



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-December 2, 2016



Dear Parents,

At next Wednesday's GPFA meeting, I will be reviewing the Goosehill Report Card and discussing ways to support your child's academic growth. (Report Cards will be available on the Parent Portal next Friday afternoon.) Our school psychologist, Mrs. Schmid, will join us for the meeting, as we will continue our discussion about social-emotional learning and how we approach discipline at Goosehill Primary School. (I will also be offering one more lunch-recess volunteer training immediately after the meeting!)

One of the most important ideas I hope to share with you next week is how to help children develop the attitudes and behaviors that will help them be successful learners throughout their lives. Research has shown that the most successful students are not necessarily the ones for whom learning comes the easiest. In fact, it is more how children *view* learning and their own potential that determines their success.

Stanford University psychology professor Carol Dweck's research about children's learning has shown that it is important for teachers and parents to foster what she calls a "**growth mindset**." According to her findings, some children (and adults) have what she calls "**fixed mindsets**." People with fixed mindsets believe that they either *do* or *do not* possess certain skills or aptitudes and that no amount of effort can change that. (Think about people you know who say, "*I am terrible at math.*" or "*I can't spell.*") On the other hand, people with "growth mindsets" believe that they can learn new skills or achieve almost anything if they put their minds to it. They are not afraid to try and fail. People with a growth mindset believe that the brain is like a muscle that can grow stronger.

Dweck suggests that instead of praising a child's intelligence ("*You're so smart.*") adults should praise a child's **effort**, **process** (how a child approaches a task), and **perseverance**. For example, Dweck suggests these phrases: "*Wow, you really practiced that, and look how you've improved!*" "*You tried different strategies and you figured out how to solve the problem.*" "*You stuck to this and now you really understand it.*"

Dweck also believes it is important to teach young learners that it's okay to make mistakes---mistakes are an important part of the learning process. Many times, children assume we expect them to do things correctly all the time! Some children are afraid to take risks because they are afraid to fail. We need to let children know that mistakes are essential to learning. And more than just telling them, we have to model it. Acknowledge the mistakes you make, and help your child see that you are okay with having failed. Help your child see that the mistake has helped you learn something new---and your brain is stronger because of it!

Research shows that what parents say about schoolwork and learning can have a powerful impact on their children's mindsets. As you review your child's homework, listen to him/her read, watch him/her build a complex block structure, and especially when you review his/her report card next week, think about promoting a growth mindset. Find ways to praise how hard your child works. Marvel at how s/he tries a few ways to do something before it works. Compliment your child when s/he tries something new---even if s/he doesn't do it perfectly. Help your child take pride in effort and perseverance. Subtle changes in how and what we say to children can make a big difference.

Mrs. Schmid and I look forward to a rich discussion on Wednesday. I hope to see you there!

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein



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Important Dates

December 7th - GPFA Meeting- Topics: Report Cards (overview) and Growth Mindset/ Positive Discipline
- Lunch-recess Volunteer Training immediately after meeting (10:30)

December 14th - Cookie Bake

December 22nd- Spirit Day

How to Access Your Child's Report Card Next Friday

Go to the CSH website, For Parents Tab, Parent Portal Drop down. Click on the blue link that says IF YOU HAVE ALREADY CREATED A LOGIN, YOU MAY ACCESS THE PORTAL LOGIN PAGE BY CLICKING HERE.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Children who will be five years old on or before December 1st 2017 will be eligible for admission to kindergarten in the preceding September. (9/17) Proof of age must be presented in the form of an original birth certificate. A child who has regularly attended and satisfactorily completed a year's work in a kindergarten program that is registered with the State Education Department may be enrolled in the first grade.

GPFA Updates

GPFA Meeting and Lunch/Recess Volunteer Training

The GPFA meeting will be held on December 7th at 9:30am in the Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will be speaking about Report Cards and will also continue our discussion of Social-Emotional Learning and our approach to discipline. We encourage all parents to attend. Lunch/Recess Volunteer training will be immediately after the meeting and is required to volunteer.

Goosehill Holiday Bake

It is time for Holiday Baking! The GPFA will again be wrapping plates of baked goods to thank all of the wonderful staff members that work at our school. Please consider helping out by baking (or buying!) cookies or baked goods. We will also need volunteers to help assemble and wrap the plates the morning of December 14th. If you are interested you can sign up at <http://signup.com/go/hYW7Hn>. Please contact Chloe Henning at chenning81@gmail.com with any questions.



Rewards Programs

With holiday shopping just around the corner we wanted to remind you about local rewards programs benefitting Goosehill. Value Drug will donate 3% of your purchases to Goosehill. Cards were distributed at the tea for you to use OR you can simply mention that you want to donate your purchase to Goosehill and the cashier will scan a card for you. If you have a Target Credit Card or Target MasterCard account you can sign up for the Take Charge of Education program and Target will donate 1% of your purchase to Goosehill. Simply call 1-800-316-6142, visit target.com/tcoe or go to an in-store kiosk to designate Goosehill as your school (ID 75783). Please contact Bessi Mavronicolas at bessima@yahoo.com with any questions about these programs.

