



The Friday Notes

Our 226th Season
December 11, 2015

Principal's Corner

This week is Computer Science Education week and we are celebrating with our second annual Hour of Code. The Hour of Code is a global movement reaching tens of millions of students in 180+ countries. The goal is for every student to try computer science for one hour.

This week we kicked off the Hour of Code with grade level assemblies to help children understand what computer science is all about. We will continue next week by having each class participate in the Hour of Code tutorials. From December 14 – January 2 students will be participating in a school-wide competition to see how many lines of code we can write. Students are invited to work at home and at school to complete as many lines as they can.

On Tuesday, December 22 the computer lab will be open to students from 8:00am – 8:40am for a morning of code. All are welcome!

Our goal is to get kids to think, create, and have a blast -- all while learning computer programming. We want to show that anyone can learn the basics of computer programming in order to be a maker, a creator, or an innovator. Students (and adults) across the country are getting involved and we'd like you to join as well. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.




The entire staff would like to thank the parents who participated in the Holiday Cookie Bake organized by Mrs. Marino and the PTG. The tasty treats are certainly appreciated. Additionally, we would like to thank all of our fourth grade parents who came in to support our learners during Colonial Day today. The week began with a field trip to Lloyd Manor House. As the week continued, these students participated in a number of activities that ranged from lantern making to cross-stitching. The festivities ended with a concert this afternoon. All West Siders also had the opportunity to participate in toy wrapping during their recess. Several students from each grade gave up their time to support West Side Kids Care on Tuesday and we all appreciate it.

Report Cards Available on Parent Portal Tonight at 5:00 PM

If you already have a Parent Portal account in eSchoolData you are already set up. If this is your first experience with the portal and need an account, please follow the instructions below:

Setting up an eSchoolData account:

Note: You only need to create one account to access the information for all of your children. In creating an account online, you will need to have the following information handy for one of your children:

-  Parent/Guardian Name (apply using one parent's name only) and Student Name
-  Student ID Number (same as the lunch system ID number)
-  Student Grade Level and School (as of September 2014)

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "For Parents" and click on "Parent Portal"
3. Scroll all the way down to "How can I apply for access to the portal?" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "Yes" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "Online Registration" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the Account Information portion (followed by Personal Information and Student Information).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted. After the data has been reviewed, you will receive an additional email.

Accessing the Report Card:

Log onto your account → Click on the ID number of your child → For grades K-5 - click on the "ERC" tab → For grade 6 - click on "Report Card" tab → Click print for a hard copy.

The Lion King

Our 5th and 6th graders will be performing The Lion King at the Performing Arts Center on Saturday, December 19th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, December 20th at 2:00 PM. All are welcome. Tech week begins next week for all performers. Buses will be leaving West Side for the PAC next week Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday. Please note this is a change from last week.



Holiday Cookie Bake

Our annual holiday cookie bake was a huge success! I appreciate all of your time and delicious donations! Thank you to: Nicole Pultz, Dana Lynch, Mara Arneja, Marilena DiScala, Kristyn Mulada, Carmela Schneider, Suzanne Nemshin, Kim Testa, Lorena Munyak, Linda Castellano, Gregor Acker, The DeSimone family, Maryann Lombardo, Michelle Rampi, Randa Redford, Kathleen Milana, the Ketterer family, Nicole Boutis, Edina Bobelian, Emily Moriarty, Allison Standerwick, Shannon Szczerbiak, Eileen Byrne, Mary Cashin, Bobby Arora, Sandra O'Grady, Jill DeMarco, Brigitte Apostolakis, Lucy Mazzei, Liz Franklin, Cat Bauer, Claudia Marino, Christina Masata, Jordan Smith, Stefania Geraci, Karolina Coteck, Edra Tepper and Ana Shammah. Thank you to those who were able to stay and help assemble, even for a little while. It was a great help. I hope you all have a peaceful and happy holiday season and a fabulous New Year!!! Thanks again, Gina Marino

West Side Kids Care

Thank you to all the West Side families who donated to our annual holiday toy drive benefiting the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Because of you, many local children will have warm hats, gloves and gifts this holiday season. Thank you to Liz Franklin for leading our efforts and to Dana Lynch, Lauren Jasinski and Lorena Munyak for helping the children wrap gifts at recess yesterday.

Save the Date

There will be a joint mixer with sixth grade West Side and Lloyd Harbor students at Bounce on Sunday 1/24/16 from 5-7pm. More details to come!

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

Tech Week – The Lion King	December 14 – 18 at the PAC (Dec 16 ONLY at WSS)
SIT	Thursday, December 17 th at 3:30 PM
The Lion King Performance	Saturday, December 19 th at 7:00 PM at the PAC
The Lion King Performance	Sunday, December 20 th at 2:00 PM at the PAC

West Side Wednesday

December 23rd (Wear your West Side spirit clothing!)

