

The Friday Notes

Celebrating 227 Years!





March 24, 2017

Principal's Corner

This week, as part of the West Side School Improvement Team initiative, parent volunteers came in to read "Growth Mindset" themed books to the second and third grade classes. Stories dealt with characters who had to overcome frustrations, who made mistakes, and who were embarrassed by perceived lack of abilities. Following discussions, students were given a word search puzzle filled with key "growth mindset" terms to work on. Thank you to Mrs. O'Grady, Mrs. Rampi, Mrs. Lynch, and Mrs. Reilly for coming in and reading to the students. Also, a special thanks to Ryoma Furukawa, in Dr. Dawkin's class, for helping to create the word search puzzle. In addition, our second graders were visited by LuAnn Adams who brought storytelling to life on Friday. The "Treasures of the Heart" assembly was a collection of multi-cultural folktales, including "How the Parrot Got Beautiful Colors on Her Wings," which engaged our audience members. Special thanks to Mrs. Tsekerides for making this cultural arts experience possible! Finally, all of our students participated in a water bottle flipping fundraiser spearheaded by our Student Council members in order to raise money for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in honor of Rev. Rosemary Gaines who worked so closely with our school for years.

NYS Testing

As a reminder, the NYS ELA assessments will take place next week (March 28 – 30). The NYS math assessments will take place on May 2 – 4. Parents can help to prepare their children for success by:

-  ensuring children get a good night's sleep before each day of testing
-  providing children with a balanced breakfast on the morning of the exam
-  encouraging children to try their hardest
-  **making sure children arrive to school on time – assessments will begin promptly at 9:00 AM**

Dismissal

To ensure that dismissal is orderly and safe for all children, your child's daily dismissal plan should be as consistent as possible. If a change is absolutely necessary, a note must be sent to the classroom teacher with the child in the morning. We respectfully request that you avoid calling the Main Office to make a change to your child's dismissal plan once the school day has begun. When such a change is made after the children have started their day, it causes confusion and disrupts instructional time. Therefore, please understand that mid-day dismissal changes can only be accommodated in emergency situations. We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety and security of all children.



WSS Movie Night

Please join us for West Side School's movie night tonight Friday, March 24, 2017 at 5 p.m. We will be showing "Finding Dory" Enjoy pizza and popcorn while you watch a great movie with your friends. Dress in PJ's and don't forget your pillow! This event is for WSS students and their siblings only. Parental supervision is required for all attending-No Drops Offs Please. All WSS students will have a chance to win a raffle prize. Students must be in attendance in order to be eligible to win a prize. Any questions, please contact Rita McCarey at rmccarey@gmail.com. See you at the movie!

Sports/Game Night

Sports/Game Night at West Side is Sunday, April 2nd. The PTG invites you to enjoy dinner with friends and play some games with your child at WSS. Evite including details will be sent home soon.

FOCUS Welcomes Back

Dr. Jennifer Hartstein: How Is Social Media Affecting Your Child's Self Esteem? Join us for this workshop on Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00am in the District Office Community Room – 75 Goose Hill Road.

Literary Luncheon

Save the Date: The CSHHS Literary Luncheon will be on Wednesday, March 29th at the Huntington Country Club. We will feature Long Island author Regina Calcaterra and her best-selling memoir, 'Etched in Sand'. We are hoping to encourage members of the community to start reading now and to Save the Date! Please see flyer attached.

West Side Apparel

Show your West Side Spirit. It may not seem like it but t-shirt and shorts weather is around the corner. Get your WS spirit wear today! Final orders are due April 1st.

Yearbook

We need pictures for our 2016/17 Yearbook! Especially needed are pictures from these events:

- Band, Orchestra, Chorus

Please contact coteks@gmail.com or submit the photos online:

- Go to: <https://images.memoryebooks.com/login>
- If it does not automatically log you into the site, enter username: 406403601
- Browse to select the photo(s) you wish to upload.
- Enter information about the photo and provide contact information in case the staff needs additional information.
- Click "Save Details".

It's that easy! Submit your photos today! The last day to submit photos is 04/15/2017.

Talent Show

Don't forget to sign up for the 2017 West Side Talent Show. It will be held on **Friday, May 12th**. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. ***A special note: This year students WILL be allowed to be in one SOLO act plus one group act (sixth grade group act not included).** Both Parents and Students should **read all the rules** before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals, see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than **3/31/17**. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$35 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.)

