



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-March 3, 2017



Dear Parents,

Our teachers assess their students' reading skills through the use of benchmark assessments at least three times a year. They are administering reading assessments this month and will share their observations with you at the upcoming parent-teacher conference. During a reading assessment, the teacher listens to your child read and takes notes on her observations of his/her reading strategies, behaviors and skills. The teacher observes and takes note of the strategies your child uses to decode unfamiliar words, whether or not s/he self-corrects errors, and how fluent, or smooth the reading is. After the reading, the teacher asks your child to retell the story or explain what s/he learned from the book. The retelling is conversational so that your child is comfortable telling all s/he gleaned from the text. In this way, the teacher has an accurate assessment of your child's reading comprehension and can target instruction to support his/her developing skills.

Teachers administer a variety of assessments throughout the school year. Some are administered individually, like the reading benchmark. Most are embedded in the daily work of the classroom. Teachers carefully observe children as they engage in classwork to gain insight into how they approach tasks. They analyze their writing and their attempts to solve problems to look for evidence of the skills and strategies that have been taught. Teachers take notes on their observations and use them to determine what skills their students need to be taught next. Some assessments are more "formal" such as Foundations quizzes or Math chapter tests, and some may be computer-based. All assessments help teachers design their lessons to meet the needs of their students.

Assessments also help us determine which students may need a little bit of extra support. As you know, we provide support in many forms at Goosehill Primary School. Some support may be in the form of 5-10 minutes of practice provided by one of our teacher assistants. Academic Intervention Services (AIS) may be offered a few times a week, and may also be provided in the area of social skills or self-regulation. Many students receive extra support at different times during the year. We try to give our students what they need before they become frustrated so that school continues to be a pleasurable experience for them. Our goal is to do whatever is necessary to foster competence and confidence in every young learner.

Another component of the student assessment process is added in grades 3-8. As all states do, New York State requires that students take annual assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics. These assessments are designed to ensure that all students have the opportunity and support necessary to achieve at high levels. As you may have heard, some parents elect *not* to have their children take the tests. Because we believe that assessments are an important part of learning, our administrative team has written a letter to our parent community outlining reasons why student participation matters. Although Goosehill students are not affected by the New York State assessments, I have included the letter in this week's electronic attachments for your information.

As a school district, we are committed to ensuring that our students continue to enjoy a high-quality education. We work diligently every day to prepare them to face challenges within a framework of support. Our mission to foster each child's academic and social-emotional growth is at the forefront of everything we do.

If you have any questions about the assessment process, or any other aspect of your child's educational experience, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Important Dates

March 7- Spirit Day- Wear School Colors or Goosehill apparel (yes, a Tuesday this time!)

March 8-GPFA Meeting - Mrs. Herschlein will present a workshop on reading comprehension

March 10- POP Party

March 16- Kindergarten Dance 6-7 p.m. **March 23-** First Grade Dance 6-7 p.m.

March 17, 24, 31- Half Days of School (Parent-Teacher Conferences) Noon dismissal

Pennies for Puppies, Dimes for Doggies Fundraiser

The children will receive a baggie next week in which they can collect and carry their coins. Please try to provide opportunities for your child to earn the coins s/he donates, as the process will mean even more to them! A representative from Little Shelter will present at Tuesday's Spirit Day assembly to kick off the coin drive.

Vision and Hearing Screening

Our school nurse, Mrs. Gurtowski, will be conducting New York State-mandated vision and hearing screenings in the coming weeks. If she has a concern, she will contact you. Please note that school screening results are not intended to take the place of your pediatrician's recommendations.

Parent Workshop

Mrs. Herschlein will be presenting on the topic of reading comprehension and ways parents can support their children's skill development at home at the next GPFA meeting on Wednesday, March 8th at 9:30.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday!

Thanks to Mrs. Light for arranging for the storyteller who shared four of the children's favorite Dr. Seuss tales. It was a fun day that celebrated the joy of reading!