Winter Recess

December 24 – January 3

Students Return

Monday, January 4th

Attachments from the School

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**COLD SPRING HARBOR HIGH SCHOOL
BOOSTER CLUB
VARSITY GIRLS LACROSSE SKILLS CLINIC
DIRECTED BY VARSITY GIRLS PLAYERS AND COACHES**



DATE: TUESDAY, DECEMBER 22ND, 2015

TIME: 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**PLACE: LONG ISLAND SPORTS HUB
165 EILEEN WAY, SYOSSET, NY 11791**

FOR: K THRU 8TH GRADE GIRLS

COST: \$40

**SIGN UPS: PLEASE SEND AN EMAIL TO:
DCASTELLANE@CSH.K12.NY.US TO HOLD A
SPOT. SPACE IS LIMITED DUE TO FACILITY.**

**REGISTRATION WILL TAKE PLACE STARTING 30 MINUTES
PRIOR. PRE-REGISTRATION - MONEY OR CHECK MAY BE
BROUGHT TO THE ATHLETIC OFFICE. CHECKS MADE
PAYABLE TO THE SEAHAWKS ATHLETICS BOOSTER CLUB.**

THE CLINIC IS A FUNDRAISER FOR THE GIRL'S LACROSSE PROGRAM AND A WAY FOR YOUTH PLAYERS TO ENHANCE THEIR SKILLS AS WELL AS GAIN SOME EXPOSURE TO THE TEACHING TECHNIQUES AT THE HIGH SCHOOL LEVEL. ONE IMPORTANT FUNDAMENTAL IN ESTABLISHING A COMPETITIVE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM IS THE DEVELOPMENT AT THE YOUTH LEVEL. OUR CLINIC IS DESIGNED TO ENHANCE SKILL LEVEL AS WELL AS TO BEGIN BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS WITH FUTURE PLAYERS WHO WILL HELP MAINTAIN THE TRADITION OF EXCELLENCE THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED WITH THE CSH GIRLS LACROSSE PROGRAM. WE ARE VERY MUCH LOOKING FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THE FUTURE STARS OF OUR PROGRAM.

**QUESTIONS: EMAIL DANIELLE CASTELLANE
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Laura Schroff, New York Times bestselling author of 'An Invisible Thread', is coming to Cold Spring Harbor!

The Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School CFA is very excited to announce that Laura Schroff will be the speaker at this year's Literary Luncheon. The luncheon will be held on April 6, 2016 at the Huntington Country Club.

"Complex and unwaveringly honest, inspirational... this book is capable of restoring our faith in each other."
—CATHERINE REAN HYUN, author of *Pay It Forward* and *Jumpstart the World*



an INVISIBLE THREAD

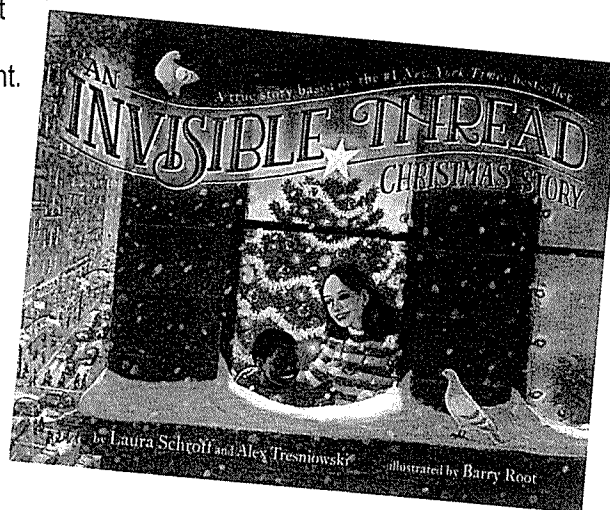
THE TRUE STORY OF
an 11-year-old panhandler, a busy sales executive,
and an unlikely meeting with destiny



LAURA SCHROFF and ALEX TRESNIOWSKI

A great read for both teens and adults, 'An Invisible Thread' tells the remarkable true story of Laura's lifelong friendship with Maurice who she met when he was just eleven years old and needed money for food. One small act of kindness changed both their lives forever.

Now, in this sweet picture book, Laura retells the first Christmas that she and Maurice spent together. This heartwarming tale captures the true meaning of the holidays and will be one you'll want to share with your family year after year, as a reminder that a gift from the heart is always the best present.



Don't miss this chance to purchase these heartwarming books for the Holidays!

Please indicate the number of books you would like to order:

An Invisible Thread (Paperback)

_____ copies @ \$12 each = \$ _____

An Invisible Thread Christmas Story (Children's Book)

_____ copies @ \$14 each = \$ _____

Name: _____ Teacher/Grade: _____

Total Enclosed: \$ _____ Please return order forms to your school office by **Friday, December 11th**
Checks should be made payable to: CSH CFA. The books will be delivered to your child's school to go home via backpack.

All are welcome to attend the Literary Luncheon, invitations will be sent out in February.
Please list your name & address below if you would like to receive an invitation to this year's Literary Luncheon.

Please contact Monica Stingi at mdstingi@hotmail.com with any questions.

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

Need something to do during the break

MODEL MAGIC SNOWMEN

Tuesday, December 22, 11:00 a.m.

Make a cute snowman out of model magic to decorate your home for the holidays.

SNACK & A MOVIE

Tuesday, December 22, 4:30 p.m.

Eight Below (PG; 120 min)

SHAVING CREAM PAINTING

Wednesday, December 23, 11:00 a.m.

Using shaving cream, create a snowy scene!

PUZZLEMANIA

Wednesday, December 30, 11:00 a.m.

Work with other children to assemble a

WINTER BINGO

Wednesday, December 23, 2:00 p.m.

Make new friends and play themed bingo!

BOARD GAME FUN

Monday, December 28, 11:00 a.m.

Challenge your friends to a board game on this day off from school!

MIX-IT-UP MAYHEM: WINTER CRAFTS

Monday, December 28, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Come to the library to make a cool craft you may have missed!

SAVE THE DATE: Sunday January 31, 2015

Cinderella

The most classic of all fairy tales springs to life in this fast-paced musical production! Featuring a professional cast and live music, all the ingredients that have made the story a perennial favorite are here - ragged Cinderella, her cruel stepmother and selfish stepsisters, the ball, the handsome prince looking for a bride, the fairy godmother, the glass slipper, the search for the foot that fits it, and the happily-ever-after ending! This musical will delight the young and the 'young at heart.'

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

Visit our website for more information and to start reading!

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