



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-December 16, 2016



Dear Parents,

Social Studies in kindergarten and first grade involves teaching children about **diversity**. As young children, they are just beginning to learn about the similarities and differences between children, families, and communities of the world, as well as the holidays, symbols and traditions that unite us as Americans. Here are a few concepts from our curriculum:

- Children and families from different cultures all share some common characteristics, but also have specific differences that make them unique.
- Diverse cultural groups within the community and nation embrace unique traditions and beliefs, and celebrate distinct holidays.
- Unique family activities and traditions are important parts of an individual's culture and sense of self.
- People and families of diverse racial, religious, national, and ethnic groups share their beliefs, customs, and traditions, which creates a multicultural community.
- Awareness of America's rich diversity fosters intercultural understanding.

When teaching children about diversity, we emphasize that all people are the same on the "inside" and have many, wonderful differences on the "outside." We celebrate and respect people's differences in the way they look, dress, speak, and celebrate holidays. Because many of our families celebrate a holiday in December, the children are very interested in sharing their traditions with their peers. We will also have a Spirit Day Assembly on Thursday, December 22nd when we will discuss three December holidays- Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa, and all they have in common: *family, food, prayer, lights, gift-giving, and love!* We will sing songs that represent all three holidays at a school-wide sing-along on Friday. Our morning announcements often include information about diversity in our world, and end with the phrase, "*That's diversity...and that's cool!*" We believe that by celebrating and honoring diversity, we are teaching our students important lessons, most importantly, to respect and honor each other's differences.

If you would like to continue the conversation at home, try reading books to your children about the traditions of families that may be different from your own. Of course, there are many, many wonderful books to be found in the library and book stores. Try series books such as *My First Holiday* series by Karen Katz and *Rookie Read About Holidays* to help you explore holidays and traditions around the world. There are also wonderful videos, such as ones produced by Sesame Street, that teach children about diversity in the world.

The teachers, staff, and I hope you enjoy talking with your child about diversity and all s/he is learning about holidays and traditions. We thank you for your ongoing support of our work.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Thank you! Thank you to all of our parents who baked and supplied goodies for the wonderful Holiday Cookie Platters for our Goosehill Staff. Everything was delicious and so beautifully presented! Thank you to all of the parents who created the platters, and Mrs. Henning for chairing the committee. We are grateful for all you do to make us feel so appreciated!



Important Dates

December 22nd- Spirit Day-Wear School Colors

December 23rd- Full day of school

Winter Recess- December 24- January 2.

School reopens on January 3rd.

School Communication via TEXT Message

Our School District Communication system utilizes a telephone ALL-CALL system to notify parents about events, such as the posting of report cards and emergency school closings. If you wish to also be contacted by **text to your cell phone**, you can subscribe to the system by texting the word **SUBSCRIBE** to **68453** and following Text notification prompts.

NOTE THAT IF YOU DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THE TEXTING SYSTEM, YOU WILL STILL RECEIVE VOICE CALLS FOR ALL-CALLS THAT GO OUT.

Outdoor Recess

Please send your child to school with a warm coat, hat, and gloves. Recess is outdoors whenever possible! PLEASE remember to label everything!



