

The Friday Notes

Our 226th Season
January 8, 2016

Principal's Corner

Happy New Year and welcome back! Our students returned eager to get back into their routines. On Monday we kicked off Genuine Acts of Kindness Month. Throughout January, all staff members will be handing out tickets to students who exhibit genuine acts of kindness towards their peers. Our goal is to beat last year's total of 399. Our 6th grade representatives, Paola Jimbo and Ashley Ecker, in connection with the H.E.R.O. Project will be updating the bulletin board outside the main office to track our school's progress. This month our students in grades four through six are participating in our first ever LightSail Reading Challenge. The challenge is to see which grade can read for the most minutes over the course of this month. Sixth grade book club members, Max Adler, Keegan Gagnon, Isabelle Apostolakos, Neena Arneja, Mackenzie Murray, Melina Ross, Jackson DeMarco, Andrew Richmond, and Heather Baxter, will track their progress on the bulletin board outside the gym. Good luck to all of our readers! Don't forget about Ice Skate Night this Sunday evening at Syosset-Woodbury Rink. More details are below.

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. IOS 8 or higher is necessary for the download.

Kindergarten Registration

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2016. Please contact the District Registrar, Gloria Albert (631 367-5910) to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive a registration packet from the Superintendent. Registration begins in February.



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!

Movie Night

Please join us on Friday, January 22nd @ 5pm for the showing of Hotel Transylvania 2. Enjoy pizza and popcorn while you watch a great movie with friends. Dress in PJ's and don't forget your pillow! This event is for WSS students and their siblings only. Parental supervision is required for all attending. **NO DROP-OFFS PLEASE!!** All students will have a chance to win a raffle prize. Students must be in attendance in order to be eligible to win a prize. Any questions, please contact Rita McCarey at rmccarey@gmail.com. See you at the movie!

Ice Skating Night

Ice Skating Night is scheduled for Sunday, January 10th from 6:30-8:00 pm. Free admission and skate rentals to all West Side families at Syosset-Woodbury Ice Rink. Helmets are recommended but are not provided (a bike helmet will do!). **This is not a drop-off event.** Hot chocolate and baked goods will be served. Please contact Susan Goldstein susan.goldstein@gmail.com or Kim Testa kntesta@aol.com if you would like to bake a dessert. Looking forward to a fun evening!

Upcoming PTG Meeting




Please join us for our next PTG meeting on Tuesday, January 12th @ 9:30am. Meet our 3rd & 4th grade science teacher, Ms. Baratta, and hear about the science curriculum being taught this year. Also, Stephanie DiNozzi will discuss what the CSH Educational Foundation has provided to further enhance the education at West Side.

West Side – Lloyd Harbor 6th Grade Get Together

ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADERS: Join your future classmates for some bouncing fun and pizza at Bounce! Sunday, January 24th from 5-7 pm. \$25 admission. Participation slips will be sent home via backpack.

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

Ice Skate Night	Sunday, January 10 th at 6:30 PM at Syosset – Woodbury Rink (No drop-offs please)
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
Noon Dismissal	Friday, January 15 th
MLK Holiday – No School	Monday, January 18 th
5th & 6th Grade Winter Concert	Tuesday, January 19 th at 7:00 PM at the PAC
Movie Night	Friday, January 22 nd at 5:00 PM at WSS (No drop-offs please.)

Attachments from the School

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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.

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The Town of Huntington Youth Bureau

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Project Excel

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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 ~

Entries must be received by

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.hybydri.org and at

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

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

Adventures in Art

Tuesday, January 12, @ 4:30 pm

Wednesday, January 13 @ 4:30 pm

For Children in grades K-6

Discover the art of Alexander Calder, then create your own sculpture inspired by his work!

Mix it up Mayhem

Friday, January 13 @ 2-4 pm

For Children of all ages

Come make a cool craft you may have missed!!



TEEN PROGRAM

What's Changing on the
NEW SAT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 4 at 7:00 pm

For high school students & their parents

Come hear about the changes to the new SAT, how they will affect your child, and what your child can do to prepare and ace the exam!

Weekend Activities

Lego Club

Saturday, January 9 @ 11 am

Weekend at the movies

Saturday, January 16 @ 2 pm

We'll be showing "MINIONS" (pg; 91min)

For Families!

Sunday, January 31, 2016 @ 3 pm

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.'

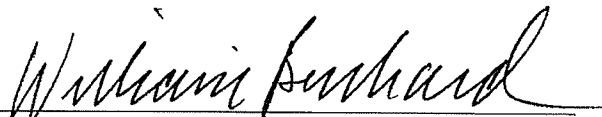
~~For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820~~

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on January 12, 2016, at 6:00 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.


William Bernhard, District Clerk

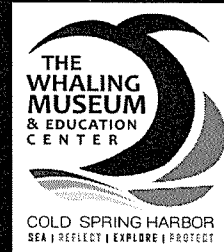
STAR WARZ PARTY!

MON, JAN 18 | 1-4 pm

Explore celestial navigation at sea, create Jabba slime, meet a Star Wars character, plus lots more themed crafts! Drop in any time between 1-4pm. All ages welcome.

\$1 OFF ANY EVENT

Present this postcard for \$1 off any event mentioned on this postcard, including on the reverse, excluding camp. This postcard may be used for up to 2 admission tickets.



SEA | REFLECT | EXPLORE | PROTECT

MORE EVENTS 4 KIDS

at The Whaling Museum & Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor

January 2016

PECULIAR PENGUINS

SAT, JAN 30 | 2:30 pm

Celebrate National Penguin Awareness Day with explorations and crafts about penguins & frosty friends.



February Break

OCEAN EXPLORERS CAMP

MON-FRI, FEB 15-19 • 9:30-1pm

Dive into the world of our best-loved camp as we explore sharks, whales, and lots of ocean creatures with games, crafts, experiments, and activities.

Grades K-3.

Crew Leader: Gr 4.

CITS: 8th Gr & Up (Community Service).

Sibling discount.

Registration Online by Feb 8.

February 2016

SAILOR'S VALENTINES

SATURDAY, FEB 13 • 1-2 pm or 2:30-3:30pm

In honor of Valentine's Day, create a Sailor's Valentine, a beautiful shell mosaic based on the gifts sailors brought home from the Caribbean in the 1800s.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!

MONDAY, FEB 15 • 11:30-12:30 pm or 1:30-

2:30 pm You are cordially invited to a birthday party for our Founding Father! Learn about whaling during colonial times, explore fun colonial toys, make a fun tin-punching craft, and enjoy birthday cake!

TOOTHPALOOZA!

SUNDAY, FEB 21 • 12-3 PM

It's National Children's Dental Health Month. Come touch whale teeth, hunt for shark teeth, see a whale tooth cavity, meet the Tooth Fairy, learn facts about teeth at our craft stations, create a keepsake box for your baby teeth, and enjoy face painting.

BUILD A BOAT! WORKSHOP

TUES-FRI, FEB 16-19 • 2-4 pm

Stop in this week to freely imagine, design, and build a wooden vessel to take home. Adult and children both welcome!



LOTS MORE ONLINE!

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