



Goosehill Primary School  
Weekly Notes-January 22, 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you to the GPFA for sponsoring our author visit yesterday. The children enjoyed meeting author, Steve Metzger, hearing him read his books and learning about his work as an author. Mr. Metzger was very impressed with how engaged and polite our children were. He was even more impressed with their responses to his presentation. He told me he has never had a young audience demonstrate such knowledge of facts (about space and other topics), vocabulary, and nursery rhymes. (Knowledge of nursery rhymes was critical to understanding his book, Detective Blue) I felt like a proud parent, especially as our students confidently recited so many nursery rhymes! But of course, the credit goes to our teachers and to **you**---their parents and *first* teachers. You have given your children a solid literacy foundation on which our teachers can build the skills of lifelong readers, writers, and thinkers.

The fact that our students can recite nursery rhymes is very important. Nursery rhymes build phonological awareness---the awareness of the sounds of language---which is the foundation of early reading and writing skills. So much learning happens through nursery rhymes---here are some ideas from Tony Stead, a nationally-known literacy consultant:

- Nursery rhymes teach children to hear, learn, and enjoy the sounds of language---the sounds that vowels and consonants make. This is critical to developing their ability to decode and spell words.
- When young children recite nursery rhymes, they also practice pitch, volume, inflection, and rhythm.
- Nursery rhymes teach vocabulary like “fetch” (*a pail of water*) and “lean” (*his wife could eat no lean*).
- Because nursery rhymes are patterns, they help children learn easy recall and memorization.
- Nursery rhymes usually tell a story with a beginning, a middle, and an end. This teaches young children that events happen in sequence.
- Nursery rhymes use patterns and sequence, and many also use numbers. Nursery rhymes incorporate counting and math concepts that children need to learn, such as size and weight.
- Nursery rhymes introduce alliteration (“Goosie Goosie Gander”), onomatopoeia (“Baa Baa Black Sheep”), and imaginative imagery.
- Funny nursery rhymes help children to develop a sense of humor.



According to all the research on reading, it is clear that the single most important thing you can do to promote your children’s success in school is read aloud to them **regularly**---nursery rhymes, poetry, fiction and nonfiction picture books, and even chapter books.

Based on Mr. Metzger’s observations of our students, you are likely already doing so. Thank you! Please continue---keep reading to your children... for many years to come.

Stay safe and warm this weekend.

Lynn Herschlein

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## **Cold Weather and Outdoor Recess**

We would like to send the children outdoors this winter as much as possible. Please be sure to send your child to school with appropriate outerwear, including hat, gloves, scarf. Remember to label everything with your child's name!

## **Parent Book Club**

Mrs. Herschlein will be facilitating a Book Club next month. The title of the book is **No-Drama Discipline: The Whole-Brain Way to Calm the Chaos and Nurture Your Child's Developing Mind** by Daniel Siegel, M.D. and Tina Payne Bryson, PH.D. Fourteen parents have signed up so far. If you are interested in participating, please email Mrs. Herschlein and indicate whether you would like us to reserve a copy for you from the CSH Library or you will secure the book on your own. The goal is to meet during the last week of February and the first week of March. (9:30-10:30- on a Tuesday or Wednesday) Dates will be confirmed in a few weeks once the books have been secured and distributed. (lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us)



**Kindergarten Registration**-If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2016. Please contact the District Registrar, Gloria Albert (631-367-5910) to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive registration information from the Superintendent in January. Registration begins next month.

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

**January 27<sup>th</sup>**- FOCUS workshop: Conquering School Anxiety, 9 a.m. Goosehill Primary School

**January 28<sup>th</sup>**- Kindergarten Family Fun Night- 6:15 p.m.\*note change-the date was listed incorrectly here last week

**February 4<sup>th</sup>**- First Grade Family Fun Night- 6:00 p.m.\* note change from 6:15 to 6:00

**February 10<sup>th</sup>**- GPFA Meeting 9:30 a.m.

## **GPFA UPDATES**

Mark your calendars for Family Fun Nights at Goosehill! **Kindergarten Family Fun night will be held next week on Thursday, January 28th at 6:15pm.** Bring the whole family to enjoy a magic show by Handsome Harry. **First Grade Family Fun Night will be Thursday, February 4th at 6pm.** Mad Science will be putting on an exciting show for our first grade families. Family Fun Nights are \$10 per family and siblings are welcome to attend! Feel free to arrive a few minutes before the start time to get settled and ready for the show. Hope to see you there!

