



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-December 4, 2015



Dear Parents,

An important component of the New York State Social Studies framework for kindergarten and first grade involves teaching children about **diversity**. Here are a few concepts from the framework:

- Children and families from different cultures all share some common characteristics, but also have specific differences that make them unique.
- Diverse cultural groups within the community and nation embrace unique traditions and beliefs, and celebrate distinct holidays.
- Unique family activities and traditions are important parts of an individual’s culture and sense of self.
- People and families of diverse racial, religious, national, and ethnic groups share their beliefs, customs, and traditions, which creates a multicultural community.
- Awareness of America’s rich diversity fosters intercultural understanding.

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) has adopted the goal of continuing to foster a school culture that celebrates and honors differences among people. Our plans for the year include many read aloud books and discussions, songs, whole school artistic projects, and morning announcements related to this theme.

When teaching children about diversity, we emphasize that all people are the same on the “inside” and have many, wonderful differences on the “outside.” We celebrate and respect people’s differences in the way they look, dress, speak, and celebrate holidays. Because many of our families celebrate a holiday in December, the children are very interested in the topic. Next week, we will be asking the children to talk with you about your family traditions and holidays and to draw and write about them. The teachers will provide opportunities for them to share their stories with each other and we will display their writing and artwork in our hallways. We will also have a Spirit Day Assembly on Thursday, December 17th when we will discuss some winter holidays and sing songs representative of them.

Reading books together is a perfect way to start a conversation about the traditions of families that may be different from your own. Of course, there are many, many wonderful books to be found in the library and book stores. Try series books such as *My First Holiday* series by Karen Katz and *Rookie Read About Holidays* to help you explore holidays and traditions around the world.

The faculty, staff, and I wish our families celebrating Hanukkah a joyous week ahead.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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Board of Education

The next meeting of the Board of Education will be held at 8:00 in the District Office on Tuesday, December 8th. All are welcome to attend.

Report Cards

Mrs. Herschlein will review and discuss the K-1 Report Card at the next GPFA meeting on Wednesday, December 9th at 9:30 a.m.



Report cards will be posted on the Parent Portal next Friday at 5:00 p.m. Please be sure to register for the Parent Portal to access your child's report card. Paper copies are no longer mailed home.

***** Here are the instructions for registering on the Parent Portal of the CSH website: (You need your child's student ID # which was provided to you in the August class placement letter and Orientation Folder. It is the same number you use for the school lunch Meal Pay program.)*****

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.

Here is a link to the portal information page:

<http://www.csh.k12.ny.us/parents.cfm?subpage=1059712>

Thank you!

Thank you to all of our parents who help to beautify the school with vibrant bulletin boards and seasonal decorations. Your creativity knows no bounds!

Notes from the GPFA

UPCOMING DATES

- 12/9 GPFA Meeting 9:30am
- 12/11 GPFA Holiday Cookie Bake Wrapping 8:30am
- 12/11 Report Cards Available Online
- 12/17 **Spirit Day**- Wear Goosehill apparel or school colors
- 12/24-1/1 School Closed, Winter Recess
- 1/13 GPFA Meeting 9:30am
- 1/28 Kindergarten Family Fun Night 6pm
- 2/4 1st Grade Family Fun Night 6pm



GPFA UPDATES

Goosehill Holiday Cookie Bake- On Friday December 11th, the GPFA will be wrapping plates of baked goods to thank all of the wonderful staff members who work at our school. We are still in need of several volunteers to help bake (or buy) cookies and baked goods and also to help assemble and wrap the plates. Help us show our appreciation to our amazing staff! If interested visit <http://vols.pt/Qty1BW6> Thank you for your support.



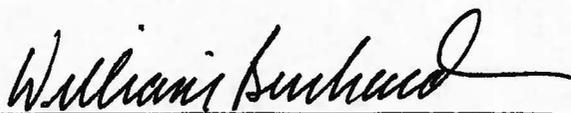
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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 8, 2015, 2015, at 6:30 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

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

Cold Spring Harbor Library Signature Events Present
Nutcracker in a Nutshell
Performed by the LIBallet Theatre
Sunday, December 6, 2:30 p.m.

