

# The Friday Notes

Celebrating 227 Years!  
November 18, 2016

## Principal's Corner

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy Thanksgiving. Many of you will be traveling next week, so please do so safely. West Side is such a wonderful learning environment where I get to work each day, and I am so thankful to be a part of it. I could not be more thankful for the staff, the community and of course our students. It really is a pleasure to be able to work so closely with all of you. Thank you all for your continued support and enthusiasm. This is truly a group effort!

When we return, many of our fifth and sixth graders will be performing in our school musical, *Fiddler on the Roof*. They have been rehearsing for the past two months and are in the home stretch. I would like to thank them for their efforts to grow and learn outside of the classroom. This will not only be an incredible experience for these students but also a point of motivation for the younger students in our school. It takes grit and perseverance to show up each week, to take a risk, and to achieve a long-term goal. You are almost there. Keep up the good work!

## 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: <http://www.mylocker.net>.



## Holiday Boutique 2016

Please save the date for our annual WSS Holiday Boutique! This year, the children will be shopping with their classes on Wednesday, December 7 and Thurs December 8 during school hours. A schedule of when each class will shop will be emailed and sent home via backpack in a few weeks. We are looking for volunteers on Tuesday, December 6 to help set up the displays, on December 7 and 8 to help the children shop and on December 8 to help break down the event. If you have signed up to be on the Holiday Boutique Committee already, a Sign up.com email will be sent for you to pick times to help out. To volunteer, please contact Edra Tepper [edratepper@verizon.net](mailto:edratepper@verizon.net)

## 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: <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.

## Recess Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer at recess during the 2016/2017 school year, please contact Lauren Jasinski at [WestSideRecess@gmail.com](mailto:WestSideRecess@gmail.com).

**Upcoming Events**

<b>Thanksgiving Recess – No School</b>	November 23 – 25
<b>Holiday Toy Drive Begins</b>	Monday, November 28 <sup>th</sup>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: DNA Learning Center</b>	Tuesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip: Lloyd Manor House</b>	Monday, December 5 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Fiddler Tech Week</b>	December 5 – 9 at CSHHS

**Attachments from the School**

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# West Side School

Holiday Boutique Schedule  
2016

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## Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 9:30	6Agnello (Music)
9:40 – 10:10	6Gerver (Music)
10:45 – 11:15	3Dawkins
11:20 – 12:10	OPEN
12:15 – 12:45	4Dopico
12:50 – 1:20	2Santoro
1:35 – 2:05	4Dudek
2:20 – 2:50	5Scanlon

## Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

9:00 – 9:30	6 DeRosa (Music)
9:45 – 10:15	5Arloff
10:45 – 11:15	3Farmer
11:20 – 12:10	OPEN
12:15 – 12:45	4Manning
12:50 – 1:20	2Ryan

# Coming Soon

A Growth Mindset Speaker Series  
Sponsored by the West Side School Improvement Team

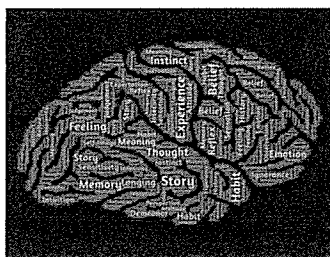
**“No matter what your ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment.” - Growth mindset quote by Carole Dweck, Ph.D.**

We are looking for parents and teachers to:

- ❖ Share ways they have overcome obstacles and persevered in life (work, education, friendships, health, fitness, etc.)
- ❖ Speak to our students about the importance of a strong work ethic
- ❖ Show our children that the adults in their lives have grit, too - this is a lifetime and ageless goal!
- ❖ Support the research on the value of a growth mindset and having grit with personal connections

What you need to know:

- ❖ More information will be forthcoming with ideas, suggestions, and contact info
- ❖ Presentations can be a length and format of your choosing
- ❖ Parents will be aligned with their children's homeroom and/or grade level



