West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, January 25, 2013



Principal's Corner

With the wind chill at a frigid zero degrees this week, West Side students participated in a variety of indoor activities. On Tuesday, students created 107 Valentines for Soldiers, which were delivered to amillionthanks.org in Babylon. Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. Roberts helped our students as they created these wonderful cards. Thank you for dedicating your time to assist the students. Thank you to third grader, Caitlin Roberts, for announcing the event at morning assembly. On Wednesday we celebrated the incredible work of our sixth graders at the annual Science Fair. Thank you to all of the parents who came out Wednesday night and to our students for such an amazing job articulating your hypotheses, procedures, and conclusions. I would also like to thank Mrs. Pultz, Mrs. Demarco, and Committee members for your help with the Book Fair on Thursday and Friday. Our students browsed through numerous titles to support their independent reading and had a wonderful time in the process. As part of the H.E.R.O. Project, sixth graders, Harley Weiss, Brett Gray, and Anthony Naccarato, shared their Metamoment commercials with the student body using the iPTV system during morning assembly on Friday. These commercials reminded our school of the importance of taking a metamoment. We also began our Recycling Challenge this week. Thanks to sixth grader, Alex Aronow, for sharing this idea to help improve our school recycling program. Each grade is in competition to see which grade can recycle the most water bottles over the span of two weeks. Next week is Recycling Week and Alex is asking for all students to participate by bringing a trashless lunch on Monday and wearing green on Tuesday. Finally, all students and faculty members participated in a mural in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. This powerful mural will be hanging in our gym beginning next week.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Ice Skating Night this Sunday at 6:30 PM at Syosset Woodbury Rink.

Talent Show

Lights, Camera, Action. The Talent Show is a little over a month away. Because of the holiday this week, we decided to extend the deadline for submitting applications and music until January 31, 2013. This is the very LAST date of submissions. As soon as all the applications are in, I will email you to let you know which act you have been assigned so that you can plan accordingly for the rehearsal schedule. Anybody who has not submitted music to me by 1/31, I will be sending you either an email or a CD with the first 2 minutes of the song edited down. Please read the talent show rules for rehearsal dates and other important information. If you are interested in volunteering day of show, please contact Randi at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jenn at Cona@Genserlaw.com. The quality of the show is up to all of you. The more you practice, the better the show will be. A note to all 6th grade students, Kim Drexler will be running the 6th grade group act. (6th grade students may be in the group act as well as their own act.) It is open to all 6th graders (boys and girls). Please contact Kim at coachkim50@hotmail.com for more information.

Daddy & Me

Our annual Daddy and Me event is coming up on February 10th from 5:30-7:00. For those of you unfamiliar with this event, it is an opportunity for the Dads to spend quality time with their children in grades 2-6. There will be board games, bingo, entertainment, music and lots of food. Pasta dinner will be served. All that attend will have a chance to win a Golf Lesson from a Professional Golfer! *Grandpas and Uncles welcome if Dad is unavailable*. We are currently looking for volunteers to help with this event. We would like to offer community service credits to any middle school or high school volunteers that would like to help out with this event. If you are interested, please contact Mara Arneja at kam6272@aol.com. Thank you!

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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WSSTA

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

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION <u>Information for Students Entering Kindergarten in September 2013</u>

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

Ice Skate Night: Sunday, January 27th

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

West Side Wednesday: 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.

Banking Day: Thursday, January 31st – Grade 3 banking puzzles (attached) should be returned to the main office.

Daddy and Me Night – Sunday, February 10th at 5:30 PM at WSS

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

Coffee with the Principal: Wednesday, February 13th – Community Room at 9:30 AM

Attachments from the School

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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 <u>T-SHIRT SIZE</u>.
- 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 $\frac{1/31/13}{1}$. 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 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: ____ 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. REMEMBER: √ - CHECK #_____ Student's Name:_____ Parent's Name:_____ √ - T-Shirt Size_____ Signature: _____ Signature: ____ Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession?_____ West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form Student's Name______ Grade_____ Teacher _____ Total # of T-shirts Ordered ____

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Cold Spring Harbor Library Book Discussions in the Youth Services Department...

Registration for all programs is required. Come in to pick up the book Today!

Facts & Fun (NEW!)

Tuesday, January 29th: Out of This World!

Monday, February 4th: Big Cats!

Tuesday, February 26: Fairytale Fun!

4:30pm

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 and other fun activities

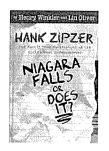
Tasty Tales & Treats Mondays @ 4:30 For Children in grade 2



January 28th – *Lady Lollipop* by Dick Kings-SmithJeff Brown

February 25th - Happy Birthday Bad Kitty by Nick Bruel

A book discussion followed by the creation of delicious treats!



Books & Bites

Tuesday, October 23 @ 4:30

For children in Grade 3

Children will discuss the book and Decorate their very own

Journal. Refreshments and snacks provided!

Book: Niagara Falls, or Does It? Kid by Henry Winkler



Chat & Snack

Wednesday, October 24 @ 4:30

For children in grades4-5

Children will discuss the book followed by Flower Pot Rat Craft.

Refreshments and snacks provided!

Book: I Was a Rat! by Philip Pullman

Call us at (631) 692-6820 or visit our website, www.cshlibrary.org.