**A note to all 6th grade parents, we are looking for a parent volunteer to create the 6th grade group act. It can be a dance, song, etc. (6th grade students may be in the group act as well as their own act.) It would be open to all 6th graders (boys and girls) please contact me asap if you would like to volunteer at kerrialbers@optonline.net. If we don't get a volunteer, there will be no 6th grade group act ☹ .

We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, an edited CD or digital copy of the song cut to 2 minutes must be submitted or emailed to me by 3/31/17. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact Kerri Albers at kerrialbers@optonline.net .

Upcoming Events

Movie Night	Tonight – 5:00 PM West Side
NYS ELA Testing (Gr 3 – 6)	March 28 – 30 (Testing will begin promptly at 9:00 AM.)
Literary Luncheon	Wednesday, March 29th – Huntington Country Club
SIT	Thursday, March 30 th – 3:30 PM Conference Room
Parent-Teacher Conferences	Friday, March 31 st
Noon Dismissal	Friday, March 31 st
Sports-Game Night	Sunday, April 2 nd – 5:20 PM West Side
5th Gr Parent Maturation Mtg	Monday, April 3 rd – 2:20 PM Health Room

Attachments from the School

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March 23, 2017

Dear Fifth Grade Parents:

On **April 19th** and **April 24th** your child will be participating in the **Growing-Up Unit of The Great Body Shop** health program with his or her grade.

The program focuses on physical, emotional and social maturation. For a topic such as this, it is critical that your child knows there are adults willing to discuss this material. While our instruction encourages your child to turn to you for further information regarding adolescence, he or she will be discussing some of the topics such as hygiene, good health, the reproductive system and physical and emotional changes during puberty. Our in-school classes are a wonderful springboard for family conversation and allow your child to ask questions both anonymously and in front of his or her peers about the maturation process.

We will be holding an **optional informational meeting for parents on Monday, April 3rd** in the **Health Room at 2:20 PM**. Fifth grade teacher representatives and our school nurse will be joining us to discuss the program. They will be prepared to share materials and answer questions.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Simon, Principal
Christine Parent, Health Teacher
Fifth Grade Teachers



March 10, 2017

Dear Parents:

In the coming weeks, we will begin forming classes for the 2017-18 school year. Our goal is to create well-balanced, heterogeneous classes where all children can thrive socially and academically. Classroom and special area teachers, support service providers, and the principal are all involved in the process. We work carefully to group students so that each class is balanced in terms of gender, social development, work habits, and academic performance.

Parental input is appropriate if your child has specific needs that are not already known to us. If this is the case, you may submit a letter to the principal's attention by **April 21st**. Because the grouping process will begin at that time, letters received after April 21st cannot be considered.

We will give the same level of care and attention to the placement of every child whether a letter is written or not. However, if you choose to submit a letter, please note:

- Letters should be addressed to the principal and sent to the Main Office. (not via email) **Requests should never be made to a teacher.**
- If you are writing with regard to more than one child, **separate letters** must be submitted.
- Requests for placement **with** a specific child cannot be accepted. Our goal is to help students build friendships with many different children over the course of their educational experience.
- Requests for **separation from** one specific child may be considered. We cannot accept a request to separate your child from **more than one child**.
- **Requests for a specific teacher will not be considered.** In fairness to all, letters of this nature will be returned.
- If you would like to request that your child **not** be assigned a particular teacher, it must be due to the prior experience of a sibling. Please include the name and year the sibling was in the class. **This is the only request with regard to a specific teacher that will be accepted.**
- **For students entering second grade**, the placement process is completed by the Goosehill team.
- Letters from past years are not saved, and therefore cannot be considered.

Because of the complex nature of the process, once class assignments are made in August, placements are final.

