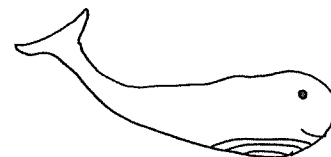


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, February 15, 2013



Principal's Corner

There has been a steady flow of traffic to the main office this week as students dropped off the marbles they earned during Genuine Acts of Kindness month. Thank you to the staff for carefully observing our students and for recognizing their acts of kindness. You have encouraged our students to continue supporting their peers. Thank you to sixth graders Caroline Walter and Brianna Loeffler for maintaining the bulletin board outside the main office as we track the number of marbles our students earn. On Thursday, our very first West Side Run commercial aired using our iPTV system. Thank you to fifth graders, Nicky Robins, Kolton Gagnon, Robert Schupler, and Rich Casaccio. This morning, Stephen Davis impressed us with his drum solo at morning assembly. Way to go, Stephen! I would also like to thank the parents of Ms. Villa's second grade class who came to school today to support our learners during their writing celebration. Also today, our fall bus assistants celebrated their service to the Bus Safety Program and reflected on the past four months. Together they described their experiences and gave feedback to help improve the program. Finally, our week ended with our yearly sixth grade maturation lessons. These lessons are a wonderful springboard for a dialogue on maturation to begin or continue at home.

Parent 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.

Daddy & Me

Our annual Daddy and Me event has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 24th 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 kam6272@aol.com. Thank you!

Talent Show

The Talent Show is two weeks away. Everybody who has music in their act and did not hand in a CD, should have received an email from me with their music edited down to 2 minutes. If you haven't received an email, please let me know asap. The dress rehearsal is scheduled for Thursday, February 28th at the CSH High School Performing Arts Center right after school. A stage crew meeting will take place for all **student volunteers** the same day at the PAC at 3:30 (you must sign up in advance). You are responsible for getting your child there and picking them up after the rehearsal (please remember your pick-up note). This is a mandatory rehearsal and all performers must attend. We will be running the rehearsal with lights, music and sound, so please be patient and don't ask if you can leave early. The quality of the show is up to all of you so practice, practice, practice. It's going to be an amazing show...the best show yet!

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. Mrs. Robins and committee members are hosting t-shirt design sessions in the Community Room this month during recess. Thank you for inspiring our artists!

WSSTA

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

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.

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 <http://cshedfoundation.org/>

Important WSS Dates

Week of Feb 18-22: School is in session Monday through Friday.

Week of Feb 18-22: Spirit Week – See attached flyer

Health Screenings: February 19th – 21st

Banking Day: Thursday, February 21st

Daddy & Me: Sunday, February 24th from 5:50 – 7:00 PM at WSS

WSS Run T-shirt Contest: Ends Monday, February 25th. Forms due to Ms. McLaughlin.

NAEP 4th Grade Field Test: Wednesday, February 27th – 9:00 AM

4Dudek Writing Celebration: Thursday, February 28th – 2:00 PM

Talent Show Dress Rehearsal: Thursday, February 28th – PAC – Directly after school

Next SIT Meeting: Thursday, February 28th – 3:30 PM

4Dopico Writing Celebration: Friday, March 1st – 2:00 PM

Talent Show: Friday, March 1st – PAC at 7:00 PM

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

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West Side School

~*Spirit Week*~

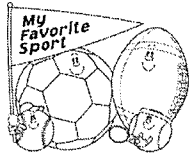
Monday February 18 - Friday February 22, 2013

Join in the fun and show your school spirit!



Monday February 18th - Presidents' Day

Wear your RED - WHITE - BLUE



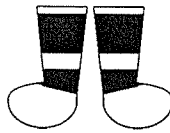
Tuesday February 19th - Sports Team Day

Wear your favorite team shirt or colors



Wednesday February 20th - Beach Day

Wear your bright colored or tropical shirts



Thursday February 21st - Mixed Up Day

Wear your crazy or mismatched socks



Friday February 22nd - Read-in Day

Wear a shirt with writing on it or your pajamas -NO SLIPPERS! All students and faculty will participate in a 60 minute school wide read-a-thon as we work to build our students' reading stamina.

