West Side School

The Friday Notes

Celebrating 227 Years! November 11, 2016

Principal's Corner

This year, thanks to the generous donation of the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation, we are continuing our efforts with LightSail. Over the last few weeks, our technology teacher, Ms. Diehl, has been working with our teachers in grades four, five, and six to build an understanding behind this powerful reading tool. Students are in the process of participating in lessons to learn about the app's capability and are taking a Power Challenge which will eventually help with book selection. The beauty of this technology is that it will give our teachers real time feedback from your child's independent reading, and they can use the data to improve instruction. Having the ability to address the needs of the individual learner is paramount. The library of books the kids can choose from is vast and, as in the past, we will look to them for book suggestions. More exciting information will follow as we continue our efforts to create life-long learners with a love of reading.

Got Grit?

Please see the attached checklist from the School Improvement Team. We are searching for parents to share their experiences of exhibiting grit, perseverance, and resilience to achieve their goals. The task will be to speak to a class and share your story.

West Side Spirit Wear

Looking to show your West Side School spirit? Visit our spirit wear shop and design your own T-Shirts, hoodies etc. Go to: <u>http://www.mylocker.net</u>.



6th Grade Get Together

Attention Sixth Graders!!! Tonight is the Hoedown Dance with Lloyd Harbor School sixth graders. **Wear your favorite plaid** shirt, jeans and boots! November 10th from 6:30pm-8:30pm (no school the next day!) at CSHHS. Pizza, DJ and tons of fun! Be on the lookout for a flyer with more details coming soon via your child's backpack.

Next PTG Meeting

Our next PTG meeting will be held on Monday, November 14th @ 9:30am and we will have Mrs. Latham speak to the audience about bullying and what we can do as parents to address this issue. She will also discuss how WSS handles any bullying issues that may arise. There will be no PTG meeting in December.

Holiday Boutique

This year's Holiday Boutique will be held on December 7th and 8th in the Community Room. Schedule to follow shortly.

West Side Kids Care

West Side Kids Care collected several bags of warm coats, gloves, hats and other outerwear for the Helping Hands Mission. They will be distributing the items we collected to the people in need throughout our neighboring community.

Save your teeth and share your sweets! Bring your leftover Halloween candy to the donation box in the lobby from November 1 - 10th. It will be distributed to people in need at the Helping Hands Rescue Mission at their holiday parties. Thank you for your generosity.

Each year, the West Side Community comes together to provide needy families in our area with a Thanksgiving meal. These families are a part of the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington. Please help by donating your child's assigned food below to ensure each family has a hearty and festive meal. See flyer for more details.

Yearbook

Get your pictures in the yearbook!-The Yearbook Staff invites students and parents to submit photos for the yearbook. If you've got great photos of school and community events of you and your friends just having fun, we'd like to see them. Our photographers can't be everywhere. Help us get as many photos as possible to create a terrific book everyone will want to have.

Here is how you can submit photos online:

•Go to: <u>https://images.memoryebooks.com/login</u>

• 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.

SEPTA Presents

Raising your kids to have a healthy relationship with food...while keeping your sanity! Join us for a refreshingly honest take on what we really should be focusing on when it comes to food and our kids (Forget the coconut water and chia seeds). Gemma Saylor – a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and Certified Health Coach, serves up healthy portions of advice and humor in her talk. Thursday, **November 17th** @ **9:30 AM** in the District Office Community Room

Recess Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at recess during the 2016/2017 school year, please contact Lauren Jasinski at <u>WestSideRecess@gmail.com</u>.

Upcoming Events

6 th Grade Hoedown	Tonight from 6:30 – 8:30 PM at CSHHS	
WSS PTG Meeting	Monday, November 14 th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room	
WSS PTG Meeting SIT Thanksgiving Recess — No School	Thursday, November 17th at 3:30 PM in the Conference Room	
Thanksgiving Recess – No School	November 23 – 25	
Holiday Toy Drive Begins	Monday, November 28 th	
5 th Grade Trip: DNA Learning Center	Tuesday, November 29 th	
5 th Grade Trip: DNA Learning Center 4 th Grade Trip: Lloyd Manor House	Monday, December 5 th	
Fiddler Tech Week	December 5 – 9 at CSHHS	

Attachments from the School

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Growth Mindset Speaker Series Checklist

Your Name:	
Name(s) of child(ren):	
Days availability:	
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Wednesday	
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Time of availability	
□ AM	
□ PM	
Topic of interest:	
Grade level(s) of interest:	
Please provide a brief description of your story of failure & success:	

TIP Center

- **Audience**: Keep the age of your audience in mind.
- □ **Timeframe** Think about length. No longer than 30 minutes. Some people might bring in an activity to support the lecture which is fine as well.
- □ **Story**: What is the story you are trying to tell?
- **Goal**: Your goal is to inspire, motivate, and remind them of the power of perseverance.
- □ **Failure**: Remember to highlight the importance of failing and persevering to overcome.
- \Box **Due** back to the main office by November 16th.