COUNCILWOMAN SUSAN A. BERLAND

& The Huntington Youth Council

proudly sponsor the

2016 Holiday Pet Food Drive

Donations Can Be Dropped Off At:

Huntington Town Hall

100 Main Street
Huntington, NY 11743

Huntington Animal Shelter

106 Deposit Road
East Northport, NY 11731



Cold Spring Harbor Library

95 Harbor Road
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

Doggie Don's Long Island Pet Center

128 Laurel Road
East Northport, NY 11731

Half Hollow Hills Community Library

55 Vanderbilt Parkway
Dix Hills, NY 11746

Selmer's Pet Land

125 E. Jericho Turnpike
South Huntington, NY 11743

Please Donate By: Tuesday, January 3rd, 2017

Contact 631-351-3173 For More Details

All proceeds will be Donated to The Harry Chapin Food Bank & Humanitarian Center



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Tree Lighting Ceremony

Saturday, December 3rd
5:30pm

Santa Claus will light the Hatchery's Christmas Tree at 5:30pm.
The Hatchery & Aquarium will remain open until 7pm.

Cookies & Hot Chocolate



FREE ADMISSION
After 5pm!

Suggested Donation
\$10 per family



Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery & Aquarium
1660 Route 25A, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724 • (516) 692-6768 • www.cshfha.org

Nassau Athletic and Activity Programs, Inc. (NAAP)

A 501c3 Non-Profit Organization

Winter 2017 Registration for All Programs!

(K-3) (4th-9th) (9th-12th) (Parents and Other Adults)

Self Defense (Grades K-5)

Location: Zanshin Self Defense

334 Jackson Avenue, Syosset, NY 11791

Saturdays: 2:30pm-3:15pm

Session 3: Feb 4, 11, 18; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1

Session 4: April 8, 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20; June 3, 10

No Uniform Needed!

\$140 for 8 (45) minute group lessons



Tennis Lessons (Grades K-3, 4-9, 9-12, Parents/Adults)

Location: Jericho-Westbury Indoor Tennis

44 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753

Fridays: Session 3: Jan 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb 3, 10

Session 4: Feb 17; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

(K-9 are all 7pm-8pm) (9-12 & Parents/Adults are all 8pm-9pm)

Saturdays: Session 3: Jan 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11

Session 4: Feb 18; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1

(K-3rd: 12pm-1pm, 1pm-2pm, 2pm-3pm, 3pm-4pm)

(4th-9th: 3pm-4pm, 4pm-5pm; 9th-12th: 5pm-6pm)

Sundays: Session 3: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12

Session 4: Feb 19; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2

(K-3rd: 3pm-4pm, 4pm-5pm) (4th-9th: 3pm-4pm, 4pm-5pm) (9th-12th: 5pm-6pm, 6pm-7pm)

\$160 for 6 (1) hour Group Lessons. Please sign up early, and bring your own racquet!



Tennis Lessons **Small Groups**

Location: Jericho-Westbury Indoor Tennis

44 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753

Session 3: Jan 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19

Session 4: March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9

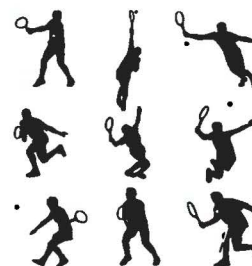
(K-3rd: 5pm-6pm) (4th-9th: 5pm-6pm) (9th-12th: 5pm-6pm) (Parents/Adults: 5pm-6pm)

Beginners: \$250 for 6 (1) hour group lessons (must have 4 and only 4 students)

Or

Make Your Own Group: \$250 for 6 (1) hour group lessons (must have 4 and only 4 students)



Tennis Lessons (K-3rd & 4th-9th)**Location: Glen Head Racquet Club****95 Glen Head Road, Glen Head, NY 11545****5:00pm-6:00pm****Saturdays: Session 3: Jan 14, 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 18****Session 4: March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8****Sundays: Session 3: Jan 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 19****Session 4: March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9****\$160 for 6 (1) hour Group Lessons. Please sign up early, and bring your own racquet!****Tennis Lessons (K-3rd, 4th-9th, 9th-12th)****Location: SporTime Roslyn (**NEW LOCATON!**)** **1 Landing Road, Roslyn, NY 11576****1:00pm-2:00pm or 2:00pm-3:00pm****Sundays: Session 1: Jan 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12****Session 2: Feb 19, March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2****\$160 for 6 (1) hour Group Lessons. Please sign up early, and bring your own racquet!****Register at one of the Following Locations and Dates:****Jericho-Westbury Indoor Tennis****44 Jericho Turnpike, Jericho, NY 11753****December 2, 5, 7, 9, 14, 16 from 6:30pm-7:30pm****December 3, 4, 10, 11 from 1:00pm-3:00pm****Glen Head Racquet Club****95 Glen Head Road, Glen Head, NY 11545****December 6th and 13th from 6:30pm-7:30pm****SporTime Roslyn****1 Landing Road, Roslyn, NY 11576****December 8th and 15th from 6:30pm-7:30pm****For Further Information, Contact Jim Collins at (516) 384-5751*****No Credit Cards Accepted*****All Programs Continue Through the Entire School Year, and into the Summer Months!!!****Please visit us on Facebook: www.Facebook.com/NAAPInc**This flyer is being shared for your information only, and in no way implies any connection with, or endorsement by Cold Spring Harbor School District.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 13, 2016, at 5:00 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 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to hear all interested parties and residents regarding a proposed resolution to authorize an exemption from school property taxes for Cold War Veterans, pursuant to Section 458-b of the Real Property Tax Law, as well as discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.


William Bernhard, District Clerk