

West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, January 4, 2013



Principal's Corner

Welcome back, everyone, and Happy New Year! Our teachers welcomed back their students with enthusiasm this week as we got back into the swing of things. Second graders spent time publishing their character studies. They also compared and contrasted characters from various stories. Some even highlighted the decisions different characters made and worked on reflections. Meanwhile, our third graders learned about properties in Math for multiplication, such as the commutative and identity properties. Third graders also distinguished between types of sentences. West Side fourth graders participated in discussions with book groups. One group I sat in on debated whether they would be friends with a specific character based on what they learned from the story. Fifth graders welcomed Dr. Daly who spoke to them in the Community Room about his experiences traveling with other doctors to Kenya. Thank you, Dr. Daly! Students also received their identities for the Hacker Trail and began their Science unit on rocks and minerals. Finally, our sixth graders participated in a lesson about stress during Health, diagramed math problems in order to problem solve more effectively, and produced Trojan War storyboards.

On behalf of the entire West Side community, I would like to welcome our new security guard, John Trotter. We are so glad you have joined our staff!

Students Arriving Early

Please remind your child to report to the cafeteria if he or she is dropped off in the morning before 8:30.

Book Fair

Our Book Fair is scheduled for January 24th and January 25th. Please check the attachments for our revised schedule.

WSSTA

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

Movie Night

Please join us for West Side School's Movie Night on Friday, January 11, 2013. We will be showing Ice Age 4: Continental Drift from 5:30-7:30 p.m. Enjoy pizza, popcorn and refreshments while you watch a great movie with friends! Dress in pajamas and don't forget your pillow! This special event is for WSS students and their younger siblings only. Parental supervision is required -- please no drop offs. All WSS students have a chance to win raffle prizes! Any questions, please contact Nicole Boutis at nboutis@msn.com or Liz Franklin at lizfranklin@verizon.net. We hope to see you at the movie!

Talent Show

We have an amazing response for the 2013 West Side Talent Show which will be held on Friday, March 1st. *Late submissions will not be accepted after Jan 25th, no exceptions.* We encourage all students to participate, be creative, and different. The Talent Show is open to all musicians, singers, comedy acts, magic acts, dance routines, acting and just about anything creative! A reminder to shoot me an e-mail if you need me to edit your music. If you would like to edit your own music, please send in either a cd or mp3 form (that can be sent directly to my e-mail). It must be 2 minutes or less. The absolute last day for your edited music submission will be **January 31st**. PLEASE do not forget to write down your child's t-shirt size on the application, as all t-shirts will be pre-ordered. **All applications must be submitted with the \$25 fee per family. Additional t-shirts are \$10 each and must be submitted with the application.** If you do not indicate a size for the t-shirt, we will order a Youth XL for your child. Please read the Talent Show Rules for rehearsal dates and other important information. We are still looking for any adult or student volunteers to be on the committee or help out day of show. Please contact Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com. Our first meeting will be scheduled for the end of January. Last year we had over 100 students participate. Let's break the record for 2013! It's your turn to shine!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION
Information for Students Entering Kindergarten in September 2013

Attention Parents:

- ❖ To be eligible for kindergarten in September 2013, your child must be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2013.
- ❖ Your child is **NOT AUTOMATICALLY** enrolled as a kindergartner. Even if you currently have children attending Cold Spring Harbor Schools, **you must still register your incoming kindergarten child.**

Timeline:

- ❖ As soon as possible, please contact the district registrar, Gloria Albert, to ensure that your child's name appears on the district census. Please call (631) 367-5910.
- ❖ In January, you will receive a letter from the Superintendent of Schools, Dr. J. Wilansky, explaining the procedure and listing the documents required for registration.
- ❖ Once you receive the letter, please call Gloria Albert to make an appointment to register your child. **You MUST have an appointment to register your child for kindergarten!**
- ❖ Registration dates: **February 4-8, 2013.**
- ❖ In March 2013, a welcome letter containing important information about Kindergarten Screening and Orientation will be mailed to you from Goosehill Primary School.

Important WSS Dates

After School Program: Winter Session begins Monday.

Next PTG Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, January 8th at 8:00 PM at the District Office

Movie Night: Friday, January 11th from 5:30-7:30 in the WSS gym

Banking Day: Our next Banking Day will be held on Thursday, January 17th.

Grade 6 Science Fair: Wednesday, January 23rd from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the gym

Book Fair: Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th

Winter Concert: January 28th at 7:00 PM in the WSS Gym

West Side Wednesday: Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on January 30th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts! Student Council is sponsoring a class contest to see which class will have the most students wearing them.

