## West Side School

#### **Friday Notes**

Friday, March 1, 2013



#### Principal's Corner

Our 101st day of school began on Monday with a violin performance during morning assembly by Raffi Sanna who played "The Great Gate of Kiev" by Modest Mussorgsky. On Tuesday, William Blumin performed "March of the Giants" by Arthur Brian on the string bass. Thanks for your performances, Raffi and William! In celebration of West Side Wednesday, sixth graders Kelly Gallagher, Gigi Gilchrist, Josh Kim, Maddy Richmond, Harrison Rankell, and Raffi Sanna introduced our newest West Side School song, which they wrote. Together they led our school as we sang along. Also, on Wednesday, sixth grader, Michael Davis performed "Gaelic Suite" on the trumpet. Great job, Michael! Thursday, Genuine Acts of Kindness month ended. Congratulations to all of our students. With a combined effort, you earned 382 marbles over the course of February, beating last year's total of 316 marbles. To end the week, our fourth graders shared their informational texts with parents who visited Ms. Dudek's class on Thursday and Ms. Dopico's class on Friday. Our students were thrilled to be able to share their hard work with you! This week our fourth graders also participated in a national field test led by the National Association of Educational Progress. Thanks for your participation. Finally, on Friday, fifth grader Jolie Nemshin performed "Snarzz" on the snare drum. Way to go, Jolie! We also recognized our fall bus assistants during morning assembly on Friday. Thanks for all of your work in supporting our Bus Safety Program. Our fall bus assistants were: Abigail Johnson, Zack Bennardo, Caitlin McCoy, Michael Davis, Sam Schneider, Alexa Plancher, Michael Kania, Sabrina Haas, Kolton Gagnon, Aidan Adomaites, Chris DiScala, Katie Marasciullo, Drew Kugler, Gillian Drexler, Brianna Rose, Caroline Walter, Robert Schupler, Erin Tannenbaum, Anna Ruocco, and Jackie D'Alleva.

I would like to thank Mrs. Arneja and committee members for an extremely successful Daddy and Me night last Sunday! Hoping to see everyone at the **Talent Show tonight** at the **Cold Spring Harbor High School PAC** at **7:00 PM**.

#### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Friday, March 8th, March 15th, and April 5th. At this meeting, you and your child's teacher will discuss your child's growth and progress to date. You will also discuss how the home and school can work together to gain insights into best meeting your child's needs. Your child's teacher will be contacting you about specific dates.

#### Placement

Parental input can be an important part of the placement process. If your child has special needs that are not already known by his/her classroom teacher, you may submit a letter to my attention by April 5th. Please note that letters from past years are not considered. Letters should be sent to the main office (and not via email). Requests for a specific teacher or placement with any specific child will not be honored and should not be included in a letter (or discussion with a teacher).

#### Daddy and Me

WSS Daddy and Me was a great success! Dads & kids were treated to a delicious pasta dinner and had lots of fun! We had many bingo prize winners and the kids had a ball with their dads during dodge ball and playing knockout! We had some lucky dads and kids win some wonderful raffle prizes as well. Thank you to all of our High School and Jr. High School volunteers. Thanks to our Parent volunteers: Sheila Acker, Nicole Boutis, Cat Bauer, Lorena Munyak and Melissa Marasciullo. A special thank you to Mrs. Shammah, Mrs. Reichbach, Mr. Simon, Mr. Toscano and Mr. Martin. Thank you! - Mara Arneja

#### Saturday DNA

The Cold Spring Harbor DNA Learning Center invites all 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students at West Side to a special class exploring Captivating Carbon Dioxide! Students will: observe CO2 reactions, experiment with dry ice, and discover the role of CO2 in your life through simple experiments. Saturday March 9, 9:00-11:00AM (optional History of Long Island Video from 10:30-11:00). Space is limited so register early! Flyer and registration form can be found at the end of the notes.

#### **WSSTA**

Please check the wssta.org website for information on this year's school musical.

#### **CSH Educational Foundation**

The Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation Educational Resources site for Teachers, Educators, Parents, Families, and Community Members!! It's all Education and it's all about Teaching & Learning for everyone.

Add your e-mail address to the sign up box on the bottom of the Home page to receive e-mail updates whenever a new post appears!

Go to <a href="http://cshedfoundation.org/">http://cshedfoundation.org/</a>

**Important WSS Dates** 

Banking Day: Thursday, March 7th

Noon Dismissal: Friday, March 8th

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 8th

DNA Saturday: March 9th from 9:00 - 11:00 AM at the DNA Learning Center

PTG Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

BOE Meeting: Tuesday, March 12th at 8:00 PM at District Office

Noon Dismissal: Friday, March 15th

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 15th

West Side Wednesday: March 20th

6th Grade Field Trip to the Cloisters: Wednesday, March 20th

Banking Day: Thursday, March 21st

SIT: Thursday, March 21st at 3:30

Noon Dismissal: Friday, March 22nd

Spring Break: March 25 – 29 (Students return on Monday, April 1st)

**Attachments from the School** 

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Dear West Side families,

Please join us in supporting our upcoming 21th annual West Side Run on Sunday, April 28th. West Side School in the Cold Spring Harbor School District is proud to have had so many generous sponsors for the Run in past years. We appreciate the 26 business sponsors and over 64 family sponsors who contributed last year, and we hope you will be able to sponsor this year's event.

Thank you to all of those who have already donated As a reminder, the Business & Professional Sponsorship minimum donation is \$250. This will include your logo placed on the back of WSS Run T-shirts, your company name printed in the 2014 program, and your company name placed on the WSS parking lot board. Over 500 T-shirts will be circulating with your logo on it!

