

#### Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-October 9, 2015





#### Dear Parents,

As Halloween draws near, I would like to share our plan for the day- Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>. Because we know that many children love the idea of wearing costumes, we invite them to wear a simple one to school. We will hold separate grade level sing-alongs and have a short parade around the school field. Parents and grandparents are invited to attend!

While children can get very excited about Halloween, some aspects of the day can be frightening for them. At school, we keep our activities simple and playful. Teachers read lighthearted stories and poems about Halloween and sing not-so-scary songs, such as "Dem Bones," and "Jack-o-Lantern is a Funny Fellow." Courtesy of the GPFA, all students receive a pumpkin and enjoy decorating it. But with all that Halloween entails in books, in the media, and even in holiday decorations, it is almost impossible to avoid images of ghosts, goblins, and zombies. We are mindful of the impact that scary words and images can have on young children. It is important to remember that many young children may still need help understanding the difference between what is real and what is imaginary. For these reasons, we ask that you please avoid sending your child to school in a costume that represents something frightening or gory. Remember, children at this age love to be superheroes, animals, and princesses!

Parents are invited to attend their child's grade-level sing-along on Friday morning (10/30) in the cafeteria and an outdoor parade around the field.



- **¥** Kindergarten 9:00-9:40
- 4 1st grade 9:25-10:15
- 4 All classes will parade together: 9:25-9:40.

For safety reasons, please adhere to the following guidelines regarding costumes:

- ✓ The costume should be simple enough for your child to change out of independently or safe and comfortable enough to be worn all day.
- All children (whether they change or remain in their costumes) need to be wearing safe footwear in school. Please don't send your child with heels, slippery shoes, or shoe covers that cause a slipping or tripping hazard.
- ✓ Hats should be easily removed and should not cover the eyes. (No masks, please.)
- ✓ We ask that all accessories (especially weapons) be left at home, as they can be a distraction/danger to children. There is also the possibility that they can be lost or damaged.
- ✓ Please do not send children with makeup on or with spray-painted hair.

Please remember that food, especially candy, cannot be distributed in school.

We are looking forward to a fun-filled morning for the children!



Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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October 15th -Spirit Day- Students are invited to wear school apparel and/or school colors: red, white, and blue

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 30<sup>th</sup> - Goosehill Halloween Parade

November 9<sup>th</sup> - GPFA Parents' Night Out Fundraiser

November 11<sup>th</sup> - No School- Veterans' Day

November 15<sup>th</sup>- SEPTA Family Event - Peanuts Movie, 10am at Elwood Cinemas

November 18th GPFA meeting 9:30am- Mrs. Herschlein will present a workshop on reading

#### Lunch-Recess Volunteer Program

Lunch and Recess Volunteer Training is required for parents who wish to serve as volunteers during their children's lunch and recess period during the year. If you missed this week's meeting, please plan to attend on Friday, October 16th at 9:00.

#### Notes from the GPFA

Thank you to all who attended the GPFA meeting earlier this week. Special thanks to Mrs. Fuller, our school social worker, for her helpful presentation about our students' social and emotional development at Goosehill. Mrs. Herschlein will present her reading and writing workshop at next month's GPFA meeting on Wednesday, November 18th.

Our Lunch/Recess Program in underway! Thank you to our co-chairs Rebecca Goodkin-Carlin and Jennifer Cahn for all of their hard work. Everyone who attended the training this week should receive an email with a link to VolunteerSpot to sign up for lunch/recess volunteer time slots. If you were not able to attend the training, another one will be offered at a future date. If you have any questions about the program, please contact Rebecca Goodkin-Carlin (for kindergarten) at goodkincarlin@gmail.com or Jennifer Cahn (for first grade) at icahn631@yahoo.com.

Did you know you could raise money for Goosehill while shopping at Target and Value Drug? At Value Drug, simply mention Goosehill while checking out and our school makes 3% of each purchase! If you have a Target Credit Card or Target MasterCard account you can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program and Target will donate 1% of your purchase to Goosehill. Simply call 1-800-316-6142, visit Target.com/tcoe or go to an in-store kiosk to designate Goosehill as your school (ID 75783). Please contact Rhonda Sutaria at rhondasutaria@hotmail.com with any questions about these programs.

