



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- October 31, 2014



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending our Halloween Festivities! The children had a wonderful time singing for you and parading in their costumes. Thank you to the GPFA for purchasing the pumpkins for the children and all of the parents who helped decorate them. Thank you, Mrs. Kotzky, for a fun-filled sing-along!

In observance of Fire Safety and Prevention Month, one of our local volunteer firefighters, Mr. Tom Buchta, visited Goosehill this week to speak to our students. The purpose of his visit was to help the children understand and respect the dangers fire represents, and to remind them of all the ways adults work together to keep them safe. The children learned many things from "Firefighter Tom," including:

- ⇒ If there is an emergency in your home, dial 911.
- ⇒ If your home's smoke alarm ("Mr. Nose Who Knows") sounds, get out of the house quickly. If the alarm sounds when you are sleeping, roll out of bed onto the floor. Crawl to the door. (smoke rises) Feel the doorknob with your hand. If it is cool, open the door slowly to see if you can exit that way. If it is hot, go to the window and shout for help.
- ⇒ Smoke alarm batteries should be changed this weekend! (Time to turn our clocks back!)
- ⇒ Never hide or go back into the house to retrieve an object or pet.
- ⇒ It is best to sleep with the bedroom door closed.
- ⇒ Families should establish a meeting spot outside of their home.



When talking with young children about fire safety, we are careful to present information without causing fear. Mr. Buchta provided age-appropriate information and helped the children know that in the event of an emergency, a firefighter or other emergency worker would be there to help them. We appreciate Mr. Buchta's time and the Cold Spring Harbor Fire Department's commitment to our children's safety.

We were very proud of how attentive and thoughtful our students were during the presentation. I hope you'll ask your child to tell you what s/he learned this week about fire safety.

Please also note the following:

- There is no school for students on **Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th**. Some parents will attend their Parent-Teacher Conference on that day. There **will** be school for students on the other parent-teacher conference days. (11/13 for K and 11/14 for grade 1)
- School will be **closed** on Tuesday, November 11th in observance of Veterans Day.



Have fun with your children tonight!



Mrs. Herschlein