WEST SIDE KIDS CARE



THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

Each year, the West Side Community comes together to provide needy families in our area with a Thanksgiving meal. These families are a part of the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington. Please help by donating your child's assigned food below to ensure each family has a hearty and festive meal:

2nd Grade (Ms. Ryan & Ms. Santoro): 1 can/jar of gravy

3rd Grade (Dr. Dawkins & Mr. Farmer): 1 box of stuffing

4th Grade (Ms. Dopico): 1 can of cranberry sauce

4th Grade (Ms. Manning): 1 can of corn

4th Grade (Mrs. Dudek): 1 box of macaroni and cheese

5th Grade (Mr. Arloff & Ms. Scanlon): 1 box of Jiffy Muffin Mix/quick bread

6th Grade (Ms. Agnello, Ms. DeRosa & Ms. Gerver): 1 large can of yams

In addition, we are suggesting that each child donate \$1 so that the Helping Hands Mission will have enough money to purchase a turkey for each family to make the holiday complete. We ask that this \$1 come from their own savings or they can earn it by helping you. It is a part of our goal to instill the importance of giving, kindness and concern for those who are less fortunate. All donations are on a voluntary basis. Thank you for your support!

Donations will be collected in your child's classroom and will be picked up on Wednesday, November 16th.

Please contact Jordan Smith (jordan_kenna@yahoo.com) or Lauren Jasinski (jasinski.lauren@gmail.com) with any questions.



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Please send checks via backpack LABELED... "HOEDOWN, ATTN: Nicole Pultz"

November 7, 2016



Dear Parents:

The Cultural Arts Committee has a unique opportunity for the 5th graders at West Side in which they would be able to Skype with Avi, a world renowned author and winner of the Newbery Award for children's literature and the Scott O'Dell award for historical fiction. Over the course of his career, Avi has published over 70 books! Among his most popular titles are Crispin: The Cross of Lead, The True Confessions of Charlotte Doyle, Nothing But the Truth, the Poppy books, Midnight Magic, and The Fighting Ground.

Currently we are planning to schedule a one hour session after the December break as Avi requests that all students read at least one of his books before Skyping. In addition, since he is so popular, he will only schedule one session per school and limits the seating to 30 students. He values the small group setting because he wants to be able to see the students who are asking him questions. However, he understands that most schools have more than 30 students on a grade level and accepts and answers questions from students not sitting in the workshop.

In an effort to get a sense of how many students are interested, we are asking each family to please fill out the form below and return it to your child's homeroom teacher by November 15th. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity for our students which will take place at 2:20 on January 10th.

Sincerely,

Mr. Simon Ms. Fraiberg The Cultural Arts Committee

Child's Name: ____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Please check one of the following:

□ My child is interested in reading a book by Avi before the New Year and participating in the Sype workshop.

□ My child is interested in reading a book by Avi before the New Year and wants to submit a question to Avi, but does not want to participate in the workshop.

 \Box My child is not interested in participating at this time.

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THIS IS NOT YOUR AVERAGE NUTRITION TALK!

While Gemma likes to "Put the Fun Back in Nutrition," she also wants to...



- Inspire you to make real changes in how you think about, talk about and enjoy food with your children
- Arm you with fabulous strategies and tips to make your life easier and your family healthier
- Offer a thought provoking Q & A at the end, so please bring all your questions!



Thursday, November 17th at 9:30am District Office Community Room 75 Goose Hill Road, CSH

Come and enjoy some light refreshments!



MINI MASTERS: TIME TRAVEL TO ANCIENT ROME Thursday, November 17, 2:00 p.m. For children ages 3-5 with adult Learn about the art of Ancient Rome, then create your own work inspired by what you have seen. Registration required.



THANKSGIVING PLACE MATS Thursday, November 17, 4:30 pm. For children in grades K-2 Decorate a festive place mat to use during Thanksgiving dinner. Registration required. including textiles and notions. Turkey Krispie Treats Thursday, November 17, 7:00 p.m. For kids in grades 5-12 Mold and decorate adorable krispie 9



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



Hiking Long Island Tuesday, November 15 at 7pm

Naturalist, photographer, and author Lee McAllister will discuss the many hiking opportunities available on Long Island. The lecture will cover the geology, history, flora, fauna, and topographical features that make Long Island such an interesting place to hike at any season.

Copies of *Hiking Long Island* will be available for purchase & signing.

This program is free and open to all. Advance registration appreciated

For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.