Name _____

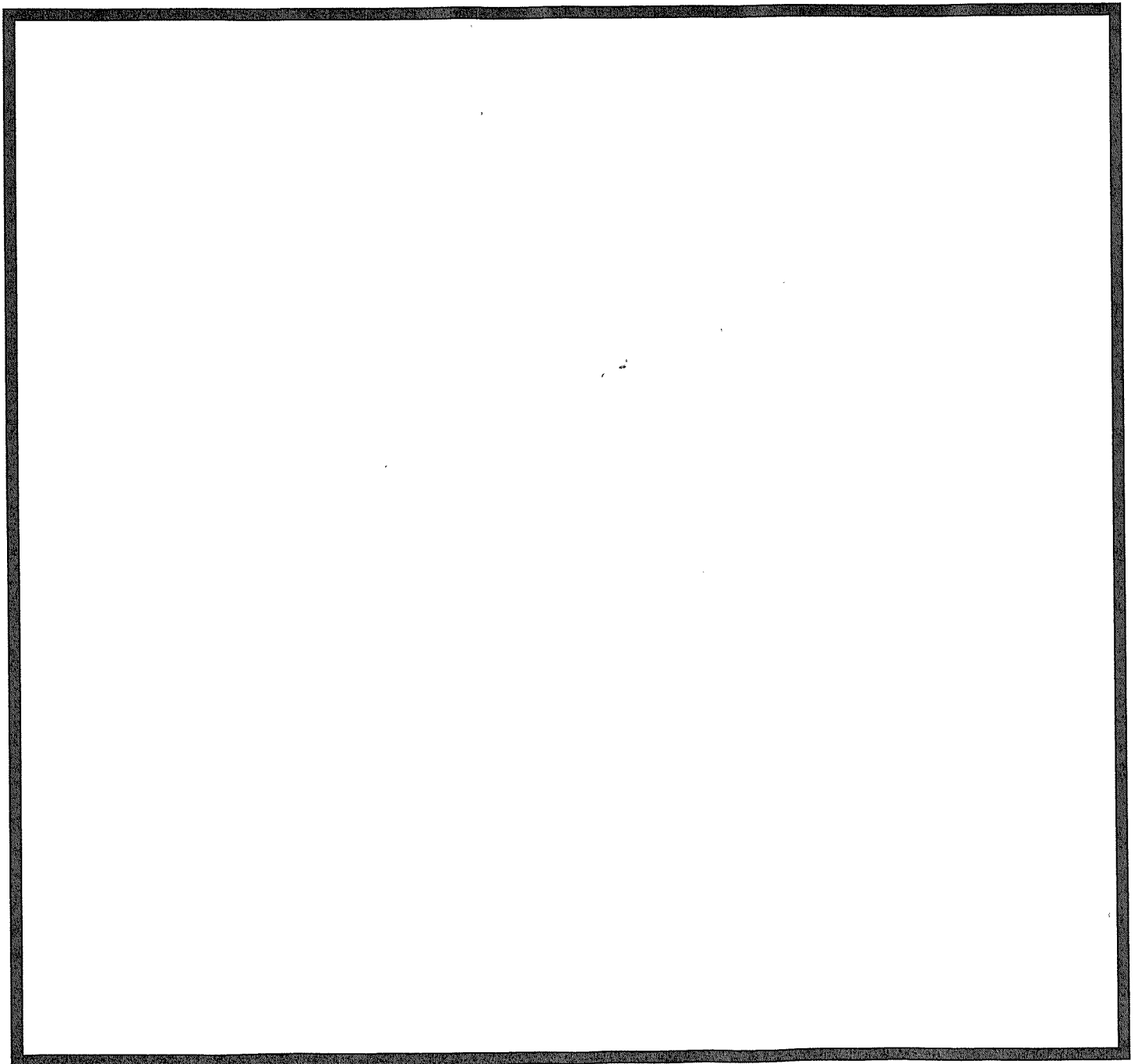
Class _____

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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.



Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center's

SATURDAY DNA!

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders, with chaperone

From fermentation to photosynthesis, CO₂ 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. CO₂ 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 CO₂ (dry ice) on mars?! Come join us as we learn about the role of CO₂ and how to have fun with it.

In this lab students will:

- observe several CO₂ reactions;
- experiment with dry ice;
- discover the role of CO₂ 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.)

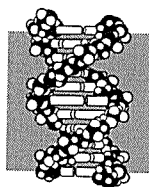
What you need to do:

- 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

Directions to the DNA Learning Center are on the website at: www.dnalc.org

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 2nd, 3rd and 4th graders only.
One participating chaperone is required.

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #1 _____ Grade _____ School _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #2 _____ Grade _____ School _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

___ Check here if adult (18 or older)

Name of participant #3 _____ Grade _____ School _____

Street _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Area code + telephone number _____ E-mail address _____

Session fee (number of requested seats x \$20.00)

___ Enclosed is a check payable to Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory for \$ _____

___ Please charge \$ _____ to my:

___ AmEx ___ Discover ___ MasterCard ___ Visa

Credit Card # _____

Expires _____ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on credit card:

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Cold Spring Harbor Library

Children's Activities

February 18-22, 2013

Registration Required

Jump for Joy

Tuesday, February 19, 11am

For children ages 2-5 with adult

Join crowd favorite Joy Oddo for a music and movement filled program for our smallest fitness fans. Great fun for everyone!

Board Game Bonanza

Tuesday, February 19, 4:30pm

For children of all ages

Bring your friends for an afternoon of board game fun.

Snack and a Movie

Wednesday, February 20, 6:30pm

For children of all ages with adult

Come to the library and enjoy a big-screen showing of
Happy Feet (PG, 108 minutes)

Afternoon Arts & Crafts

Friday, February 22, 3:30–4:30 pm

For children of all ages with adult

For children of all ages

Visit our creation stations in the Hand-On-Learning Center and explore the possibilities of your imagination.

Teen Book Discussion

Thursday, February 21, 6:30pm

For Teens in grades 6-12

Come to the library Discuss *Starters* by Lissa Price