GPFA Updates

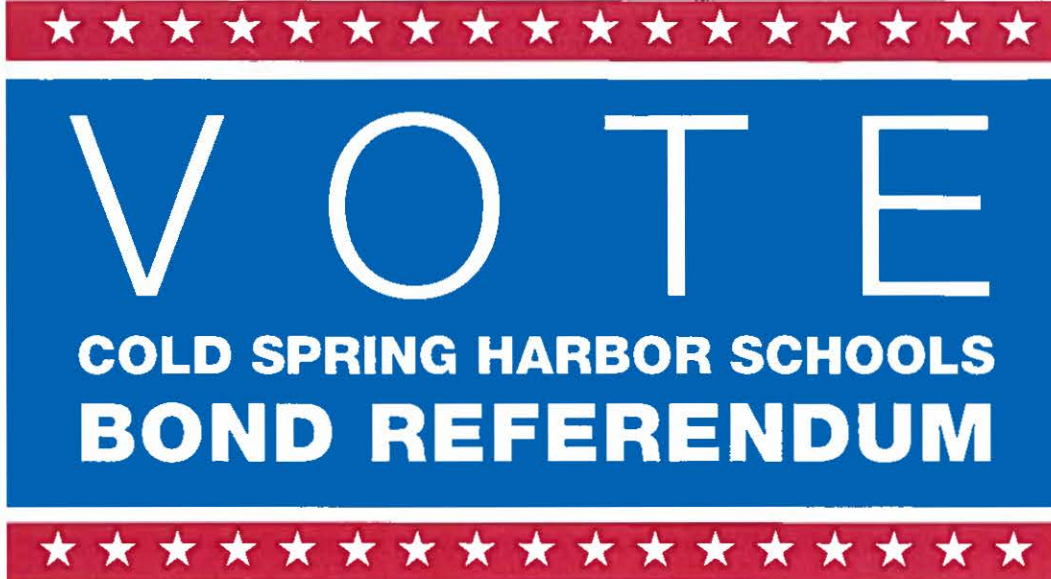
Family Fun Nights

Mark your calendars for our upcoming family fun nights! The Kindergarten Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, January 26th at 6pm and the kids will be entertained by Magic of Alexo. The First Grade Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, February 2nd at 6pm with Bubblemania! Siblings are welcome. \$10 per family will be collected at the door.



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.



BOND REFERENDUM JANUARY 18, 2017

The Board of Education has approved a resolution to present to the district voters a proposed bond to construct a 9,798 sq. foot Physical Education Center at the Jr./Sr. High School.

- The proposal will be a \$4.8 million bond to be funded over 20 years. The annual budgetary impact would be approximately \$98 for the average tax payer.
- This facility will be used primarily for the Jr./Sr. High School physical education program for all students in grades 7 through 12.
- More detailed information is available on the district website (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
- A Bond Brochure will be mailed to the community before the scheduled vote in January with further details.

(Voting will take place in the high school field house
from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. on January 18, 2017.

Residents may vote in person or by absentee ballots)

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)



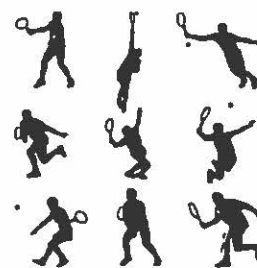
Tennis Lessons (K-3rd & 4th-9th)

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.

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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Supervisor

Eugene Cook
Councilman

Tracey A. Edwards
Councilwoman



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

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Glitter Snowflakes

Tuesday, December 20th @ 4:30 pm

For children in grades K-6

Use glitter and paint to decorate wooden
snowflakes.

Registration Required.



Winter Ice Cream Cone Trees

**Thursday, December 22th @ 4:30
pm**

For children in grades K-6

Create delicious winter trees
using



**LIBRARY CLOSED:
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
MONDAY, DECEMBER 26**

TEEN & IN BETWEEN

FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 5-12

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for Volunteers in grades 8-12
for our new homework help program.

Contact Caitlin Sempowich at
csempowich@cshlibrary.org for more
information and to receive an application.

LAST MINUTE HOLIDAY GIFTS

Wednesday, December 21, 4:30 p.m.

For students in grades 5-12

Make gifts for your loved ones for the holidays.



**HOT CHOCOLATE
ORNAMENT & MUG**

**Thursday, December 22,
At 7:00 p.m.**

For students in grades 5-12



SUNDAY DECEMBER 18

3:00 PM

**PLAZA THEATRICAL PRESENTS
SCROOGE**

For all ages.

This sixty minute holiday musical
tradition, based on Charles Dickens
classic novel, A Christmas Carol,
comes to life on the stage. Follow
miserly Ebenezer Scrooge as he learns the
true spirit of the holidays!



For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at
the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820