A narrated presentation of The Nutcracker as performed by professional and student dancers. Children will be invited to help tell the story and 'dance' on stage with the cast.



Move to the music of this holiday favorite!
 Advance registration requested.

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

For Everyone! *Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department*

Get inspired for the holidays, or take a moment to rest & relax! Read your favorite magazines, any time, anywhere!

Flipster

The magazines you know and love, available digitally.

Visit our website for more information and to start reading!

For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.

Tree Lighting Ceremony

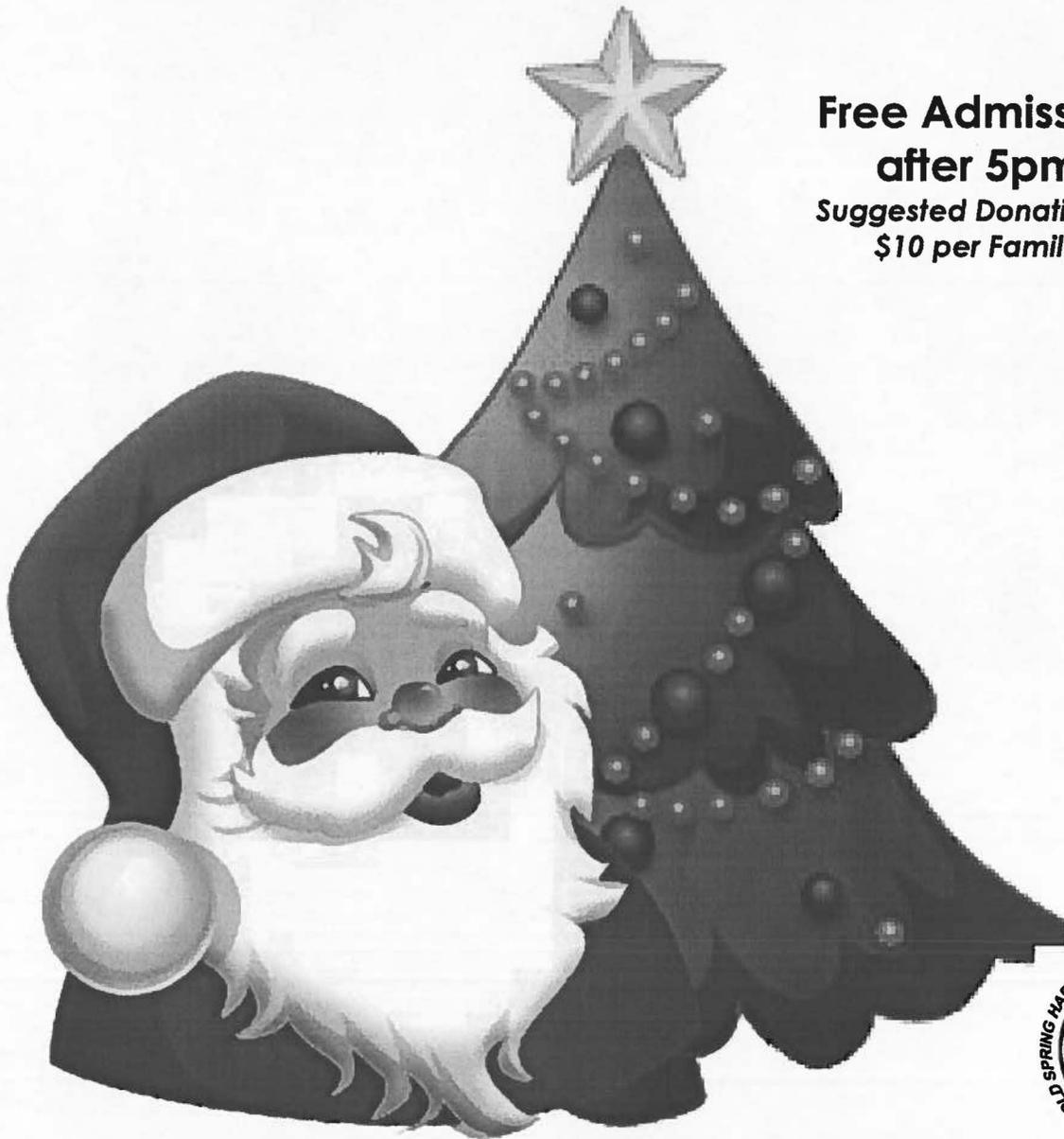


Saturday, December 5th
5:30pm

Santa Claus will light the Hatchery's Christmas Tree at 5:30pm.

