West Side School

The Friday Notes

Our 226th Season November 6, 2015

Principal's Corner

This week our second graders were quite busy in the areas of reading and writing. During reading they immersed themselves in a problem-solution unit. While writing, they created realistic fiction stories. Third graders wrote biography poems and reviewed strategies for solving multiplication problems. Their bio poems focused on where they have been, loved ones who are important to them, and much more. Fourth graders drafted reading responses, synthesized information from paired text passages, and collaborated in small groups during math to solve real-life problems. Fifth graders learned about the skeletal and muscular systems in science and how to use the lattice method in math. They also welcomed back scientists from the DNA Learning Center who helped them create models of the double helix. Thank you to all of our parents who joined our sixth graders on their trip to the Brooklyn Museum. This field trip connected with their ancient Egyptian unit in social studies. Our oldest students also used their editing checklists during writing to produce stronger pieces of work. I would like to congratulate sixth grader, Melina Ross, who is the winner of our Bus Assistant Logo Contest. Melina was recognized at Friday's morning assembly. Finally, special thanks to our morning musical performers who entertained audience members over the last two weeks: Aris Givelekian, Victoria Barriola, Sam Adler, and Michael Byrne.

Thank you to Mrs. Jusko, Mrs. Franz, and our PTG volunteers for another successful Halloween Dance!

Pick-Up Notes and Nameplates

We are requesting that all students bring <u>two</u> pick-up notes for any change in dismissal – one for the school and one for the bus driver/pick-up circle. Pick-up notes can be found on the school's website. Go to **csh.k12.ny.us** and select West Side School under the **Our Schools** tab at the top of the page. Click on **For WSS Parents** on the left and select **Forms.** Parents have the ability to type in the information needed and print two copies. In addition, please remember to display your nameplates when picking up your child. This will help with the efficiency of our dismissal process. Thank you for your support!

Emergency Drills

Over the next couple of weeks we will be conducting emergency drills with the staff and students. It is incredibly important that we monitor your child's safety while at school.



Holiday Boutique 2015

Please save the date for our annual WS Holiday Boutique. This year, the children will be shopping with their classes on December 2 and 3 during school hours. A schedule of when each class will shop will be emailed and sent home via backpack in a few weeks. We are looking for volunteers on December 1 to help set up the displays, on December 2 and 3 to help the children shop and on December 3 to help break down the event. If you signed up already, an email will be sent for you to pick time frames. To volunteer, please contact Edra Tepper <u>edratepper@verizon.net</u>

Halloween Dance

Thank you so much to The Halloween Dance Committee Members: Aviva Franz, Elise Jusko, Michele Schmidt, Sandra O'Grady, Kristyn Mulada, Allison Monaco, Susan Goldstein, Jen Henick, Natalia Milhim and Heidi Cohen for making this year's dance a huge success. Thank you to all the families that donated baked goods, fruit and snacks. The kids enjoyed those treats. The yummy pizza was from Lia's in Syosset and the beautiful entrance decorations were donated by Scarsella's Nursery. A special thank you to Mr. Simon, the security guards and especially the custodial staff, for all their hard work on Friday night.

West Side Kids Care

Save your teeth and share your sweets! Bring your leftover Halloween candy to the donation box in the lobby between now and November 12. It will be distributed to people in need at the Helping Hands Rescue Mission at their holiday parties. Thank you for your generosity!

On Thursday morning a representative from the Helping Hands Mission spoke to the students at morning assembly and shared a short video. She explained how many people will benefit from our school's Coat Drive, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Toy Drive. West Side Kids Cares is sending out an email regarding the details of the Thanksgiving Food Drive to each class. In the spirit of empowering our students to make a difference, we are suggesting that they take \$1 from their own allowance to donate to the mission for families in need to purchase turkeys (each classrooms will have a box to collect the

food and monetary donations). Thank you all for your continued support of the local families who appreciate our generosity.

Recess Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at recess during the 2015/2016 school year, please contact Lauren Jasinski at <u>WestSideRecess@gmail.com</u>, if you have not added your name to the Recess Committee sign-up sheet already.

SEPTA

Family Event – Peanuts Movie, presented by SEPTA: Come join us for a family day at Elwood Cinemas. All ages are welcome on Sunday, November 15th @ 10:00 am. \$15 per ticket, includes popcorn & drink. Tickets can be purchased via PayPal @ paypal.me/CSHSepta OR by sending a check payable to CSH SEPTA with enclosed form. For questions contact nrotunda@gmail.com

Yearbook

We need your help to create a beautiful keepsake for our children. We need 2 parents to cover sales ... this is done mostly online and you really don't start until March. Also needed are parents from 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade to prepare candid pages...we have no one from these grades on the committee and we really need your help. The work is minimal and yearbook pages can be done on your own time. It is as easy as using Shutterfly or creating a photobook. Any help would be most appreciated. Contact me at milanakat@yahoo.com to volunteer.

Get your pictures in the yearbook! The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events or you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

- Go to: <u>https://images.memoryebooks.com/login</u>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 403103590
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
 Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! Thank you, and enjoy the rest of the school year!

The Yearbook Staff will review all photos and determine final yearbook content. We cannot guarantee that all submissions can be used in the book.

Upcoming Events

PTG Meeting		Tuesday, November 10 th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room			
BOE Meeting		Tuesday, November 10 th at 8:00 PM at District Office			
Veteran's Day: No School		Wednesday, November 11 th			
SEPTA Event: Movie		Sunday, November 15 th			
5 th Grade Field Trip: CSH Labs		Wednesday, November 18 th			
West Side Wednesday		Wednesday, November 18th (Wear your spirit clothing!)			
SIT		Thursday, November 19 th at 3:30 in the Conference Room			
Thanksgiving Recess		November 25 – 27			
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PRESENTED BY COLD SPRING HARBOR SEPTA

Sunday, Nov 15th @ 10:00 Elwood Cinema: 1950 Jericho Turnpike, East Northport

\$15.00 per ticket (includes popcorn and drink

Purchase tickets via paypal.me/CSHSepta

OR

Checks can be made payable to CSH Septa and sent with below form completed to CSH Septa mailbox (district office), Attn: Nicole Prizzi Envelopes can be passed to your childs teacher.

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

Adventures in Art: Stories with Cindy Sherman Tuesday, November 10 @ 4:30 pm For children in grades K-6 Discover the photographs of contemporary artist Cindy Sherman and create your own Sherman-inspired story.

Little Scientists For Children in Preschool Thursday, November 12 @ 2:00 pm Explore the wonderful world of science with books, games, and hands-on activities.

TEEN PROGRAM:

Teen Advisory Board

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13 @ 3:00 pm *Embrace the Negative*: Negative space Painting

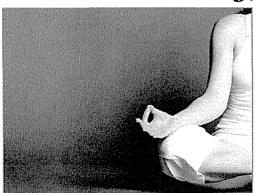
Enjoy a relaxing afternoon of exploring negative space with paing, painters tape and canvas! Want a say in what the Library has to offer our Teen population? Join the Teen Advisory Board and share your ideas ans know-how for projects, movies, crafts, programs and stuff for Teens

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

For Adults! Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor

Library's Information Services Department

For Teens and Adults: Guided Meditation Thursday, November 12 at 7 pm



Linda Cafiero will explain the benefits of mindfulness, how to practice meditation, and lead the group through a body-centered mediation. If you choose to lie on the floor, please bring a towel or mat and a small pillow. Open to adults and teens age 16+. **Register in advance or pay at the door. Fee: \$5 cash or check payable to CSH Library.**

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** PLEASE POST **

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on November 10, 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.

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