GPFA Updates

Nominating Committee for the GPFA Board

It's that time of year again! We are now forming the Nominating Committee which is responsible for putting together the slate for next year's GPFA board. If you would like to volunteer to be on the Nominating Committee, please contact the committee chair Tara Dircks at tjschles@hotmail.com. There is minimal commitment involved so if you are looking to volunteer but don't have much time on your hands this is the committee for you! Thanks in advance for your help. Available board positions will be posted soon.

POP Party 2017

Journey with the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation to Planet POP! for the Third Annual Power of Partnership Party, **Friday, March 10th from 7 p.m.-11 p.m.** at the Vanderbilt Planetarium. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit CSH schools. To purchase tickets, please visit: <http://cshedfoundation.com/pop>

Save the Date! Kindergarten and First Grade Dances

The Kindergarten and First grade dances are coming up! The Kindergarten dance will be held on **Thursday, March 16th from 6-7 p.m.** All kindergarten students (and their families) are welcome to join us to enjoy a fun night at school. Students can wear comfortable clothing or be dressed to impress. Siblings welcome, \$10 per family. The first grade dance will be held the following week on **Thursday, March 23rd from 6-7 p.m.**



Cold Spring Harbor Central School District

The Francis Roberts Community Center
75 Goose Hill Road
Cold Spring Harbor, New York 11724-9813

(631) 367-5900
(631) 367-3108 (Fax)

March 3, 2017

Dear Parent/ Guardian:

As we approach spring and the administration of the grades 3-8 New York State assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics, we want to thank Cold Spring Harbor teachers, parents and students for their participation last year. As you may recall, Long Island had an exceptionally high rate of student refusals last year and we are appreciative of the fact that our District's rate was relatively low in comparison to many others. This participation provided Cold Spring Harbor with valuable information that has helped us as we work to constantly improve our instructional program.

We would like to remind you why our students' participation is important. The assessments:

- allow our students to demonstrate what they know and are able to do in relation to rigorous State Standards.
- provide an additional source of information to our teachers and our school leaders ensuring that we are meeting the needs of our students.
- provide an experience, with teacher guidance, that will better prepare our students for future standards-based assessments such as Regents Exams, ACT and the SAT.
- ensure that the District remains in good standing with the State and Federal government with regard to our student participation in the assessments.
- support the hard work of our teachers and school leaders as they diligently engage in preparing students for their place in a global society.

Please be assured we remain committed to providing a challenging and engaging educational experience for our students that focuses on academic competence and personal confidence. If you have any questions, we encourage you to reach out to your building principal.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Fenter
Superintendent of Schools

Lynn Herschlein
Principal - Goosehill Primary School

Kurt Simon
West Side School

Dr. Lydia Bellino
Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum & Instruction

Valerie Massimo
Principal - Lloyd Harbor School

Jay Matuk
Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

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

Shamrock Art

Monday, March 6 @ 4:30

For children in grades K-2

Get creative and make a beautiful St. Patrick's Day art project.



Registration required.

Flowerpot of Gold

Thursday, March 9 @ 4:30

For children in Grades K-6

Decorate a flower pot and make it into a magical pot of gold for St. Patrick's Day.

Registration required.

Adventures in Art:

Tuesday, March 7 @ 4:30

For children in Grades K-6

Explore the sculpture of modern artists like Pablo Picasso and Robert Rauschenberg, then build your own found object art from recycled materials.

Registration required.



TEEN & IN BETWEEN

MELTED SNOWMAN BARK

Monday, March 6 @ 7:00 pm

For Kids In Grades 5-12

Create the perfect chocolaty snack to commemorate the end of the Season!



TEEN ADVISORY BOARD

Thursday March 9, 7:00 p.m.

For students in grades 7-12

Help with the development of our new **Teen Space!** We are looking for your opinions and ideas to help with the redesign of our new Teen area!

Receive 2 hours of community service for participating.

Pizza and refreshments will be available!