The Hatchery & Aquarium will remain open until 7pm.

Cookies • Hot Chocolate • Tea



Free Admission
after 5pm

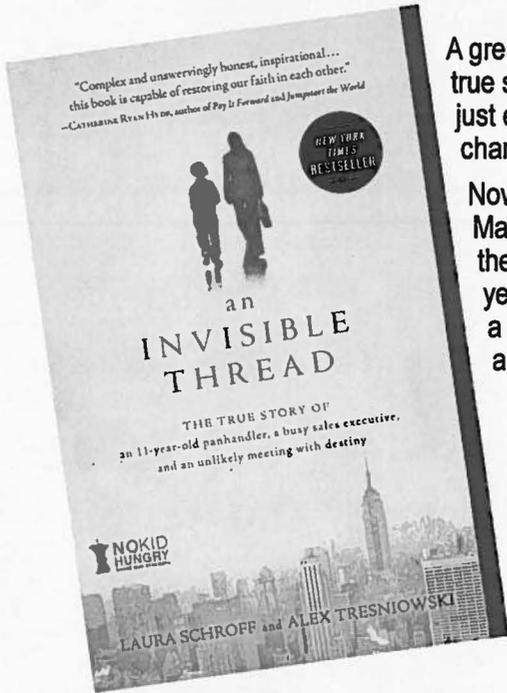
Suggested Donation of
\$10 per Family



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Laura Schroff, New York Times bestselling author of 'An Invisible Thread', is coming to Cold Spring Harbor!

The Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School CFA is very excited to announce that Laura Schroff will be the speaker at this year's Literary Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on April 6, 2016 at the Huntington Country Club.



A great read for both teens and adults, 'An Invisible Thread' tells the remarkable true story of Laura's lifelong friendship with Maurice who she met when he was just eleven years old and needed money for food. One small act of kindness changed both their lives forever.

Now, in this sweet picture book, Laura retells the first Christmas that she and Maurice spent together. This heartwarming tale captures the true meaning of the holidays and will be one you'll want to share with your family year after year, as a reminder that a gift from the heart is always the best present.



Don't miss this chance to purchase these heartwarming books for the Holidays!

Please indicate the number of books you would like to order:

An Invisible Thread (Paperback)

_____ copies @ \$12 each = \$ _____

An Invisible Thread Christmas Story (Children's Book)

_____ copies @ \$14 each = \$ _____

Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Please return order forms to your school office by **Friday, December 11th**
Checks should be made payable to: CSH CFA. The books will be delivered to your child's school to go home via backpack.

All are welcome to attend the Literary Luncheon, invitations will be sent out in February.
Please list your name & address below if you would like to receive an invitation to this year's Literary Luncheon.

Please contact Monica Stingi at mdstingi@hotmail.com with any questions.



PeerPals.org
More Than Just a Play Date

If you had the power to instill empathy, compassion, and tolerance in your child, just by playing with a new friend, would you?

Children learn and practice these important life skills through the FREE PeerPals.org Program of inclusive play dates. These skills are the benchmarks for academic and personal success and bully prevention.

PeerPals.org is dedicated to helping children with special needs become part of their communities through individual and group play dates. We are looking for children with and without special needs, from age 2 through the end of kindergarten, who want to make a new friend in their neighborhood. PeerPals.org is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization.

**To sign up or to learn more, go to:
 PeerPals.org
 or contact Julie at (516) 318-8057 or julie@peerpals.org**

 Please complete and return to your child's teacher.

Name _____ **Child's name** _____

Email address _____

Phone number _____

Yes! I would like more information about PeerPals.org.