We appreciate your confidence in the professional staff as we begin this important process. Thank you for your continued support of our efforts to create an educational environment where every child will be happy and successful.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein, *GH Principal*
Valerie Massimo, *LH Principal*
Kurt Simon, *WS Principal*

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West Side Apparel

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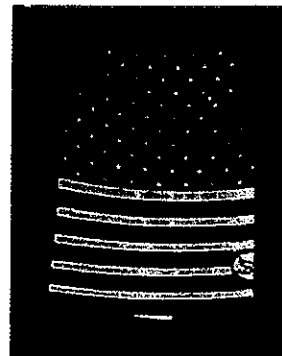
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Jacket converts to Blanket



Fleece Vest



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Terry Cloth Tank



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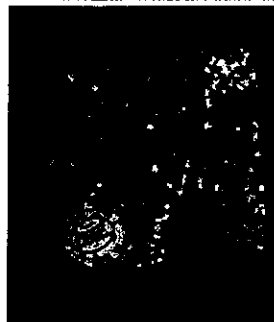
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PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTG AND GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR
ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST
ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ON-LINE AT THE ABOVE LINK
QUESTIONS KNTESTA@AOL.COM

West Side School Annual Talent Show
FRIDAY May 12, 2017

Check # _____

Amt\$ _____

Shirt Size _____

Participation Form

(Must be submitted by 3/31/17 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Kerri Albers"

Student's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Teacher: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cellphone number: _____

Parent's e-mail: _____

*(Please write **neatly** as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)*

Description of the act: Please circle **all** that applies- Dance / Singing / Comedy / Instrumental _____ /
Other (please explain) _____

Soloist Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer, if Dancing: write type of dance, if Instrumental: write type of instrument being played:

If group act, list **all participants**: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$35 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.

Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2017 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Kerri Albers (kerrialbers@optonline.net) with any questions.

REMEMBER:

Parent's Name: _____ Student's Name: _____ - CHECK # _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____ - T-Shirt Size _____

Signature: _____ Signature: _____ - Music _____

Parents: Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____ Total # of T-shirts Ordered _____

(Youth S ___ Youth M ___ Youth L ___ Youth XL ___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___)



Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$35 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2017 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 3/31/17. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- This year, students will have the opportunity to perform in **one solo act and one group act**, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity, in addition, to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Kerri Albers at kerrialbers@optonline.net if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 3/31/17. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- **You must attend two rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal.** All performers are required to be at the first rehearsal on Wednesday April 19 from 3:15-5. (Once your act is done, you may go home) Your act does not need to be polished at this 1st rehearsal, this is more for placement in the show. For the 2nd rehearsal, all acts **MUST** be complete and ready to be performed. You will be assigned the 2nd rehearsal based on which act you are in, either Wed. May 3 for Act 1 or Thurs. May 4 for Act 2 at Westside School from 3:15-5:00 (Once your act is done, you may go home), There will be a dress/tech rehearsal on Thursday May 11 at the Cold Spring Harbor High School Performance Arts Center (PAC) right after school for all performers. All

performers must stay for the entire time as we will be rehearsing the finale as well. You must be at your scheduled rehearsal to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

- **Parents must send a note to the child’s teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal.** If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Kerri Albers at kerrialbers@optonline.net
- Please take your time in deciding your act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be **absolutely no switching from group to group** with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will **not** be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2017 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled “West Side Talent Show”

To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet! - Kerri

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

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on March 28, 2017, at 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

At 6:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, including the proposed 2017-2018 budgets for the Lloyd Harbor Elementary School, West Side Elementary School, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. High School, Buildings and Grounds, Transportation, Undistributed, and General Support, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

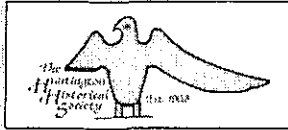
COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on April 7, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.



William Bernhard, District Clerk



Huntington Historical Society

Presents

Passport to the Past

summer camp program



Tending to the kitchen herb garden on the historic Kissam property.

2017 Registration is Open!

Time Travel takes on a whole new meaning! A unique summer camp designed to bring history to life!

Offering 1& 2 two-week, Monday through Friday, half-day summer camp sessions, 9 am to 12 noon for children ages 7 to 12.

Campers can wear colonial costumes, play old fashioned games, tour historical sites, handle various artifacts, and enjoy hands-on colonial-era activities including:

- Weaving, Candle Dipping
- Felting Wool, Maypole Celebration



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

\$300 for Society members / \$400 for non-members.

\$180/one week -members \$240/one week non-members

Family Membership fee to join Huntington Historical Society \$60 (for a \$100 savings per child)

Session I July 10 to July 21

Session II..... July 24 to August 4

PASSPORT TO THE PAST -2017 REGISTRATION FORM

Refund policy: Tuition is refundable minus \$30 registration fee 30 days prior to session start date.

