

# The Friday Notes

Our 226<sup>th</sup> Season  
November 13, 2015

## Principal's Corner

This week our second graders continued to draft their realistic fiction pieces and focused on the problems in their stories. Throughout the week they edited, erased, and contemplated different ways to bring their characters to life. Third graders published their small moments and are prepared for their next writing unit which will shift to nonfiction. Students will become the experts and write about topics they choose. Fourth graders published their realistic fiction pieces in the computer lab. They also worked in small groups as they reviewed different strategies for solving two-digit by two-digit multiplication problems. Fifth graders analyzed text to make stronger meaning of new words, learned about different joints of the human body, and used bar modeling as a technique to problem solve during math. Finally, sixth graders collaborated with their peers during reading. Students participated in social issues book clubs and participated in meaningful discussions. These books, such as *Crash* and *Bystander*, served as excellent springboards for these conversations with their peers.

## Pick-Up Notes and Nameplates

We are requesting that all students bring two 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](http://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 [edratepper@verizon.net](mailto:edratepper@verizon.net)

## Holiday Cookie Bake

Our annual holiday cookie bake is Wednesday, December 9th. We are asking for volunteers to donate homemade cookies and/or other holiday baked goods to create platters for the West Side staff. Homemade is preferred. Not a baker? Bakery products are fine. We try to keep it as festive as possible. Too many chocolate chip in years past. Please bring 3-6 dozen homemade or bakery cookies or other tasty holiday treats to the community room between 8:00am and 10:00am on Wednesday morning. If you would like to stay to help assemble and deliver please let me know. This usually takes about an hour. Baked goods should be delivered on disposable trays. Any questions please email Gina at [spartangirl300@gmail.com](mailto:spartangirl300@gmail.com). Please put HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE in subject. Thank you in advance for your help. HAPPY BAKING!!!

## FOCUS

FOCUS and the District Office Present: a panel discussion "Learning Standards: What Does it All Mean for My Child?" is postponed to Tuesday, January 27, 2016. More details will follow.

## Recess Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at recess during the 2015/2016 school year, please contact Lauren Jasinski at [WestSideRecess@gmail.com](mailto:WestSideRecess@gmail.com), 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](https://paypal.me/CSHSepta) OR by sending a check payable to CSH SEPTA with enclosed form. For questions contact [nrotunda@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>
- 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.*

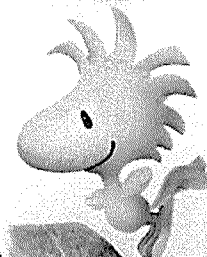
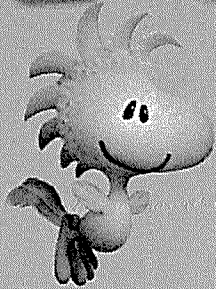
**Upcoming Events**

<b>SEPTA Event: Movie</b>	Sunday, November 15 <sup>th</sup>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: CSH Labs</b>	Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>West Side Wednesday</b>	Wednesday, November 18 <sup>th</sup> (Wear your spirit clothing!)
<b>SIT</b>	Thursday, November 19 <sup>th</sup> at 3:30 in the Conference Room
<b>Thanksgiving Recess</b>	November 25 – 27
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: DNA Learning Center</b>	Monday, November 30 <sup>th</sup>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip: DNA Learning Center</b>	Wednesday, December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>Holiday Boutique</b>	December 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup>

**Attachments from the School**

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THE  
**PEANUTS**  
MOVIE



**FAMILY EVENT**

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](https://www.paypal.com/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 child's teacher.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

email: \_\_\_\_\_

# of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Mini Masters**  
**Stories with Cindy Sherman**  
**Monday, November 16**  
**@ 2:00 pm**  
**For children in ages 3-5 with adult**  
Discover the photographs of contemporary artist Cindy Sherman and create your own Sherman-inspired story.

**Mix-it-up Up Mayhem**  
**For Children of all ages**  
**Friday, November 20 @ 3:30 pm**  
Come make a cool craft you may have missed!.



**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**

**The Queazles**  
**Sunday, November 15 at 3 pm**



Take a trip back in time to arguably the best days of rock & roll, the British invasion, and bell bottoms with **The Queazles!** This five-piece 60s tribute band will play hits from groups like the Beatles, Beach Boys, Four Seasons, and Dave Clark Five.  
**Appropriate for the whole family!**  
**Advance registration requested.**

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