



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- September 23, 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you for your efforts to ensure that your child's dismissal plan is consistent. Children are most comfortable when their "world" is structured and predictable. Certainly there are times, however, when you need to change the day's plans. In that event, please send a note on the yellow **Change of Transportation form** on the morning of the change. Please complete the form carefully- provide the name and phone number of the adult you are authorizing to pick your child up at school or meet him/her at the bus stop. Any adult who may meet or pick up your child from school should be listed as an emergency contact on the Parent Portal. **Please double-check the information you provided (when you verified your emergency contacts in August) to be sure it includes all authorized adults and their current phone numbers.**

**Next Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, is a half day of school.** As part of our District Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an early dismissal drill that day. This means we will gather the children in one location (the gymnasium) and dismiss them ten minutes early.

**Kindergarten AND first grade students will be dismissed together at 11:50 a.m.** *If your child is in kindergarten, you should wait at the bus stop approximately two hours and ten minutes before the usual time. If your child is in first grade, you should wait at the bus stop approximately three hours and ten minutes before the usual time.* Please understand that vans may run a little late, as the kindergarten and first grade students will be riding home on the vans together. (We use the morning routes to transport the children home on half days.)

**Pick-ups:** If your child must be a pick-up on Friday 9/30, please send a note to school on the yellow change of transportation form in the morning. Please park your car and meet your child in the cafeteria at 11:50.

**\*Please note: We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.\***

**Van Riders:** On half days, the children **do not ride their regular afternoon van routes.** Instead, they ride the vans they normally take in the MORNING, which are NOT THE SAME as the afternoon routes because they include both kindergarten and first grade students. In order to avoid confusion, please do NOT make a request that your child get off at any other stop but his/her own. (That stop may not be on your child's morning van route!)



The emergency dismissal drill is one component of our comprehensive safety plan. We conduct a variety of drills in school, including evacuation and lockdown drills. One requires that children know how to exit the building quickly and quietly with their class. The other requires that they remain seated and quiet in their locked classroom. We explain to the children that we practice different ways of being safe. We are careful not to alarm them and keep our discussions very matter-of-fact. The children know that safety drills are just one of many things we *practice* in school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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**Spirit Day** Today was our first Spirit Day! We gathered the children together for a discussion about being part of a **community**. We focused on our words of the month: **Belonging and Accepted**. We reviewed how to treat one another in school and first grader Colbie Canty spoke to the school about what it means to respect **diversity**. She reminded all of us that we are all connected “in our hearts” and it doesn’t matter what we look like or if we have different families, we all deserve kindness. Ms. Villa’s class sang the song “Safe, Respectful, and Responsible” for us and we ended with our school song. Thank you for sending your child to school wearing red, white, blue or Goosehill School apparel! Our next Spirit Day will be October 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Important Dates

**September 30-** Half Day of School. **11:50 dismissal** (Emergency drill)

**October 3-4** – Rosh Hashanah. School is closed.

**October 5-** GPFA Meeting at 9:30am

**October 5-** Lunch/Recess Training 10:30am. If you would like to volunteer for lunch/recess you will need to be present at this training. If you cannot make this training, it will be offered again at another time.

**October 26-** FOCUS Stress Management Techniques Workshop at 9:00am in the District Community Room

### GPFA Updates

#### School Photos

If you have not yet received an email from Island Photography with a link and password to your child’s photos, please contact Sandra Reilly at: [sreillynyc@gmail.com](mailto:sreillynyc@gmail.com). Retakes will be on October 6th for any student.

**GPFA Meeting** on October 5th at 9:30am. Our School Psychologist and Speech Teacher will discuss their programs and ways to support children’s social-emotional and language development.

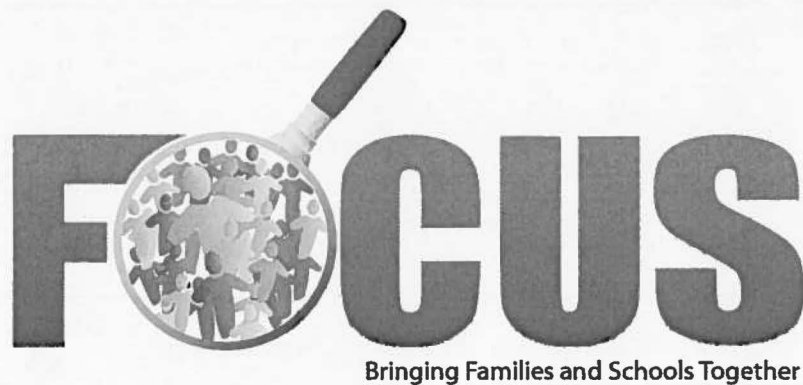
**Lunch/Recess Training** on October 5th at 10:30am (immediately following the GPFA meeting). If you would like to volunteer for lunch/recess you will need to be present at this training. If you cannot make this training, it will be offered again at another time.

**Boxtops** Game on, parents! Time to get your competitive juices flowing! Which class can win extra recess? Hopefully, you’ve been clipping your Boxtops & Labels for Education. Now’s your chance for glory! Send them in with your child’s name and teacher’s name. The class with the most wins! Contest ends 10/21.



**Special Education PTA (SEPTA)** *We had the first meeting of the year today.* We had the opportunity to meet many members of the special education department, including Erin Goldwaithe, District wide Special Education Chairperson and Denise Campbell, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services. Ms. Goldthwaite and Mrs. Campbell provided a general overview of Special Education and the continuum of programs and services in CSH. Dr. Moss, school psychologist and Mrs. Christ, learning specialist also provided suggestions for creating a structured and organized homework time.

**FOCUS** FOCUS will be presenting a workshop on **Stress Management Techniques for you and your children** led by Dr. Jennifer Hartstein; psychological contributor for The Today Show and the Dr. Oz Show. Please join them on **Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 9:00am** in the District Office Community Room for this special event!



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District Office Community Room

75 Goosehill Road

*Refreshments will be served*



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

**CARAMEL APPLE DIPPING**



**Monday, September 26 &  
Tuesday, September 27,  
4:30 p.m.**



**For children in grades K-6  
Make delicious caramel apples to take home.  
Registration required**

**FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-12  
HEXAGON CORK BOARDS**

**Thursday, September 29, 7:00 p.m.**

**Keep important papers within arm's reach on these awesome cork**

**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***

**Truth in Nutritional Labeling**

**New Date & Time!**

**Tuesday, September 29 at 2pm**



Our lecturer will teach how to read nutrition labels, explain genetically modified organisms (GMOs), and discuss common chemicals and food additives, so you can make informed decisions about the foods you and your family consume.

This program is free and open to all.

Advance registration is requested.

For more information or to register  
visit the Information Services Desk,  
call 631-692-6820, or check [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org).

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