

The Friday Notes

Our 226th Season
December 23, 2015



Principal's Corner

Last weekend, community members had the opportunity to watch two superb performances of *The Lion King*. Special thanks to Ms. Lichtman and Mr. McKee for their guidance and work with our cast, as well as, the support from Ms. Fastuca and Ms. Balzano who were there the entire step of the way. Additionally, thank you to our WSSTA committee volunteers: Mr. Adler, Mrs. Arneja, Mrs. Damast, Mrs. Roberts, and Mrs. Shammah for all of your support. The collaboration led to another memorable performance. Of course, the effort, time, and hard work given by our students was certainly noticed by the audience. Another job well done!

While our week was brief, we had just enough time to get in our annual Spelling Bee. Thank you to Ms. Rodriguez for organizing and to Ms. DeRosa and Ms. Dopico for their continued assistance as well. Congratulations to our champion, Jonathan Brown, and to runner-up, Blake Newman. These two 5th graders went deep into the contest spelling word after word correctly. After more than twenty rounds, we finally crowned a victor. Congratulations to all of our contestants: Sean McCarey, Luke Corbin, Krish Chadha, Summer Schwartz, Eddie Munyak, Dylan Catala, Jack Henick, Michael Alcamo, Gillian Will, Isabelle Apostolakos, Ava Tighe, Alexandra Nesi, Anna Hammell. Mr. Yost also held his second annual Jump Rope contest. Congratulations to our champion, Kati Cotek, and runner-up, Hailey Schulsinger. Third place went to Kaitlin Jasinski. Congratulations to all of our finalists: Amberly Szczerbiak, Hailey Rosato, Holden Schneider, Nicolette Loeffler, Ronin Zador-Shamoun, Michael Byrne, Alexa Zahtila, Nick DiScala, Gillian Will, Ava Tighe, and Spencer Will.

Wishing everyone a wonderful break filled with lots of laughter and time with family and friends!

Newest Version of LightSail (3.1.2.1) Now Available

Please note that LightSail just released a new version (3.1.2.1). If your child is having difficulty at home, please ask him or her to download the update in the Apple App Store.






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 Presents a Workshop: Conquering School Anxiety -- Tips for Parents & Students. Special Guest Speaker Meredyth D. Kravitz, Psy.D. will:

-  Offer test taking tips
-  Teach us what to say to help our kids stay calm and relaxed
-  Help us learn to be better prepared for tests

Please join us Wednesday, January 27th at 9:00am in the Goosehill Community Room. Light breakfast will be served.

Upcoming Events

Winter Recess	December 24 – January 3
Students Return	Monday, January 4 th
Ice Skate Night	Sunday, January 10 th at 6:30 PM at Syosset – Woodbury Rink
PTG Meeting	Tuesday, January 12 th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room
BOE Meeting	Tuesday, January 12 th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Attachments from the School



17th Annual **HUNTINGTON YOUTH WRITES** Contest

For Youth in Grades 4-12 Who Attend School in the Town of Huntington
Over \$2000 Cash Awards * Winners' Workshop in April * Awards Ceremony in May
1st Place: \$100 * 2nd Place: \$75 * 3rd Place: \$50 * Honorable Mention: \$25

The entry form must be completely filled out and
received by Friday, February 12th 2016 at 5pm to be eligible for an award
NO EXCEPTIONS FOR THE DEADLINE

Attach one form to each submitted work (students may submit more than one entry)

Please fill out the form completely.

Please print:

Student's Name: _____ Home Phone Number: _____

Alternate Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address _____ Apt# _____ Town _____ Zip _____

School/ Facility: _____ Teacher/ Group Leader _____

Grade Level (check one): 4-5 _____ 6-8 _____ 9-12 _____

Category (check one): Poetry _____ Short Story _____ Essay _____

The attached work, titled _____, is original work written by me. I agree that if it is selected as a winning entry the Huntington Youth Bureau can publish it.

