## West Side School

#### **Friday Notes**

Friday, January 11, 2013



#### Principal's Corner

This week in our second grade classrooms, students began writing realistic fiction pieces and also spent time working with partners editing the writing of their peers. In the area of Science, students spent time observing objects, classifying them, and drawing conclusions based on their observations. In Physical Education they began a unit on gymnastics. West Side third graders continued to practice making a strong claim while writing their persuasive essays. Time was also dedicated to Social Emotional Learning (SEL), during which students wrote about an occasion when they demonstrated tolerance. Meanwhile, fourth graders learned about simple machines in the Science Lab, multiplied two-digit numbers by two-digit numbers during Math, and participated in the Journeys program. In our fifth grade classrooms, students focused on multiplying with decimals using hundredths charts, wrote about what it means to be competent during Social Emotional Learning, and continued their trek on the Hacker Trail. Finally, our sixth graders made teaching posters in Health, some of which examined the impact of yoga on stress. They also prepared PowerPoint presentations on the Seven Wonders of the World during Social Studies, and worked in small groups during Math to problem solve.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone tonight at Movie Night! The PTG will be showing Ice Age 4: Continental Drift from 5:30-7:30 p.m. No drop offs please.

#### **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!

#### **Security Update**

Security information shared at this week's Board of Ed meeting will be posted on the District website today.

#### 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.

#### **CSH Educational Foundation**

The CSH Educational Foundation is delighted to announce the approval of our first funding initiative. The addition of an In-house Research Laboratory at CSH High School supports our mission of funding innovative initiatives that directly impact students and enhance the reputation of the CSH schools. Please see the attached press release for further details and visit our website, cshedfoundation.com, to learn how you may help.

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## 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 <u>NOT AUTOMATICALLY</u> enrolled as a kindergartner. Even if you currently have children attending Cold Spring Harbor Schools, <u>you must still register your incoming kindergarten child.</u>

#### 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**

Banking Day: Thursday, January 17th – Grade 3 banking puzzles (attached) should be returned to the main office.

Noon Dismissal: Friday, January 18th (Grades K-6)

Martin Luther King, Jr. Day: Monday, January 21st - No School

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

Ice Skate Night: Sunday, January 27th

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

**West Side Wednesday:** January 30<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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

Next Board of Education Meeting: Tuesday, February 12th at 8:00 PM at the District Office

#### **Attachments from the School**

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Application Deadline is January 25

Looking for Singers, Dancers, Comedy Acts, Musicians, Rappers, Rock Bands, and just about any other talent!

Be a part of the biggest event of the year.

DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN YOUR FORMS
BY THE DEADLINE!!

For more info contact Randi\_Weiss@Hotmail.com



#### 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 <u>1/25/13</u>. 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  $\frac{1}{31}$ . 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!!

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## 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 Ten. 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!

## 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: Cellphone nu	Teacher: ımber:	
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Parents and Students: By signing below y participate in the 2013 Westside School Tale courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi We (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.	ent Show.  Ple eiss (Randi_W	ease carefully review with y	your child the section on Genser REMEMBER:
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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

9:05-9:45 4Dudek

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 EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

January 9, 2013

The Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation (CSHEF) is delighted to announce the approval of our first funding initiative. The addition of an In-house Research Laboratory at the High School ties into our mission of funding innovative initiatives that directly impact students. It will also provide opportunities to expand community partnerships, while supporting the school district's commitment to Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) related projects.

This initiative addresses the need to broaden and elevate the Research Program that was established 3 years ago by the School District and is taught by Mr. Raudsepp The program allows students to pursue independent research, the addition of the Research Lab will enable students to increase the level of research done "in-house": By providing the necessary tools and support, students will have an enhanced opportunity to use the crucial problem-solving skills necessary for success in the 21st Century.

"As a result of this funding, our students, especially our younger high school research students, will have the opportunity to conduct high-level scientific research at the high school. This opportunity will undoubtedly provide inspiration and stimulation to our students for years to come. " Jaak Raudsepp, Director of Research

The funds for this \$15,274.46 project were raised through CSHEF board and community support. The CSHEF is committed to researching and implementing innovative programs for all of the schools in the district.

"We are thrilled that through the generous contributions of several members of our community, we are able to fund this important initiative. This program will give our students hands on research opportunities that are based on their personal areas of interest. This type of student driven learning holds the promise of sparking intellectual curiosity and promoting the independent thinking necessary to succeed, while providing useful experience for their future." Stephanie DiNozzi, President, CSHEF

If you would like to help make a difference in our students 'education please visit our website www.cshedfoundation.com and make your donation through PayPal or by downloading and mailing in the donation form.

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Counting Money Up to \$5

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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 meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Capital Projects Committee will take place on January 24, 2013, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

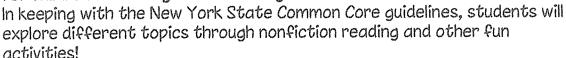
William Bernhard, District Clerk

# Cold Spring Harbor Library Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

Registration for all programs is required.

Facts & Fun (NEW!)
Mon. January 14th: Ocean's Creatures
Tues. January 29th: Out of This World!
4:30pm

For children in Kindergarten and 1st grade





Teen College Series: Getting Into College
Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm
For high school students and their parents
Former Director of Guidance will present a workshop
that highlights the essential steps for getting
into college - without information overload.

Create Your Own Video Game or Animated Story Thursday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 4:30pm Children in grades 5-8 Learn the language of the computer in this programming workshop. Create your own video game or an animated story!



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

All Ages

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