

#### **Goosehill Primary School**



Weekly Notes- May 12, 2017

Dear Parents,

With just six weeks remaining in the school year, we have begun the process of preparing our students for the transition to the next school year. The ability to deal with change is an important skill for children to develop-whether it's the end of the school year or the move to a new home, change can bring feelings of sadness and uncertainty as well as anticipation and excitement. Our goal is to provide opportunities that will help our students understand the upcoming changes and feel comfortable asking questions and sharing any concerns they may have. While we address the changes, we keep things simple. Children don't need to be overly concerned about the future! We simply want them to feel confident that no matter which school they attend or classroom they are assigned, they will be safe, comfortable, and happy.

While our current kindergarten students will have the simplest transition next year, we want them to get to know a little about first grade before they leave for the summer. Each kindergarten class will make a weekly visit to a first grade class for "*Buddy Reading*." The first graders will give their kindergarten "buddies" a tour of their classroom and then they will spend time reading their favorite books and/or their own writing to each other. The teachers and I believe this experience helps build excitement while easing the transition to first grade for our kindergarten students. The children enjoyed their first Buddy Reading session today!

Our first graders will visit West Side and Lloyd Harbor Schools next month for the very same reasons. They will ride a "big bus" to their new schools where they will have a tour and spend time in the second grade classrooms. Our first grade teachers help the children feel comfortable about moving on to second grade. They answer their questions about each of the schools and assure them that they are ready to "move up." The teachers acknowledge that the children may be sad that some of their friends will be attending a different school and reassure them that they will continue to have good friends in their new schools. Parents often help their children maintain "across town" friendships through play dates and of course, all of the children will be together again in seventh grade. Parents of current first graders will receive an invitation to attend an Orientation Meeting at Lloyd Harbor and West Side School on June 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m.

While we think about the future, we are still very busy and focused on the present! The children are learning new things every day and using the skills they have developed this year in exciting ways. We look forward to celebrating their successes with you at upcoming events, such as classroom literacy celebrations. Field Day and **Moving Up Ceremony** dates and times are listed on the reverse side of this page in the **Dates to Remember** section. Detailed information about all of our events will be shared with you in the coming weeks.

Thank you to Mrs. Light, our Cultural Arts representative, for arranging to have author/illustrator, Lori Richmond visit our school yesterday. The children enjoyed hearing about how characters are created and books are made. Ms. Richmond led them through a process of creating their own character and setting, and encouraged them to keep imagining, drawing, and writing their own stories. We love for our students to have the opportunity to meet published authors. It's yet another way to build excitement about books and reading!

Have a wonderful weekend! Happy Mother's Day! Mrs. Herschlein



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Important Dates May 13- Goosehill Plant Sale-CANCELLED DUE TO WEATHER May 16- School District Budget Vote and Board Election 6:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. May 19- Boxtops Deadline SCHOOL May 21- West Side Run BUDGET May 24- GPFA Welcome Tea for Incoming Kindergarten Parents May 25- Spirit Day- wear school apparel or red, white, and blue May 26- Baby Photos due (FIRST GRADERS ONLY) May 29- Memorial Day-school closed May 31- End of Pennies for Puppies collection June 1- Field Day-Kindergarten: 9:30-10:45 / First Grade: 11:15-12:30 June 2- Yearbook order deadline June 19- First Grade Moving Up Day- Mrs. DeRop, Katz, and GC's classes 9:00-10:00 - Mrs. Riggles and Ms. Villa's classes 10:30-11:30

June 21- School Supply Deadline

#### **GPFA** Updates

Goosehill Plant Sale Due to the weather forecast, the Goosehill Plant Sale has been CANCELLED!

**Box Tops!** Keep clipping and collecting those Boxtops. The class who collects the most will get an extra recess. Remember to send them in your child's backpack with their teacher's name on the envelope. The deadline is Friday, May 19th. Good luck!!

