

February 8, 2019

Dear Parents,

We had a wonderful Spirit Day assembly celebrating Chinese New Year on Thursday! Mrs. Gonzalez-Condell's class performed skits, a newscast, a dragon dance, and led us in song. It was a great opportunity for the children to learn about a holiday celebrated by their friends. The assembly helped to reinforce our school's commitment to ensuring that our students respect and honor the differences among people.

As you know, our theme at Goosehill is "*Be a Super Hero!*" Our students are being recognized for their acts of **honesty, empathy, respect, and open-heartedness**. I hope you have had a chance to review the **Family Focus Super Hero Homework** for the month of February. I believe you will enjoy the activities and conversations you will have with your children. Feel free to change or add an activity that best meets your family's needs. The teachers will be asking the children to share their experiences during the classroom morning meetings.

With Valentine's Day approaching, the students will be engaged in the act of giving compliments and showing extra kindness to their peers. We will display their acts of kindness on a bulletin board entitled: ***Be Open-Hearted!*** I know the children are also exchanging Valentines next week. (Please remember that we cannot distribute candy in school.)

Because we are at the mid-point in the school year, I would like to remind you about important procedures. I will highlight two each week for the next few weeks. For more information, visit the Goosehill website and click on the Parent Handbook link.

Absences

Please call or email the **Attendance Office** to report your child's absence in the morning. **631-367-5948** / ghattendance@csh.k12.ny.us.

Please leave a voicemail/send an email before 9:30 a.m. explaining the absence. . Please also send a note upon your child's return to school, as required by the NYS Education Department. If you would like to speak to our school nurse, Mrs. Gurtowski, you may call her at 631-367-5950 between 8:15 and 3:15.

School Lunch

Please remember to check your child's online account to be sure there are enough funds.

<https://www.myschoolbucks.com/ver2/login/getmain?requestAction=home>

You can view your account to get information about what your child is purchasing. Please note, that even if a child's account is depleted, we still provide him/her with lunch. We will alert you if your account is overdrawn. Please also note, that if a child asks for "seconds," we will provide it. If it becomes a pattern, we will let you know.

Finally, if you have not yet been trained to serve as a **lunch/recess volunteer**, please attend the 15-20 minute training on Tuesday, February 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