Parent's Name: _____ Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle Session: Session I / Session II / Week: _____

Amex/ Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover Credit Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Make checks payable to: *Huntington Historical Society*

Mail to: 209 Main St., Huntington, NY 11743

Registration Fee: _____

(Optional \$60.00) Society Membership: _____

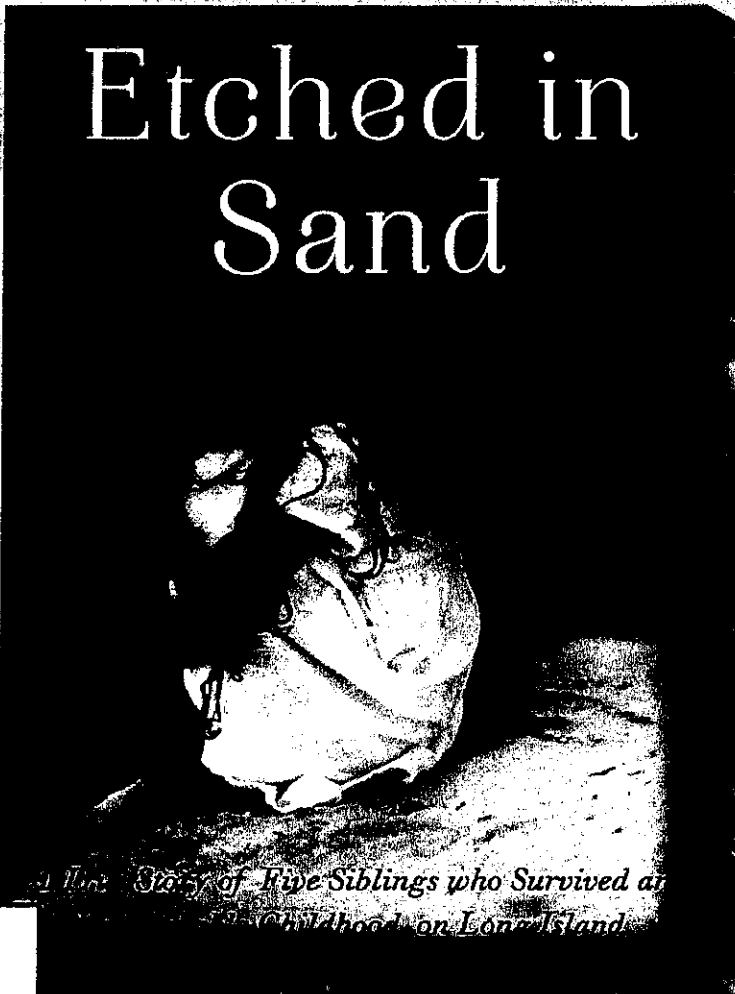
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For information call 631 427-7045 ext 404.

The Huntington Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization.

Looking for your next book club read?
Look no further!

Etched in Sand



The True Story of Five Siblings who Survived an Unspeaking Childhood on Long Island



SAVE THE DATE!

The Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School

CFA Literary Luncheon featuring Regina Calcaterra

Wednesday, March 29, 2017

Etched in Sand: The True Story of Five Siblings Who Survived an Unspeaking Childhood on Long Island tells the story of how Regina & her four siblings persevered through an abusive childhood only to find themselves faced with challenges from the foster-care system.

For the past 25 years, Regina Calcaterra has spent her policy and legal career in both the private and public sectors and is the recipient of the Geraldine Ferraro Award of Courage, an attorney for the State of New York. Regina is a frequent commentator for national news outlets and a passionate advocate for children.

Her story of determination is inspiring to all readers.

Proceeds to benefit the Cultural Arts and CFA Programs at CSH Jr/Sr High School

For more information, contact Claire Costa at ccosta21@optonline.net or Monica Stingi at mdstingi@hotmail.com

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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

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Season Starts March 2017

**COLD SPRING HARBOR JR. HIGH SCHOOL
PRESENTS:**



**FRIDAY, MARCH 24, 2017 AT 7PM
SATURDAY, MARCH 25, 2017 AT 7PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017 AT 2PM**

**TICKETS: \$10
CSH PERFORMING ARTS CENTER**