



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-March 24, 2017



Dear Parents,

As part of our school district's partnership with the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, the first graders enjoyed their visit to the lab this week where they participated in six exciting science activities. They examined their fingerprints and explored the properties of a mystery substance. They learned about the brain and even examined a sheep's brain! The children loved learning about magnets and about how DNA is a code for the proteins that make up the human body. It was a great scientific experience! We are so grateful that our students have the opportunity to learn from "real" scientists in our very own community.



In school, our students love science! They engage in exciting investigations on a regular basis. It is wonderful to witness their delight as they explore light as it reflects and refracts or test objects to see if they sink or float. Our first graders love learning about their turtles and the kindergarten students have just been introduced to their own class earthworms!

The goal of science in a primary school is to build students' understandings about how the world works and how science is practiced. Hands-on experiences help our students form theories to explain "how" and "why" things happen. In school, they use tools like magnifying glasses, eye droppers, measuring cups, rulers, and scales to gather information. They make predictions, record their ideas on charts, and "try things out." Our teachers help our students use language to **ask questions, describe what they see, and draw conclusions.**

Believe it or not, parents can set up science experiments at home pretty easily! Try this one using a carnation or celery stalk (with leaves at its top) and food coloring to observe and then answer the question: *How does a plant drink water?*

Tip: This experiment works best with thirsty plants. Leave your carnation/celery out of water for a couple of hours and trim the stem before putting it into the colored water. Use plenty of food coloring for vivid color!



Tell your children that you they are going to color the water so they can actually observe where it goes. Partially fill a vase with water and add drops of food coloring until the color is strong. Put the thirsty plant in the water. Check in every few hours to see what is happening and talk about the changes. For young scientists, the discussion can be pretty simple: *Most plants "drink" water from the ground through their roots. The water travels up the stem of the plant into the leaves and flowers (where it makes food) and helps keep the plant strong.*

The most important thing you can do as a parent is encourage a sense of wonder in your child. Talk and read about interesting topics. Pose questions like the one above and look for answers together. Visit the library and take your own field trips to explore the natural world. Just remember...*science is all around us!*

Enjoy the weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein



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Important Dates

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

April 6- CPS Meeting

***April 7- Half Day of School- GH University for Students**

April 5- GPFA Meeting- topic: class placement



Thank you! Thank you to Mrs. Avidano and Mrs. Choi for organizing a fun dance night for the first graders. Thank you, Mrs. Ranaldo for your energy and enthusiasm! A great time was had by all!

Earth Week

We will be celebrating the Earth during the week of April 18-24 (the week after break). You will be receiving a flyer asking for recyclable materials the children can use to create a project in school. We will need items like paper towel tubes, buttons, yarn, cardboard pieces, and bottle caps. No glass or plastic bottles, please!

Buster the Bus

The students will have a special bus safety program next week. Please ask your child what s/he learned from "Buster" about bus safety!

Gooschill University- April 7th

Thank you to all the parents and relatives who volunteered to provide a workshop for our students. We will have workshops on: dog care, art interpretation, The U.S. Army, Irish Dance, Exercise/Fitness, Mediation and Yoga, Cartooning, Orienteering, Spanish, French, Camping, Music. If you still would like to participate, please let me know by Monday morning. The schedule for the day is being developed and all volunteers will receive it and all information early next week. It's going to be an exciting day for the children!

GH University

GPFA Updates

GPFA Meeting The next GPFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m.** in the Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will be discussing the class placement process. Hope to see you there!

Pennies for Puppies, Dimes for Doggies Just a reminder to encourage your child to do good deeds or chores to earn pennies and dimes for donation to help the animals at The Little Shelter Animal Shelter. Have your child bring their coins to school and add them to the school jar. The empty baggies will be sent home for refilling!

FOCUS (Families of the Community United through Schools) is a district wide organization that involves families, schools and the community. The purpose of FOCUS is to promote the skills and environment necessary for children to make healthy and responsible decisions. This is accomplished through parent education and discussion on issues that are important to the community. Through information, education, and collaboration we seek areas in the identified school community that can be improved upon. Our panels have often included authors, professors, lecturers as well as school administration, teachers, counselors and parents.

FOCUS meets once a month. Members of focus will be able to meet with principal/administration at start of the year to create agenda for the school year and help with transition meetings at the end of the year. If you are interested in getting involved with FOCUS please contact Nicole Prizzi @ nrotunda@gmail.com OR [516-238-6692](tel:516-238-6692) (cell).

SEPTA If you are looking for an opportunity to become more active in the Cold Spring Harbor School District, the Special Education Parent Teacher Association is seeking volunteers. This parent group represents the children and families across all the schools K-12 in the Cold Spring Harbor School District and provides an opportunity to work with other parents, educators and administrators in the district. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us at: cshsepta@yahoo.com

West Side Apparel

<http://www.sync-sports.com/west-side>



\$55



\$30



\$30



\$75

Jacket converts to Blanket

\$55



Fleece Vest



\$30



\$30

\$30



Terry Cloth Tank

\$30



\$55



\$25



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PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTG AND GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR
ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST
ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ON-LINE AT THE ABOVE LINK
QUESTIONS KNTESTA@AOL.COM

**COLD SPRING HARBOR
HUNTINGTON SOCCER CLUB**

REGISTRATION IS OPEN FOR SPRING 2017



Mini Munchkins- Birth Year: 2013

Munchkins- Birth Year: 2011-2012

Developmental –(U7)- 2010

Pre Travel – (U8)- 2009

Sign up today at:

cshhsc.siplay.com

Season Starts March 2017



Huntington Historical Society Presents **Passport to the Past** summer camp program



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.

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Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 28, 2017, at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, including the proposed 2017-2018 budgets for the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School, West Side Elementary School, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, Undistributed, and General Support, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

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**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on April 7, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.



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