Sign here: _____

*Any plagiarized work will result in the notification of both the student and his/her school and immediate disqualification.

Guidelines for Submissions: (Please read carefully & follow all directions):

It is encouraged that all entries be typed or printed legibly in English with blue or black ink.

Include your name only on the entry form, not on the work itself.

One student per entry please. All submissions must be in English. Students may submit multiple entries.

**If submitting more than one entry please attach an entry form with each submission.

Collaborative projects will not be accepted

Please include 2 copies of your work *Winners will be contacted to submit a copy of the entry by email

Poems must not exceed 60 lines. Essays and short stories must not exceed 3,000 words.

Mail or hand deliver entries to the

Town of Huntington Youth Bureau –Project Excel
Room 200, Village Green Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 ~
Tel: 631-271-5499

DEADLINE: All entries must be received by Friday, February 12th, 2016 at 5pm

-ALL ENTRIES BECOME THE PROPERTY OF THE HUNTINGTON YOUTH BUREAU-

Please note that winning entries will be published in a journal. All rights will then revert back to the author. Winners will be required to submit the winning entry by email.

Project Excel is funded by the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau, the New York State Office of Children and Family Services, the Suffolk County Youth Bureau, fundraisers and private donations.

The Town of Huntington Youth Bureau

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The 17th Annual

HUNTINGTON YOUTH WRITES:

A WRITING CONTEST

For students who attend school in the Town of Huntington
GRADES 4 THROUGH 12

**OVER \$2,000
IN CASH PRIZES!**

Winning Entries will be Published

Cash Prizes in each grade level (Grade levels 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)

~POETRY ~ SHORT FICTION~ESSAY ~

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5PM Friday, February 12, 2016

Submissions made after this time will not be accepted

Entry forms available at the Town of Huntington Youth Bureau

Room 200, Village Green Center, 423 Park Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 631-271-5499

~Entry forms also available on our website at www.hybdri.org and at

other local sites (schools, libraries, etc.)~

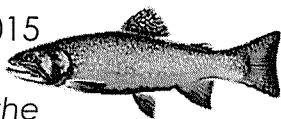
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Holiday Break Fun

Come on out of the cold and join us for the holidays!

Hatchery Tours

December 28 & 30, 2015
11am
Learn how we care for the fish in our trout hatchery.



Biome in a Bottle

December 29, 2015
11am-3pm
Make your own self-sufficient biome. Learn how it works, and how to take care of it.



Live Animal Encounters

December 28 & 30, 2015
2pm
Learn about the Hatchery's turtles, frogs and salamanders during a live animal presentation.



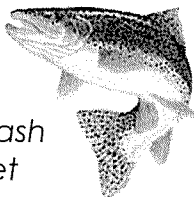
New Year's Day Hike

January 1, 2016
11am & 2pm
Start the year off right! Come learn about Long Island winter habitats and end your visit with a guided nature hike.



Trout Feeding Demonstrations

December 28 & 30, 2015
1pm & 3pm
Watch the trout jump and splash as they devour a special diet of fish food.

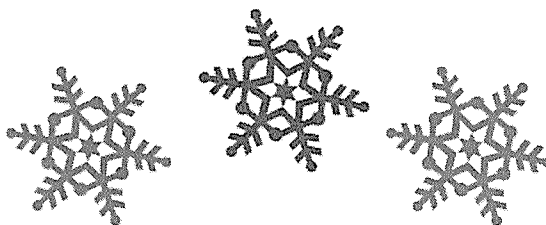


Build a Bird Feeder

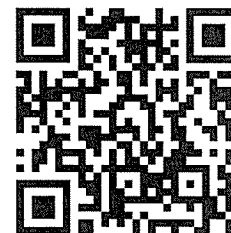
December 31, 2015
11am-3pm
Make a bird feeder for our feathered friends this winter.



Founded 1883



Don't forget about our
"Catch & Keep" Fishing
this winter! Visit our website for details.



The **Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium** is a not-for-profit organization. Admission fees help pay for the care of our animals.

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