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

Programs and Services from the Information Services Department

PLANTS THAT CLEAN THE AIR WITH PAULEY THE PLANT GUY
Saturday, March 11 at 11:30am



Horticulturalist Paul Levine will discuss plants that clean your indoor air. As an added bonus, a few lucky attendees will leave with samples of Mr. Levine's plants. Advance registration requested.

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

ART SHOW

The Cold Spring Harbor School District

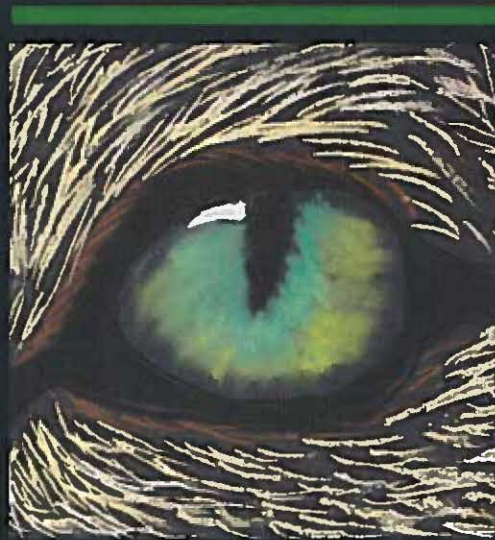
is featuring selected works from students K-6

March 3rd - April 3rd

RECEPTION March 22nd - 6:30-8:00 PM at the CSH Public Library



2016/2017



**Live music will be
performed by CSH students**



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!

**TOO 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

facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at jeantone@nyso.org or 631.254.1465 ext. 4204

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AND THE HUNTINGTON YOUTH COUNCIL

PRESENT THE ANNUAL

“SPORTS SWAP”



DIX HILLS ICE RINK

575 VANDERBILT PARKWAY

SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH, 2017

2:00 P.M. — 4:00 P.M.

BRING YOUR GENTLY USED HOCKEY, FIGURE SKATING, BASEBALL, LACROSSE AND SOCCER EQUIPMENT TO THE OFFICIAL DROP-OFF BOX AT THE DIX HILLS ICE RINK FROM FEBRUARY 25TH to MARCH 10TH TO RECEIVE A VOUCHER FOR EACH ITEM DONATED.

BRING YOUR VOUCHER TO THE ICE RINK ON SATURDAY, MARCH 11TH TO SHOP, SWAP AND SOCIALIZE WITH FELLOW HUNTINGTON RESIDENTS!

Residents unable to donate equipment can still shop for any equipment by donating \$5.00 for each item purchased.

The Council will be donating all proceeds to a
Town of Huntington charity.



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Councilman

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Councilwoman

Frank P. Petrone
Supervisor

Eugene Cook
Councilman

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Councilwoman





Huntington Historical Society
Presents
Passport to the Past
summer camp program

Bethpage 
Federal Credit Union



Tending to the kitchen herb garden on the historic Kissam property.

2017 Registration is Open!

Time Travel takes on a whole new meaning! A unique summer camp designed to bring history to life!

Offering 1& 2 two-week, Monday through Friday, half-day summer camp sessions, 9 am to 12 noon for children ages 7 to 12.

Campers can wear colonial costumes, play old fashioned games, tour historical sites, handle various artifacts, and enjoy hands-on colonial-era activities including:

**Weaving, Candle Dipping
Felting Wool, Maypole Celebration**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

\$300 for Society members / \$400 for non-members.

\$180/one week -members \$240/one week non-members

Family Membership fee to join Huntington Historical Society \$60 (for a \$100 savings per child)

Session IJuly 10 to July 21

Session II.....July 24 to August 4

PASSPORT TO THE PAST -2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Refund policy: Tuition is refundable minus \$30 registration fee 30 days prior to session start date.

Parent's Name: _____ Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle Session: Session I / Session II / Week: _____

Amex/ Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover Credit Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Make checks payable to: *Huntington Historical Society*

Mail to: 209 Main St., Huntington, NY 11743

Registration Fee: _____

(Optional \$60.00) Society Membership: _____

Total: _____

For information call 631 427-7045 ext 404.

The Huntington Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization.