



## Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-March 31, 2017



Dear Parents,

At this point in the year, I am sure you are noticing the incredible growth your child is making as a reader. Learning to read is no small feat! It is a complex process that requires explicit instruction, lots of practice, and most importantly, careful nurturing. In our classrooms, the teachers provide rich instruction and a variety of opportunities for their students to practice their reading. The children read books, articles, poems, song lyrics, electronic texts, and enjoy reading independently and with partners. Teachers foster a love of reading by modeling their own appreciation for books, reading wonderful stories and informational texts aloud, and providing quiet, sustained time for their students to read every day. Parents also play a critical role in ensuring that their children develop the habits of lifelong readers. Here are some tips for parents from the National Association of Elementary School Principals:

- Always have books on hand. Keep a book in your bag or your car's glove compartment so your child can read in the car or while waiting in line at the grocery store.
- Make regular trips to the library. Introduce your child to a series or ask your librarian for books by the same author to help your child develop his/her own favorites.
- Focus on your child's interests. Encourage your child to check out books that feature characters or topics he or she is interested in. Don't forget poetry and joke & riddle books!
- Consider subscribing to a magazine for kids. Children love getting mail!
- Read aloud to your child regularly. Use different voices for different characters, or invite your child to make sound effects for the story. Build from a few minutes a day to as long as your child is interested.
- Consider how to make reading a daily habit. Your family could have a set time when everyone reads (including you!) or you can read to your child before bed or at breakfast in the morning.
- Cut the distractions. During reading time, turn off or put away electronic devices.
- Ask your child about what he or she is reading in school or what you are reading together. Try open-ended questions such as, "*Why do you think the character did that?*," "*What would you do if you were in that situation?*," or "*What do you think will happen next?*"
- Be a patient listener when your child reads aloud to you. No matter how slowly your young learner reads, avoid finishing sentences for him/her.
- Read beyond books. Invite your child to read menus, greeting cards, newspaper comics, or websites about your next vacation destination.
- Be careful not to make reading seem a chore that needs to be done "*before you can play!*"



Make reading a priority in your home and remember that people choose to do activities they enjoy and make them feel good. Cuddle up with your child-- read, talk, laugh over books. Make reading fun!

Enjoy the weekend-*Happy Reading!*

Mrs. Herschlein



**Parent Workshop (rescheduled): How to Help Your Child Develop  
Reading Comprehension Skills- Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup>. 9:30-10:30**

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## **Important Dates**

**April 5-** GPFA Meeting- topic: class placement process (and a preview of the reading comprehension workshop to be offered on 4/21)

**April 6-** CPC Meeting

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

**April 10-17-** Spring Recess

**April 23-** LHSPTG Little Apple Fun Run

## **GPFA Updates**

The next GPFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 5th at 9:30am** 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! Any coins are fine—pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters!

**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 the 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 at [nrotunda@gmail.com](mailto:nrotunda@gmail.com) OR 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](mailto: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



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\$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](mailto: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](http://cshhsc.siplay.com)**

**Season Starts March 2017**

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*75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724*

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William Bernhard, District Clerk

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# Fun, Fun, Fun!

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Lion's Club Egg Hunt!

Welcome Parents and Children  
(up to 12 years old)

**DATE:** Saturday April 15th, 2017

**PLACE:** The Francis Roberts Community Center  
75 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor

**TIME:** 10:00 AM Sharp!

Rain or Shine

**DONATION:** Please bring a non-perishable food  
item to help the *Huntington Food Council*  
Prizes, Egg Races and Lots of Eggs!

For Info Call  
John Messina  
(516) 522-0132



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# Budget Vote & Trustee Election at Your Library

**Tuesday, April 4th, 9:30am to 9pm**

## VOTE DAY ACTIVITIES

### CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES

Cupcake Decorating, 11am-3:30pm., for children of all ages  
Jester Jim, 4:30pm, for children with their families

### TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Scientific Research Program Poster Presentations, 3:30-6:00pm

### ADULT PROGRAMS

Presentation:

An American living and working in modern day Cuba @ 2:00 pm

### AMNESTY DAY – ALL DAY

Bring your overdue items to the Circulation Desk  
and all fines will be waived.

### UPDATE YOUR LIBRARY CARD – ALL DAY

If you haven't already, pick up your new library card and key tag!



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