



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-January 20, 2017



Dear Parents,

In her book, *Mind in the Making*, Ellen Galinsky outlines seven essential skills every child needs. One of those is the ability to be a **self-directed, engaged learner**. Encouraging your child’s passions and interests and celebrating his/her learning will help your child develop the habits of mind that support life-long learning. **Dinner conversations about learning** are a great place to start! Here are some ideas for ways to talk with your child and help him/her be an engaged, lifelong learner:

Ask about what s/he is learning in school. Have him/her teach you what he learned in school today — putting the lesson into his own words will help him retain what s/he learned. It will also help you find ways to build upon that learning at home.

Encourage your child to express his opinions. Ask your child what he thinks about a topic or an issue (e.g. a school or home rule) and encourage him/her to provide reasons to support his/her opinion.

Show enthusiasm for your child's interests and encourage him/her to explore topics that fascinate him/her. If your child loves talking about a particular animal or sport, help him learn more about it by exploring books and websites on the topic. Encourage him/her to write or draw about what s/he learns.

Point out the new things you learn with enthusiasm. Talk to your child about what you are learning so that s/he sees learning as a lifetime endeavor. Incorporate our SEL words of the month into your conversation. (**brave/courageous**) Sometimes people have to be courageous when trying something new or doing something that is challenging for them.

Focus on strengths and encourage developing talents. Acknowledge what your child does well and encourage him/her to continue to develop his/her skills in this area. Talents in athletics and the arts are as important as those in academic areas.

Celebrate achievements, no matter how small. Give your child credit for what s/he achieves. *Progress*, not *perfection*, should be the goal!

Our students learn so much every day! They work hard to develop new skills, and we want them to experience the joy that comes with learning new things...at school *and* at home.

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein

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Important Dates

- January 25** End of Boxtops contest
- January 26-** Spirit Day- Wear school colors or apparel
 - Kindergarten Family Fun Night 6:00
- February 2-** First Grade Family Fun Night 6:00

Health and SEL Lessons

Our teachers engage their students in lessons about physical and emotional health and wellness through our SEL Program (**RULER**) and our Health Program (**The Great Body Shop**). Mrs. Fuller, our school social worker who also works at the Lloyd Harbor School, does lessons in each classroom twice a month in support of what the children are learning from their classroom teacher. In the coming weeks, she will be teaching a unit called **My Body is Special**. The content focuses on personal space and privacy and respecting our bodies. In next week's notes, I will provide an overview of the lessons and how they are presented in school. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parent Workshop on Reading

I presented a workshop on Wednesday about how to support your child as a reader. The PowerPoint will be posted on the CSH Website under Schools-Goosehill and then click the **Information for Parents** link. There will also be an audio file giving parents the option to listen to the 60 minute presentation while viewing the PowerPoint. Both should be posted this weekend. I will be presenting another workshop on how to support your child's reading comprehension in the coming weeks.



School Communication via TEXT Message- Important!!!

Our School District Communication system utilizes an ALL-CALL system to notify parents about events, such as the posting of report cards and emergency school closings (**snow days**). If you wish to also be contacted **by text to your cell phone**, you can subscribe to the system by texting the word **SUBSCRIBE** to **68453** and following Text notification prompts.

GPFA Updates

Boxtops!

The Boptops competition is back on. Clip your boxtops and send them in with your child's name and teacher's name on the envelope. The class that collects the most Boptops by January 25th will win!

POP! Party

SAVE THE DATE: The Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation's Annual Power of Partnership (POP!) Party will take place on Friday, March 10, 2017. This year's event promises to be "out of this world!" Stay tuned for more details.

SEPTA Meeting January 20th in the District Office Community Room

- The topic this month will be "Preparing for you Child's IEP Meeting". Come join us for a brief overview of the IEP process and tips on how to best prepare for your meeting. Both Denise Campbell and Erin Goldthwaite will be there to answer questions about your meeting or programs in general.

Whether it's your first eligibility determination meeting or your 10th we are here to support you.

Below are a few tips to consider as well:

- Prepare notes in advance about what you want to learn/find out at the meeting
- Feel comfortable talking to any of you child's providers before the meeting
- Its OK to ask questions or ask for more clarification if you don't understand something at the meeting.
- Tips for organizing your child's IEP Binder Lastly, we want to hear from you!!!
- We would like to take a vote at this meeting on January 20th to determine if we should separate from the NY State PTA organization and become an independent PTO / PTG as our other district organizations.

Family Fun Nights

Mark your calendars for our upcoming family fun nights! The Kindergarten Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 6pm and the kids will be entertained by Magic of Alexo. The First Grade Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 6pm with Bubblemania! Siblings are welcome. \$10 per family will be collected at the door.

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

COLD SPRING HARBOR LIBRARY STUDY BUDDIES HOMEWORK CLUB



For students in grades 3-6
Wednesdays, 3:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Thursdays, 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
January 11 – February 16



Teen volunteers will give support, assistance, and encouragement to students in 3rd through 6th grade.

Register Today!

Please visit us online at ww.cshlibrary.org or call us at 631-692-6820 to register



Snowey Pinecone Owls
Wednesday, January 25, 4:30 p.m.
For Children in grades K-2
Learn cool facts about this arctic bird and create your very own snowy owl using a pinecone.
Registration required.

Rocket Science
Thursday, January 26, 4:30 p.m.
For children in grades 3-5
Explore the science involved in rocket construction as you build your own "Mad Science Skyblazer II Rocket" that you can take home.
Registration required.



TEEN & In-between PROGRAMS

Stop Motion Video Workshops

Wednesdays, January 18-February 8
7:00 p.m.



For kids in grades 5-12

Come learn how to create a storyboard and characters for your very own stop motion video. Learn about the different aspects of video editing including taking pictures, editing, and video.

Registration is required. Please visit us online at ww.cshlibrary.org or call us at 631-692-6820 to register

Hot Chocolate Fudge

Thursday, January 26, 7:00pm

For kids in grades 5-12



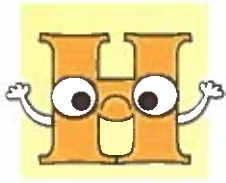
Make delicious "hot chocolate" fudge to take home and enjoy.

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

The Heckscher Museum of Art

2 Prime Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 | 631.351.3250 | Heckscher.org



HECKSCHER FAMILY HOUR Guided Tour & Activities

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Children ages 5 - 10 years

Sunday, January 22, 2017

Norman Rockwell and Friends

Sunday, March 19, 2017

Long Island's Best

Children and their families are invited to join museum educator Tami Wood for a family-friendly tour of the Museum's exhibitions. Experience the artwork through close looking, lively conversation, and hands-on gallery projects.

Registration is recommended. Space is limited.

**Members Free, Non-Members Museum Admission
(children free) + \$5 activity fee per child**

Norman Rockwell, *World of Charles Dickens* aka *A Merry Christmas to Everybody! A Happy New Year to all the World!*, 1937. Mort Künstler Collection. Courtesy Norman Rockwell Family Agency.



The Heckscher
Museum of Art

UPCOMING AT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM
International Slow Art Day
Saturday, April 8, 2017

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We will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 4th Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge



Special Olympics
New York

Saturday, March 18, 2017
TOBAY Beach, Ocean Parkway

Check-in between 9:30 - 11:00 am
PLUNGE at 11:30am



Last year over **400** Plungers braved the chilly waters while hundreds of spectators watched on. Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the **PLUNGE!** **Every Plunger that raises \$150 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt.....** raise more money and receive more great prizes!

100 CHICKEN TO PLUNGE
JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP



How do I get started?

Log onto www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay and click the **Register Here** button. You can start a team, join a team or join as an individual. Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to "Freezin' for a Reason!" Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!



Did you know?

Special Olympics New York has **67,162 athletes** training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports. Our athletes and their families or caregivers are **NEVER CHARGED** to participate! Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!



Sign up today! www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay
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