## Got grit?

## Growth Mindset Speaker Series Checklist

**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name(s) of child(ren):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Days availability:**

- ☐ Monday
- ☐ Tuesday
- ☐ Wednesday
- ☐ Thursday
- ☐ Friday

**Time of availability**

- ☐ AM
- ☐ PM

**Topic of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Grade level(s) of interest:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please provide a brief description of your story of failure & success:**

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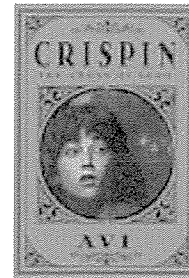


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### **TIP Center**

- ☐ **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.
- ☐ **Due** back to the main office by November 16<sup>th</sup>.

November 7, 2016



Dear Parents:

The Cultural Arts Committee has a unique opportunity for the **5<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup>. We are looking forward to this exciting opportunity for our students which will take place at 2:20 on January 10<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Mr. Simon  
Ms. Fraiberg  
The Cultural Arts Committee

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**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 Skype 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.
- ☐ My child is not interested in participating at this time.

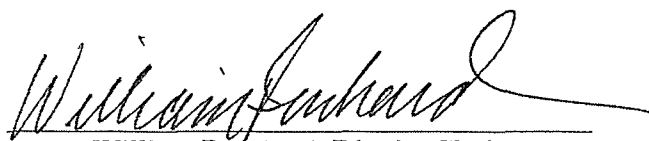
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**COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
*75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724*

**\*\* 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 discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

  
William Bernhard, District Clerk

## WHAT IS DEKHOCKEY? NO SKATES!

It's like street hockey -- but without the traffic!  
Dekhockey is a running game similar to ice hockey,  
played on a large rink with a low-impact plastic  
surface. **NO BODY CHECKING ALLOWED.**

Ten-game season and team shirt for only \$150  
Schedules and player stats on [nsdekhockey.com](http://nsdekhockey.com)  
Hour-long games - Sat or Sun. (w/ occasional Fri)  
Sat/Sun start times from 9 am - 6 pm  
Season runs thru early February

**Required equipment: Leg pads, elbow pads, gloves and hockey helmet with cage or a full shield**

**Discounted equipment packages available for \$150 if preordered**

**Registration for ages 5-7, 8-10 & 11-13 now through Sunday, November 27**



A not-for-profit organization

## PAL KIDS DEKHOCKEY LEAGUES

AT



115 Sherwood Avenue  
Farmingdale, NY 11735

(1 mile south of Adventureland off Route 110)

Leagues also available for 14-17, Adult Men and Women!



**REGISTER TODAY!**

**(631)249-4412 or online at [www.nsdekhockey.com](http://www.nsdekhockey.com)**

## DEKHOCKEY REGISTRATION

Child's name : \_\_\_\_\_ D.O.B. \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_ Goaltender? Only / Never /Want to try

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone# ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency contact/telephone#: \_\_\_\_\_ / ( \_\_\_\_\_ )

I/we, the parent(s) of the above named child, hereby give my/our consent for participation in the above activity and do claim that he/she is in perfect physical condition to participate in said activity. Furthermore, I/we, the parent(s) of the above named candidate for a position on a league team hereby give my/our approval to his/her participation in all league activities during the current season. I/we, assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities; and I/we do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Police Athletic League, Inc., associated organizations, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to or from activities, for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident liability insurance.

The Suffolk County Police Athletic League has adopted a zero tolerance policy for violence. This includes physical acts of violence, threats of violence or threatening behavior. A violation committed by any participant (player, coach, referee) parent or fan, will result in immediate expulsion from the League and a fine to the organization to which he/she belongs.

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Suffolk County PAL is a not-for-profit organization. This notice is distributed to students solely as a community service by the school district. Such distribution should not be considered an endorsement or approval by the district of either the sponsor or the activity.*

[www.nsdekhockey.com](http://www.nsdekhockey.com)  **631-249-4412**