The Box Top competition is heating up! Be sure to clip some box tops over the snowy weekend to add to your class totals. The top collecting kindergarten and first grade classes will win a free recess. Please remember to label your envelope or baggie of Box Tops with your teacher's name so they can be counted towards your class totals. **The deadline for the Box Top competition is Friday, January 29th.**

FOCUS will be holding a workshop this month on Wednesday, January 27th at 9am in the Goosehill Community Room. Conquering School Anxiety ~ Tips for Parents and Students! Special guest speaker, Meredyth D. Kravitz, Psy.D. will present us with applicable strategies that will help us help our children. Let's learn how to relax and stay calm so we can offer them support in being better-prepared and more successful as test takers.

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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 Special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on January 26, at 5:00 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 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss the 2016-2017 budget and any 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!**

**In Between Study Skills Unwrapped:  
How to Succeed in the Classroom  
Wednesday, January 27th, 7pm  
For parents & kids in grades 5-12**

Executive functioning is this year's buzzword. What are executive functioning skills? Why do they matter? And how do students 'get them'? This workshop, presented by Thinking Caps Group, will discuss what study and executive functioning skills are crucial to academic success. Come learn the secrets to sustainable academic success for you or your child.

Both students and parents are welcome to attend.



**Create a Stuffed Animal Friend**

**Thursday, January 28th @ 4:30 pm**

**For children in grades K-6**



Create your own stuffed animal to take home and love!



**Mini Masters**

**Monday, January 25th @ 2 pm**

**For children ages 3-5 with Adult**

Discover the art of Alexander Calder, then create your own sculpture inspired by his work.

For more information about any Kids Programs 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**

HERE ARE AT LEAST TWO REASONS FOR YOU AND YOUR FAMILY TO TAKE A BOATING SAFETY CLASS

**REGISTER FOR YOUR ABOUT BOATING SAFETY CLASS TODAY!**

- Meets New York State requirements
- Taught by qualified United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Instructors
- Sample topics:
  - Introduction to Boating - Types of boats; family boating rules;
  - Boating Law - registration, required safety equipment, operating safely, reporting accidents, protecting the marine environment; Federal and state boating laws;
  - Boat Safety Equipment - Types of life jackets and other safety equipment;
  - Safe Boating - knots, float plans, checking equipment, fuel, weather and tides, using charts, checking and using an anchor;
  - Navigation - Right-of-way rules; avoiding collisions; sound signals;
  - Boating Problems - accidents and rescues; person overboard recovery; capsizing; running aground; emergency radio calls; engine problems; equipment failures; carbon monoxide;
  - Trafficking, Storing and Protecting Your Boat

**2016  
3 Alternate Saturdays  
February 27  
March 19 or  
April 16  
9:30 am-5pm  
(30 min. for lunch)**

Students must be at least 10 years old. Students should bring a bag lunch to class. Parents do not need to attend but all students must be picked up by 5pm. Fees \$40 per student (cash or check) includes book and certificate.

**Locations:** The Cold Spring Harbor Library & Environmental Center, 85 Harbor Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**Reservations:** (Monday) or (Wednesday) Call the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820, or visit the Library's online calendar at [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org) or email [queatch@cslib.org](mailto:queatch@cslib.org) to register.

**BOAT Responsibly**

**About Boating Safely Class**

**Saturday, February 27,  
from 9:30am-5pm**

This is a one-day, intensive instructional course for those 10 years of age or older. Students should bring a bag lunch & snacks. \* Advance registration required. \* Fee: \$40 cash or check payable to 'US Coast Guard AUX CSH Flotilla.'

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

**CAMP ADVENTURE**

@ Winter Break

**SUPER GIRL JAM****Feb. 16-19 from 9am-5pm****Camp Edey, Bayport****\$160 Per Girl, Grades K-6**

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It's up to every Girl to explore her **SUPER POWER** and use it to Change the World!

- Conduct awesome sound experiments
- Attend the ultimate dance party
- Unlock the secrets of soil
- Play super games
- And much more!

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Plus, you'll get your own Journey Book from the *It's Your World-Change It!* series.

*Bus transportation available from Commack.*

**MORE INFO &  
REGISTER @ GSSC.US**

**Questions? Call (631) 472-1625 or email [camp@gssc.us](mailto:camp@gssc.us)**



*Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem! Only \$30 to begin your GS experience.  
For more info, email [membership@gssc.us](mailto:membership@gssc.us). Girl Scouts of Suffolk  
County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This activity is not  
affiliated or endorsed by the School District.*