



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- January 9, 2015



Dear Parents,

It was so nice to welcome the children back to school after the two-week break. They seemed excited to return to school and to see their friends and teachers. They enjoyed talking about all the fun they had over the vacation. I am sure you enjoyed having so much time to spend with your children.

*We have a couple of special events in the coming weeks:*

1) **HALF DAY OF SCHOOL-Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Healthy Habits Day/ EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL (11:50)**

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) has planned **Healthy Habits Day** for next Friday (1/16). The children will rotate to seven stations where they will learn from parent and community volunteers about topics such as sun safety, healthy bones, Tae Kwon Do, nutrition, and the role of EMTs. Thank you to all of our volunteers! We are looking forward to exciting learning opportunity for our students. **\*For snack that day, the children will be served celery, carrots, water, and a whole grain graham cracker in the nutrition workshop. If you do NOT want your child to have the snack, please send in an alternate snack and a note to the teacher.**



2) **EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL** on Friday (1/16) **Please keep your child's usual dismissal plan!** As part of our Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an early dismissal drill. **Students will be dismissed 10 minutes early and will RIDE THEIR MORNING VANS HOME.**



**Pick-ups:** If your child is a pick-up on Friday 1/16, please send a note to school in the morning.

Pick-up procedures remain the same. Please park your car and meet your child in the cafeteria- 11:45-11:50.

**\*\*\*Please note: We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.**

**Van Riders:** On half days, the children **do not ride their regular afternoon van routes**. Instead, they ride the vans they normally take in the MORNING. **The morning routes are NOT THE SAME as the afternoon routes so the children on the van are different.** In order to avoid confusion, **please do NOT make requests that your child get off at a friend's stop.** That child may not be on your child's morning van route!

3) **AUTHOR VISIT on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Book Orders due January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Laurence Pringle, an accomplished children's author, will visit Goosehill next month! Mr. Pringle is best known for his amazing non-fiction books, especially ones he writes about animals. The children will be studying his work and meeting with him to learn about his animal research and writing process. If you would like to purchase a book, signed by Mr. Pringle, please see the attached packet. It will be delivered to your child's classroom at the end of the visit.



4) **GPFA Meeting- Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30.** I will share HW tips for parents- how to support your child in writing, spelling, and math at home. Questions such as *when and how to correct your child's work* and *how long HW should take* will be addressed and discussed. Hope to see you there!

Happy New Year~ Stay warm!

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