#### West Side School

#### **Friday Notes**

Friday, February 1, 2013



#### **Principal's Corner**

Our week began on Monday with morning and evening performances of the 5th and 6th grade Winter Concert. The concert was very inspiring and not only connected our SIT initiative, the H.E.R.O Project, but also integrated artwork completed during the year. Thank you to the music staff for preparing our students, and to our evening performance ushers, Carley Genser, Kristen Samuel, and Sierra Rosado. On Tuesday, as part of Recycling Week, the majority of our students dressed in green to support our efforts. The winners of our Recycling Challenge will be announced next week. We have received such positive feedback that we are going to extend the Recycling Challenge through February. Wednesday was also filled with school spirit as we celebrated West Side Wednesday. Congratulations to class 4Do for wearing the most West Side spirit shirts. Many of our students also wore old West Side Field Day shirts to show their school spirit. Thursday slowed us down just a bit, but our students returned to action on Friday and began our second annual Genuine Acts of Kindness month. Check out the bulletin board outside the Main Office where our students will track how many marbles we earn as a school each day. The totals will be labeled on our life-sized line graph. Let's all work together to beat last year's total of 316 marbles! Finally, our second graders visited the Cold Spring Harbor Whaling Museum where they learned about the largest animals on the planet!

#### Ice Skating Night

Thank you to Mrs. Walter and committee members for a wonderful night on the ice last Sunday. Nights like this one truly bring the West Side community even closer together.

#### **Talent Show**

Lights, Camera, Action. The Talent Show is a little over a month away. 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 did not submitted music to me by January 31st, 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 6<sup>th</sup> grade students, Kim Drexler will be running the 6<sup>th</sup> grade group act. (6<sup>th</sup> grade students may be in the group act as well as their own act.) It is open to all 6<sup>th</sup> 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 PM. 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 <a href="mailto:kam6272@aol.com">kam6272@aol.com</a>. Thank you!

#### West Side Run T-Shirt Contest

The West Side Run Committee is looking for a design for this year's t-shirt. All students are invited to participate. The form is attached and should be handed in to Ms. McLaughlin by February 25th.

#### **Girl Scout Troop 45**

The girls of Troop 45 have been kind enough to help thank the Little Shelter for their service to our school as they created posters to collect cat food for the Little Shelter. Thank you for supporting our relationship with this incredible organization who volunteers their time in our building each week!

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#### **WSSTA**

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

#### **CSHCSD KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION**

Information for students entering Kindergarten in September 2013

Registration for Kindergarten will begin in the District Office on Monday, February 4th and continue through Friday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013.

You MUST have an appointment to register your child for kindergarten.

Please contact the district registrar, Gloria Albert at (631) 367-5910 to make an appointment to register.

#### **Information for 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>

A letter from our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Judith A. Wilansky, explaining the procedure and listing the documents required for registration was mailed earlier this month. Please call Gloria Albert if you <u>HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE</u> <u>LETTER FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT.</u>

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**

2Ryan Writing Celebration: Wednesday, February 6th at 9:45 AM

Daddy and Me Night: Sunday, February 10th at 5:30 - 7:00 PM at WSS

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

Banking Day: Thursday, February 7th

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

2Villa Writing Celebration: Friday, February 15th at 10:15 AM

Talent Show: Thursday, February 28th – PAC at 7:00 PM

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

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

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#### West Side Run T-Shirt Contest

Directions: Calling all artists! We are searching for a new design for this year's West Side Run t-shirt. If you are interested, your drawing should be sketched out on another sheet of paper first, so that your final and best work is shown below. Please use a pencil only in your design and do not shade in. For creative ideas, check out the bulletin board outside the main office. One winner from our school will be chosen.

**Deadline:** Monday, February 25th. Please place your design in Mrs. McLaughlin's mailbox in the main office.

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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 28<sup>th</sup> - Lady Lollipop by Dick Kings-SmithJeff Brown February 25<sup>th</sup> - 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,

## Cold Spring Harbor Library Announces...

Free interactive on-line tutoring through Brainfuse!

All patrons have access to this resource. Visit the Library Home page at <a href="www.cshlibrary.org">www.cshlibrary.org</a> and click on homework help. Log in to Brainfuse with your library card barcode located on the back of the card.

The following services are offered for children and teens though Brainfuse:

- Homework Help: Interact with LIVE tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, etc.
- Skills-Building: Brush up or catch up on a subject or skill with a LIVE tutor.
- 24-Hour Writing Lab: Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback within one business day.
- 24/7 Homework Question Center: Submit homework questions to be answered within one business day.
- Foreign Language Center/Spanish Speaking Support: Live help for your Spanish Homework.
- Live academic assistance is available from Monday -Sunday 2:00 11:00 pm EST.

Ask a librarian about these FREE services or visit our website at <a href="https://www.cshlibrary.org">www.cshlibrary.org</a>

Cold Spring Harbor Library 95 Harbor Road Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

#### 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. In this lab students will:

- 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.)

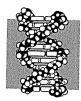
#### What you need to do:

- 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 suzannedimaio@yahoo.com or Heather Spehr at lanespehr@hotmail.com

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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