



Principal's Corner

This week our fifth graders had an incredibly unique experience. The Cold Spring Harbor Labs opened their doors for our young scientists to gain a true understanding of some of their research. Students participated in a number of stations in various laboratories that ranged from bio fuels, the brain, and cancer research. One of the many highlights of the day was the opportunity to meet Dr. James Watson, winner of the Nobel Prize in 1962. Students boarded the bus at the end of the day with a copy of *The Road to Discovery: A Short History of Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory* and a signed copy of *Double Helix*, great additions to our school's library. Special thanks to Dr. Ryan, Dr. Sordella, Dr. Zador, Mrs. DeRosa and researchers at the CSH Labs who were able to make this experience a possibility. Our children came back to West Side truly inspired!

West Side students also celebrated another West Side Wednesday this week. However, thanks to the hard work of Mrs. Reilly, many of our staff members and students sported the newest look of our West Side spirit wear.

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 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!



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

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. Please put HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE in subject. Thank you in advance for your help. HAPPY BAKING!!!

Holiday Toy Drive

We haven't even had our Thanksgiving turkey yet, but West Side Kids Cares hopes you can keep our holiday toy drive in mind when you do your black Friday shopping! The annual drive to help our neighbors at Helping Hands Mission is earlier this year than usual. We request donations be made by December 7th and wrapping will take place during recess December 8th. As always, all are welcome to come in and help the kids wrap. Any help for wrapping would be much appreciated. If you would like to contribute, the needs are as follows:

Mrs. Agnello: Boys 6-8, a small toys like legos, action figure, or stuffed animal and a craft item like crayons, markers, paper

Mr. Arloff: Boys 6-8, hat, scarf mitten set

Dr. Dawkins: Boys 6-8 hat, scarf, mittens set

Mrs. DeRosa: Boys 9-12 small toy like Legos, action figure, matchbox cars and craft items like crayons and markers

Mrs. Dopico: Boys 9-12 hat, scarf, mitten set

Mrs. Dudek: Girls 0-2 small toy or stuffed animal

Mr. Farmer: Girls 0-2 hat and mitten set

Mrs. Gerver: Girls 6-8 small toy and small craft items like crayons and markers

Mrs. Manning: Girls 6-8 hat, scarf, mitten set

Mrs. Ryan: Girls 9-12 small toy or age appropriate make-up/perfume/lotion and small craft item

Mrs. Santoro: Girls 9-12 hat, scarf, gloves set

Thanks and Happy Holidays!!!!

West Side Kids Care

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, if you have not added your name to the Recess Committee sign-up sheet already.

Yearbook

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

Thanksgiving Recess	November 25 – 27
5th Grade Field Trip: DNA Learning Center	Monday, November 30 th
6th Grade Field Trip: DNA Learning Center	Wednesday, December 2 nd
Holiday Boutique	December 2 nd and 3 rd

Attachments from the School

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

Afternoon Arts & Crafts
Friday, November 27 @ 2:00 pm
For Children of All Ages

Unlock your inner Picasso and let the artist in you shine! Visit our 'creation stations' in the Hands-On Learning Center and explore the possibilities of your imagination.!

The Library Holiday Hours

Wednesday, November 25	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday, November 26	Closed
Friday, November 27	9 am - 5 pm

Have a wonderful and safe Thanksgiving!

Coming soon to the Children's Department
Our New "InBetween" Area

This is a new section created especially for kids in grades 5-7! Come in and browse to find the perfect book Also, look for many more programs in 2016 for this age group.

Lots of great programs are coming your way including video game programs, crafts and volunteer opportunities.

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

Entertainment for the Whole Family! Digital Media from Cold Spring Harbor Library

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Hoopla Digital Audiobooks, Comics, eBooks, Music, Movies & TV

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For assistance contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.