The Family Sponsors will have their names printed in the 2014 program and placed on the WSS parking lot board.

Attached are both Business and Family sponsorship forms.

We look forward to running with you on Sunday, April 28th.Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting a long standing tradition and fun family event at our school!

The West Side Run Committee—Connie Robins, Scott Bowden, Ted Hilton, ,Jack Sergi, ,Carol Solinger,Cat Bauer, Mary Cashin, Ana Shammah, Elise Jusko.

### **Business Sponsor Form**

Thank you for supporting West Side School by sponsoring the WSS Run on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!!

Business and professional sponsors will have their logo appear on the back of over 500 T-shirts that will be seen throughout the community for years to come. Their name will also appear on the WSS Sponsor Board located in the parking lot and will be printed in the 2014 WS Run application.

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Any questions, please contact: Connie Robins@ <u>connierobins@verizon.net</u> or another committee member. Thank you for your support!



#### **Family Sponsor Form**

Thank you to all who have already sponsored the WSS Run! However, to those who haven't had a chance, below is a copy of the Family Sponsor form. Thanks in advance for supporting the WSS Run on SUNDAY, APRIL28th

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West Side Run Committee West Side School PTG 1597 Laurel Hollow Road Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

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## Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center's



# Welcome to Saturday DNA! March 9, 2013

#### **Captivating Carbon Dioxide!**

9:00 – 11:00AM (optional video 10:30 – 11:00AM) West Side and Lloyd Harbor 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders, with chaperone

From fermentation to photosynthesis,  $CO_2$  is a great chemical to encourage people to think like scientists and better understand the world around us. While this simple chemical compound is something you know by name, you probably haven't thought much about its role in evolution or how it can change our future.  $CO_2$  levels affect human health, how plants function, and the overall biodiversity on Earth. Other planets have carbon as well. Did you know there is a lake of frozen  $CO_2$  (dry ice) on mars?! Come join us as we learn about the role of  $CO_2$  and how to have fun with it.

- observe several CO<sub>2</sub> reactions;
- experiment with dry ice;
- discover the role of CO<sub>2</sub> in your life through simple experiments.

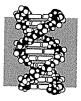
Chaperones fully participate in all program activities. Sessions are \$20.00 per person (\$40.00 for a participating student and accompanying chaperone.)

#### What you need to do:

- Reserve your space by completing and returning the reservation form by February 23rd with your payment to either:
- Suzanne DiMaio
   1395 Ridge Road
   Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

OR

 Heather Spehr 350 West Neck Road Lloyd Harbor, NY 11743



**DNA Learning Center** 

Location of Event:

DNA Learning Center 334 Main Street Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

\*For questions, email Suzanne DiMaio at <u>suzannedimaio@yahoo.com</u> or Heather Spehr at <u>lanespehr@hotmail.com</u>



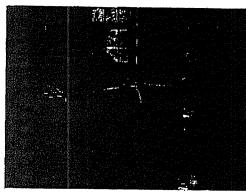
Session Title: Captivating Carbon Dioxide
Date & Time: March 9, 2013 9:00-11:00AM
Please note, this session is for West Side and Lloyd Harbor 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders only.
One participating chaperone is required.

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# The HUNTINGTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY'S



Visiting historic sites in the Town of Huntington

# PASSPORT TO THE PAST

Summer Camp
2013



Learning to weave on an old-fashioned loom

While new activities are added each year, our core experiences for your child include:



- · Carding wool, felting
- Interactive tours of local historical sites
- Authentic colonial wooden toy making
- Butter churning
- Weaving on looms
- Flax processing
- Maypole dancing and much, much, more!



#### Registration Information:

SessionI: June 24 - July 5 (no camp on July 4) \$270 for Society members / \$360 non-members

Session II July 8 - July 19

\$300 for Society members / \$400 non-members

Session III July 22 - August 2

\$300 for Society members / \$400 non-members

#### **REGISTRATION FORM**

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Please make checks payable	to: The Huntington Historical S	ociety (631-427-7045 ext. 404)		
Mail Registration to:	The Huntington Historical Society.	. Attn: Passport to the Past, 209 Maration fee, until 30 days prior to each	in Street, Huntington session.	n, NY 11743

Huntington Historical Society is a not-for-profit organization.

# Cold Spring Harbor Library Book Discussions for Kids!

Book discussions encourage critical thinking and foster a love of reading in your child. Register your child for one of our many Youth Services book discussions. We offer programs for children in Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

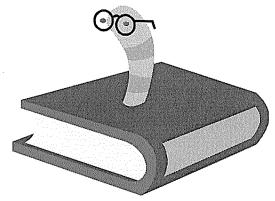
Registration for these programs is required, so call or stop by today!

#### Facts & Fun

For children in Kindergarten and  $1^{\rm st}$  Grade. In keeping with the New York State Common Core guidelines, students will explore different topics through themed nonfiction reading and other fun activities.

Mondays @ 4:30pm March 11- Endangered Animals April 8-Sharks!

Wednesdays @ 4:30pm March 20-Spring into Spring! April 17-Growing in the Garden



#### Tasty Tales & Treats

For children in grade 2. A book discussion followed by the making of delicious treats!

Monday March 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-*Chocolate Fever* by Robert Kimmel Smith Monday April 29<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-*Clementine* by Sara Pennypacker

#### Books & Bites

For children in grade 3. Children will further advance their love of reading as they explore and discuss chapter books. Refreshments and snacks will be served.

Tuesday April 16<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm - The Report Card by Andrew Clements

#### Chat & Snack

For children entering grades 4 – 6. Children will further advance their love of reading as they explore and discuss selected fiction. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm - Seer of Shadows by Avi