First Grade Parents Please send in a 4x6 baby photo of your first grader for Monving Up Day in June. Write your child's name and teacher on the back of the photo and send it in an envelope makred "Laura Newman" before May 26th. Moving-Up Day will be on June 19th during school hours-details to come soon. Thank you!

**VOTE** 

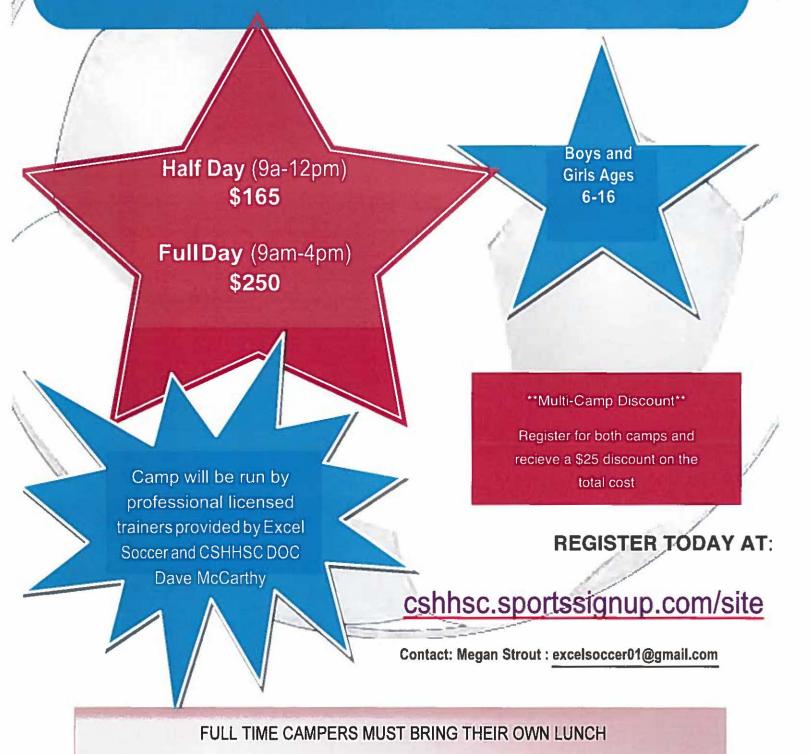
Gooschill Yearbook The Gooschill Yearbooks are on the way! Order forms were sent home earlier this week. Please send your order form and a check for \$30 payable to GPFA by June 2nd.

2017-2018 School Supplies We have again teamed up with A.Hartz Pack To School to offer you online ordering of school supply packets for the 2017-2018 school year! This hassle-free program saves you time and money and guarantees that your child will have all of the the teacher-approved school supplies needed for the new school year. То order your packet. visit http://www.ahartzpacktoschool.com and select your district, school and grade for the *next* school year. For those entering Kindergarten or First Grade be sure to use the link to purchase your GPFA dues when you order. Easy! Please place orders by June 21st.

Volunteer Opportunities We are so fortunate to have such a supportive school community and we'd like to thank all of you for being involved in the GPFA over the past year. We are already looking ahead to next year! There will be opportunities in the fall to sign up for committees or to be class parent, but there are other ways to get involved at Goosehill! If you are interested in any of the positions below for the next school year contact Meg Gallagher at memcgee30@yahoo.com or Janine Mullen at jmullen18@gmail.com.

- Serve as a Committee Chair: Committee chairs organize and coordinate events and activities at school throughout the year including Photo Day, School Supplies, Family Fun Night etc.
- Be a CPC Rep: The Central Parent Council's purpose is to coordinate and facilitate communication . between the District school parent organizations and administration, staff, Board of Education and the community. Meetings are held once a month at which information is shared, selected topics are discussed and problems are identified for possible Board of Education and Administrative consideration. Meetings are open to all parents, however each school sends several representatives to ensure representation from all schools. There are no speaking requirements; your attendance is the only responsibility! Parents who have attended CPC meetings often say it's interesting to learn about Districtwide programs and to hear more about what is going on at other schools in the district.

