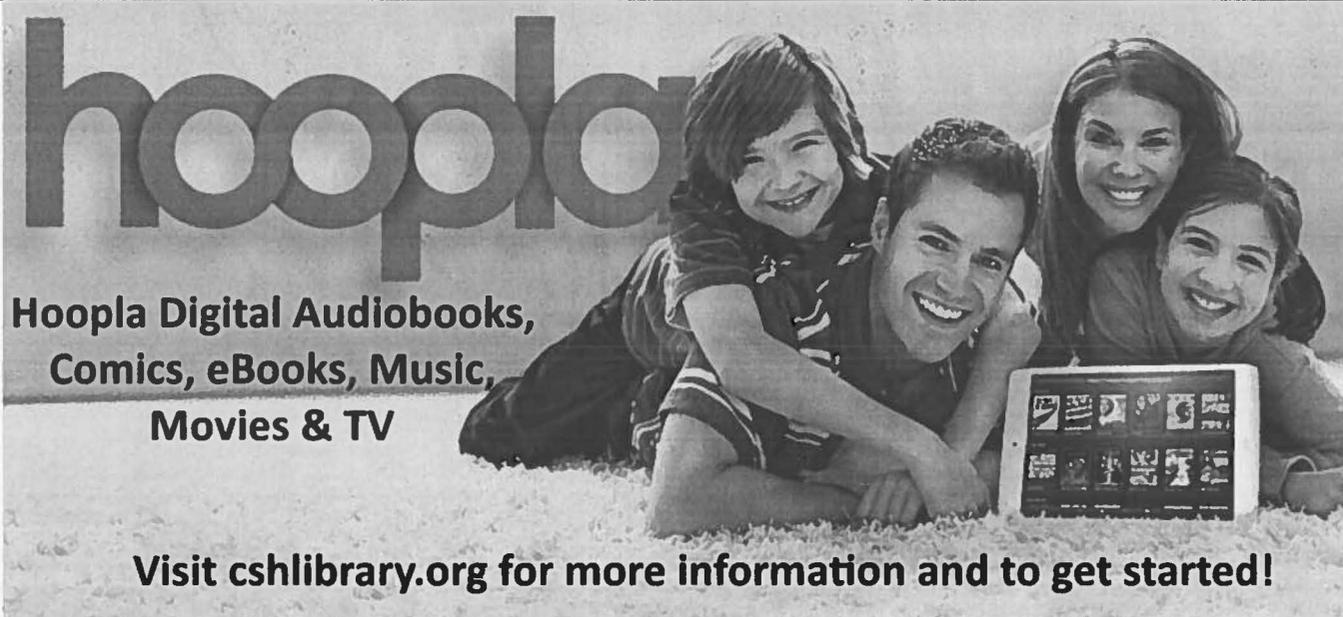
**Coming soon to the Children's Department
Our New "InBetween" Area**

This is a new section created especially for kids in grades 5-7! Come in and browse to find the perfect book Also, look for many more programs in 2016 for this age group.

Lots of great programs are coming your way including video game programs, crafts and volunteer opportunities.

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

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Movies & TV

Visit cshlibrary.org for more information and to get started!

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