Goosehill students will be participating in a penny drive this year and we are in need of several large water jugs to help with our collection. If you have any you are willing to donate please contact stacyneri@gmail.com.

Please save the date for the GPFA Parent's Night Out Fundraiser on November 9th. Join us at Honu 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. 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 kntesta@aol.com.

Last but not least, clip some BoxTops over the holiday weekend and send them in Tuesday in your child's folder. Thank you!

#### 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 October 13, 2015, at 6:00 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 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

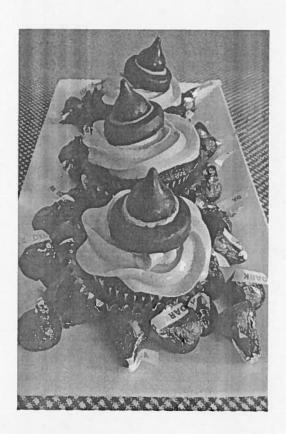
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#### For Kids & Teens! Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!



#### Witch Hat Cupcakes

Monday, October 12, 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday, October 13, 4:30 p.m.

For children in grades K-6

Decorate a delicious cupcake to take home and enjoy.

Registration required.

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

Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department



#### Learn How to Take Better Photos in Our

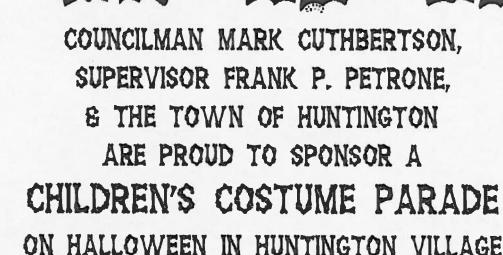
#### **Personalized Photo Shoot Sessions**

Saturday, October 17

Point-and-Shoot Camera Session: 10-11:30am



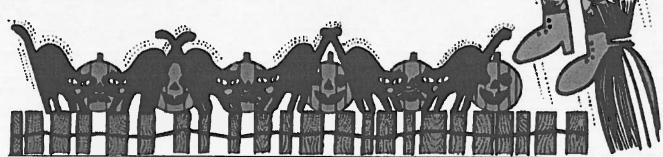
Professional photographer John Spoltore will give hands-on workshops during which attendees will experiment with settings and practice shooting. Bring your camera and manual!



The Town of Huntington will sponsor its Annual Children's Halloween Costume Parade in Huntington Village on Saturday, October 31st at 1:15 p.m. Children of all ages (and their parents or guardians) are welcome to walk in the parade and participants should plan to meet in front of the Huntington Post Office on Gerard Street in Huntington Village at 1:00 p.m. Children will walk from Gerard Street to the intersection of Wall Street and Main Street (25A).

Village Merchants will pass out candy to trick-ortreaters for its "Safe Trick-or-Treat Program." Dress up and bring a goody bag to hold your candy!

For more information about the parade, please call 351-2877. (In the event of inclement weather, the parade will be cancelled.)



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### CelebrateCalm



## 10 Ways to Stop Defiance, Disrespect & Yelling

with America's Calm Coach Kirk Martin & his son, Casey

#### Kirk will demonstrate 10 ways to:

- Get your kids to listen the first time.
- Stop defiance, disrespect and yelling.
- Stop whining, tantrums and sibling fights.
- Get kids off video games/screens without a fight.
- Create stress-free mornings, homework time and bedtime.

"Practical, life-changing and laugh-out-loud funny"

FOCUS (Families of the Community United through Schools) invites our parents, friends an the community to two dynamic parent events on:

Monday, October 26 7:30pm - 9:30pm Tuesday, October 27 9:30am - 11:30am

Performing Arts Center at Cold Spring Harbor School 82 Turkey Lane Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

- -Perfect for parents with kids ages 2-22!
- Both workshops will cover the same topic & content.

