



Goosehill Primary School Weekly Notes- September 9, 2016

Dear Parents,

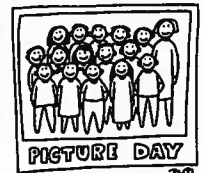
The children had a wonderful first week! Thank you for everything you did to prepare them for the start of school. We know your child will have a happy, enjoyable, and productive school year!

We appreciate your efforts to get your child to bed early in the evening and to school on time in the morning. A predictable routine and plenty of sleep are very important for children. The teachers eased their students into the routines and demands of the school day, and were especially sensitive in light of the hot weather the past few days. Despite all of our efforts, you may have noticed that your child was a little more tired than usual. It may take a little while for him/her to adjust to the structure and pace of school. We recommend a good breakfast each morning and that you send your child to school with a *healthy snack* each day. We also recommend that you provide some unstructured time for your child to play and unwind after school.

Our Back to School Night (for parents only) is next Thursday evening. Kindergarten parents should arrive at 6:00 p.m. and First Grade parents should arrive at 7:30. We will meet in the cafeteria for a 15 minute overview of our school's approach to homework and promoting positive behavior. At that meeting, you will also have an opportunity to meet our special area teachers of music, art, physical education, as well as our speech therapist and school psychologist. Then you will proceed to the classroom where your child's teacher will share her goals for her students and ways you can support your child at home. This is the first of many opportunities you will have to learn about your child's school experience.

Each week you will receive a copy of these Weekly Notes to keep you informed about school procedures, events, and to help you support your child's learning. In addition to notes from the school, there is a section filled with information from the Goosehill Parent-Faculty- Association (GPFA). You will receive a paper copy of these notes each week, but will need to access all handouts and flyers (listed in the **Table of Contents**) from the school district website (www.csh.k12.ny.us). Click on the calendar button on the home page and then on the *Goosehill Weekly Notes* link in the day's date. I recommend that you register for our school ListServ, so that the Weekly Notes and all flyers and handouts will be delivered directly to your email address. Click the *Email Sign-up* link on the left side of the district home page and scroll down to subscribe to the Goosehill Primary list.

School Picture Day is next week! Be sure you have reviewed the flyer sent home last week. (It asked that your child avoid wearing complicated patterns or shades of green!) You will be accessing and purchasing the photos through the Island Photo website. There is no need to send order forms or payment to the school.



The teachers, staff, and I are looking forward to a wonderful school year! Please don't hesitate to call if you have any questions or ideas to share. **I hope to see you later today at the GPFA Welcome Back Picnic!** (weather permitting!)

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein, Principal