# COLD SPRING HARBOR HUNTINGTON SOCCER CLUB AND EXCEL SOCCER SUMMER CAMPS JULY 17-21, 2017 & AUGUST 7-11, 2017



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, May 21, 2017 Earth Muse: Art and the Environment

Sunday, September 17, 2017 Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views

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 handson gallery projects.

Registration is recommended. Space is limited.

Members and Children Free Non-Members Museum Admission \$5 activity fee per child





Images (Top to Bottom):

Tami Wood with students in the gallery. William Merritt Post, A Bend in the River, n.d [detail]. Heckscher Museum of Art; August Heckscher Collection. (On view in Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views)

The Heckscher Museum of Art UPCOMING AT THE HECKSCHER MUSEUM 97th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION Weekend of July 8 & 9, 2017 Free Admission & Family Activities

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### Nassau Athletic and Activity Programs, Inc. (NAAP) A 501@3 Non-Profit Organization Summer 2017 Registration for All Programs! (Ages 3-5, Grades K-3 & 4-9) Tennis Lessons (Ages 3-5; Grades K-3, 4-9, 9-12) Location: Jericho-Westbury Indoor Tennis 44 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753 Tuesdays: Session 1: June 6, 13, 20, 27; July 11, 18 Session 2: July 25; August 1, 8, 15 (6:00pm-7:00pm) Thursdays: Session 1: June 8, 15, 22, 29; July 6, 13 Session 2: July 20, 27; August 3, 10, 17 (6:00pm-7:00pm) \$160 for 6 (1) Hour Group Lessons \$135 for 5 (1) Hour Group Lessons \$110 for 4 (1) Hour Group Lessons Please sign up early, and bring your own racquet! **Register for ALL Programs at the Following Location:** Jericho-Westbury Indoor Tennis: 44 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753 6:00pm - 7:00pm Tuesdays: May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>; June 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> Thursdays: May 25<sup>th</sup>: June 1<sup>st</sup>. 8<sup>th</sup>. 15<sup>th</sup> **NEW PROGRAM IN THE FALL!!!** Starting in September 2017, Accelerated Tennis Programs for More Experienced Tennis Players (Training Programs for Tournaments and School Team Training Starting in 5th Grade)

For Further Information, Contact Jim Collins at (516) 384-5751
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## Come and join Councilwoman Susan A. Berland



## FLOWER PLANTINGS & BEACH CLEANUPS

Sat. May 13th, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Crab Meadow Beach Waterside Ave., Northport



Sat. May 20th, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Gold Star Battalion Beach West Shore Road, Huntington

Sat. June 17th, 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M. Centerport Senior Beach House Little Neck Road, Centerport

To volunteer, please visit http://huntingtonny.gov/cleanup

Please remember to wear appropriate clothing. Protective gloves will be provided.

Refreshments will be served.



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# For more information, please call 631-351-3173

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# Councilwoman Susan A. Berland invites you to be a "Fisherman" for a day!

30 Winners between the ages of 7 to 13 will spend the afternoon of

#### Tuesday, August 8, 2017

On a Fishing Charter boat learning the "Tricks of the Trade" from

The Suffolk County Senior Citizens Fishing Club &

The Imperial Sportsmen Club of Long Island!

Send us your best-written essay telling us why YOU should be one of the lucky "catches" of the day!

In Your Essay, be sure to include:

1) Why you want to spend the day on the water.

2) Why you think it's important to protect the fish and their habitat.

ESSAYS MUST BE TYPED AND SHOULD INCLUDE YOUR NAME, AGE, ADDRESS AND HOME TELEPHONE NUMBER









Submission deadline is FRIDAY, JUNE 23rd, 2017. Lunch will be provided by Almarco Italian Grill on New York Avenue

Please address submissions to:

Councilwoman Susan A. Berland "Fisherman for a Day" Contest Huntington Town Hall 100 Main Street Huntington, NY 11743



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