Watch the Video Clips and learn more at www.CelebrateCalm/Events/CSH-NY

Contact Brett with any questions. 888.506.1871. Brett@CelebrateCalm.com

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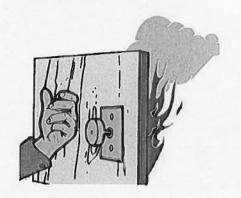
TOWN OF HUNTINGTON TOWN BOARD

#### October 21, 2015 7:00 P.M.

FRANK P. PETRONE Supervisor

MARK CUTHBERTSON, Councilman SUSAN A. BERLAND, Councilwoman EUGENE COOK, Councilman TRACEY A. EDWARDS, Councilwoman







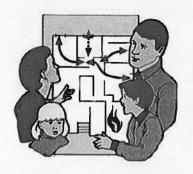
- 2. If the door is blocked by smoke or fire, leave through a window or secondary emergency route.
- 3. Once out of the house go directly to your meeting place, such as a tree or mailbox on your front lawn.

1. Feel the door to check if it's HOTI If it's Not Hot open the door slowly, bracing it with your knees and shoulder. But be prepared to slam it shut quickly if there's smoke and fire on the other side.

Knowing How To React In A Fire Could Save Your Life, Or The Lives of your Children









Coordinated through the efforts of the Town of Huntington Office of the Fire Marshal and in conjunction with your local Volunteer Fire Departments.

OFFICE OF THE FIRE MARSHAL 351-3138

## SMOKE DETECTORS

Most fatal residential fires occur while the occupants are asleep. Installing smoke detectors outside bedroom areas will provide the extra minutes of warning needed to escape. The most recent figures available from the National Fire Incident Reporting System indicates that the installation of a Smoke Detector will double your chance of survival during a fire.

## **DEVELOPING THE PLAN**

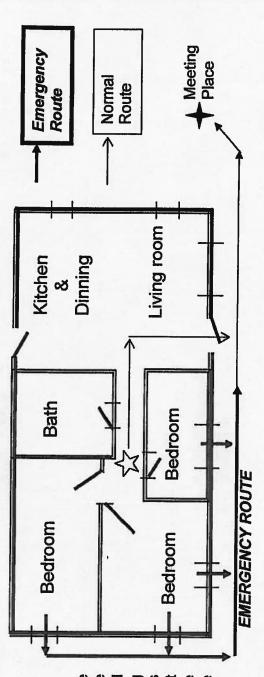
Members of the family should work together to draw a plan of each floor of your house where bedrooms are located.

Your plan should include:

- The location of Smoke Detectors.
- Two escape routes; one for normal and one for Emergency use.
  - All doors, windows, stairways, fire escapes and adjacent buildings.
- A central meeting place outside your

If a window is designated as an Emergency Route, make sure the person who uses it is able to reach and unlock the window, remove the screen and / or the storm window, reach the ground safely.

Designate someone to call the fire department from a neighbor's house. Post a copy of your finished plan in a conspicuous place as a constant reminder.



# PRACTICE YOUR PLAN ON A MONTHLY BASIS AND REMEMBER THESE IMPORTANT HINTS:

- Sleeping with bedroom doors closed can add valuable minutes of protection against flame, smoke and toxic gases.
- If you have a telephone in your room, have the Fire Department's number on it or nearby.
- Keeping a whistle, hom, or other such audible signal near your bed may prove valuable in waking other members of your family who may not hear the smoke detector. If family members use a different signal you will know who is awake without opening doors.

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A MEMBER OF YOUR FAMILY!

# PUTTING THE PLAN INTO ACTION

If the smoke detector sounds or you smell smoke, wake your family with your signal. If you hear another signal answer with yours. Keep Calm. Roll out of bed and crawl to the door. Feel the door from bottom to top. If it is hot near the top do not open it. Proceed to your designated emergency exit.

If the top of the door is not hot, brace your foot and shoulder against it and open it carefully. If there is only light smoke, crawl to the normal exit. If the smoke is dense or the door is hot use the Emergency Exit. Report to the designated meeting place.

Notify the Fire Department from a neighbor's house. DO NOT ALLOW ANYONE TO REFORTER THE BUILDING FOR ANY REASON.

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