Attachments from the School

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Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$25 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2012 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 1/25/13. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 1/31/13. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 1/31/13, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. Feb 28 to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14 at Westside in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Feb 28 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2013 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

A Message from Randi and Jen. To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

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**West Side School Annual Talent Show,
Friday March 1, 2013
Participation Form**

(Must be submitted by 1/25/13 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** _____ **Date:** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Cellphone number:** _____

Parent's e-mail: _____
(Please write neatly as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

*There is a **\$25 fee per family** to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application.
Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.

*Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2013 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

Parent's Name: _____ **Student's Name:** _____

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

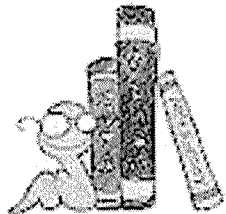
Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

REMEMBER:
√ - CHECK # _____
√ - T-Shirt Size _____
√ - Music _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Teacher** _____ **Total # of T-shirts Ordered** _____

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West Side School

Book Fair Schedule

Winter 2013

****Updated on January 3, 2013****

Thursday, January 24th

9:05-9:45	2Villa
9:50-10:30	6DeRosa
10:35-11:15	5Arloff
11:20-12:00	4Dopico
12:05-12:45	Break
12:50-1:30	5Barrata
1:35-2:15	2Ryan
2:20-3:00	6Gerver
3:00-5:00	Family Time

Friday, January 25th

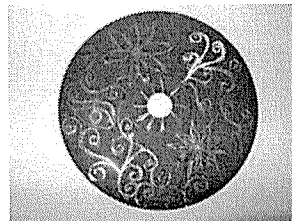
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9:50-10:30	5Dawkins
10:35-11:15	3Farmer
11:20-12:00	Break
12:05-12:45	3Santoro
12:50-1:30	6Agnello

Cold Spring Harbor Library

Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

Registration for all programs is required.

Teen Advisory Board: CD Scratch art
Thursday, January 3rd at 7pm
For children in grades 6-12
Make your own scratch art from recycled CD's.
Earn 1 hour volunteer credit for attending.



Snow Story & Craft
Monday, January 7th at 3:30pm
For children ages 2-5 with adult

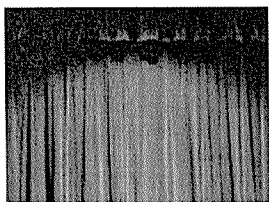
Listen to stories about snow and create a snow-themed craft.

Sparkly Salt Votives
Tuesday, January 8th at 4:30pm (Grades K-2)
Wednesday, January 9th at 4:30pm (Grades 3-6)
Create a sparkly votive to use throughout the winter.



Little People's Theater Performance: "A Different Sort of Laugh"
Sunday, January 13th at 3pm

All Ages



This is a hilarious story of an ill-timed hiccup that brings calamity into a child's life.

Storytimes begin again on January 7th with a NEW Schedule!

Mother Goose- Tuesdays & Wednesdays at 10:30am

Toddler Time- Thursdays & Fridays at 10:30am

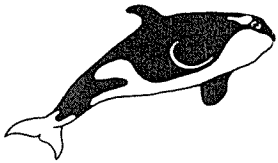
Preschool Storytime- Tuesdays at 2pm and Fridays at 11:30am

The Cold Spring Harbor Library introduces...

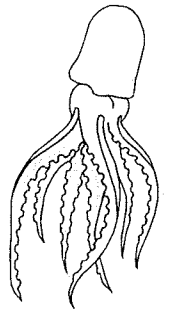
Facts and Fun!

A NEW program for children in Kindergarten and 1st grade

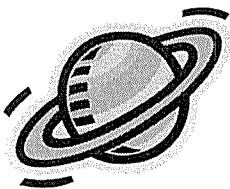
In keeping with the New York State Common Core guidelines, students will explore different topics through nonfiction reading, crafts, and other fun activities! Each week will have a different theme, so sign up one or all four!



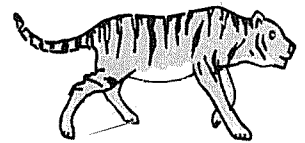
Monday, January 14, 4:30pm- Ocean's Creatures



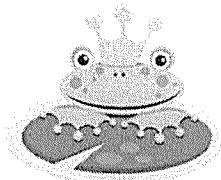
Tuesday, January 29, 4:30pm- Out of this World!



Monday, February 4, 4:30pm- Big Cats



Tuesday, February 26, 4:30pm- Fairytale Fun



Registration is required, so call us at 631-692-6820 or visit us in person or online at www.cshlibrary.org.

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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on January 8, 2013, at 6:00 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.


William Bernhard, District Clerk