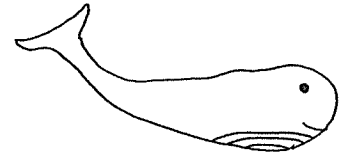


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, February 22, 2013



Principal's Corner

This week, second graders edited realistic fiction pieces in Writing and participated in a Reader's Theater activity during Reading Time. They also created number sentences using polygons in Math class. Third graders practiced the skill of highlighting while reading nonfiction text, worked on sequencing, and created Australian animal brochures. Fourth graders participated in discussions about types of polygons during Math and suggested different ways to explain their thinking when problem solving. They also created reading response webs in small groups. Fifth graders worked on research-based argument essays and researched the pros and cons of recycling. Thank you to the fifth grade Junior Girl Scouts who collected over 90 cans and 2 bags of cat food for The Little Shelter in East Northport. Great job! Sixth graders found the area of polygons, created projects based on the Periodic Table of Elements, and worked in small groups on travel projects that support cooperative learning. On Friday, our Read-A-Thon promoted a collective effort to build our reading stamina as West Side students all read for one hour straight.

Our annual **Daddy and Me** event has been rescheduled for **this Sunday, February 24th** at WSS from **5:30-7:00 PM**. See you there!

Parent-Teacher 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.

Talent Show

The final countdown has begun. Seven days left until the big show. There is a **mandatory dress rehearsal** (all performers need to have their costumes for the rehearsal) on **Thursday, February 28th at the PAC** directly after school (3:30 pm). All parents are required to get their children to the high school after school. We will be choreographing the finale and may need to run certain acts over at the end due to lighting and sound. The rehearsal should run for about 3 hours. Please do not ask if you can take your child home early. It is not fair to the rest of the kids. Your child may bring their homework and pack an extra snack for them that day as well. Feel free to stay for the rehearsal if you choose. All children need to have a pick-up note if you are picking them up directly from school.

There is also a **stage crew meeting** for all kids who signed up for backstage crew. We will be having a meeting at **3:30 at the PAC on Thursday, February 28th** as well. We will be handing out assignments for the day of show. Please let me know if you are unable to attend this meeting. It is encouraged but optional if your child wants to stay for the rehearsal.

The show will be on **FRIDAY, MARCH 1st at 7:00 PM at the PAC** in the Cold Spring Harbor High School. We are very excited about this year's show and know that it will be the best ever!! **All crew and performers need to arrive between 6:00-6:15.** We will have teacher's aides and parent volunteers to help you. **The auditorium will remain closed until 6:30-6:45 when we open it up to general seating.**

This is a special night for our children. Please remind your children to be respectful of each other while they are performing. There is no one like these West Side kids!!! Break a leg West Side!!!

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.

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

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

West Side Wednesday: Wednesday, February 27th – Remember to wear your spirit shirts!

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

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Play Practice Cancelled: Friday, March 1st

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

Banking Day: Thursday, March 7th

Noon Dismissal: Friday, March 8th

Parent-Teacher Conferences: Friday, March 8th

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

Attachments from the School

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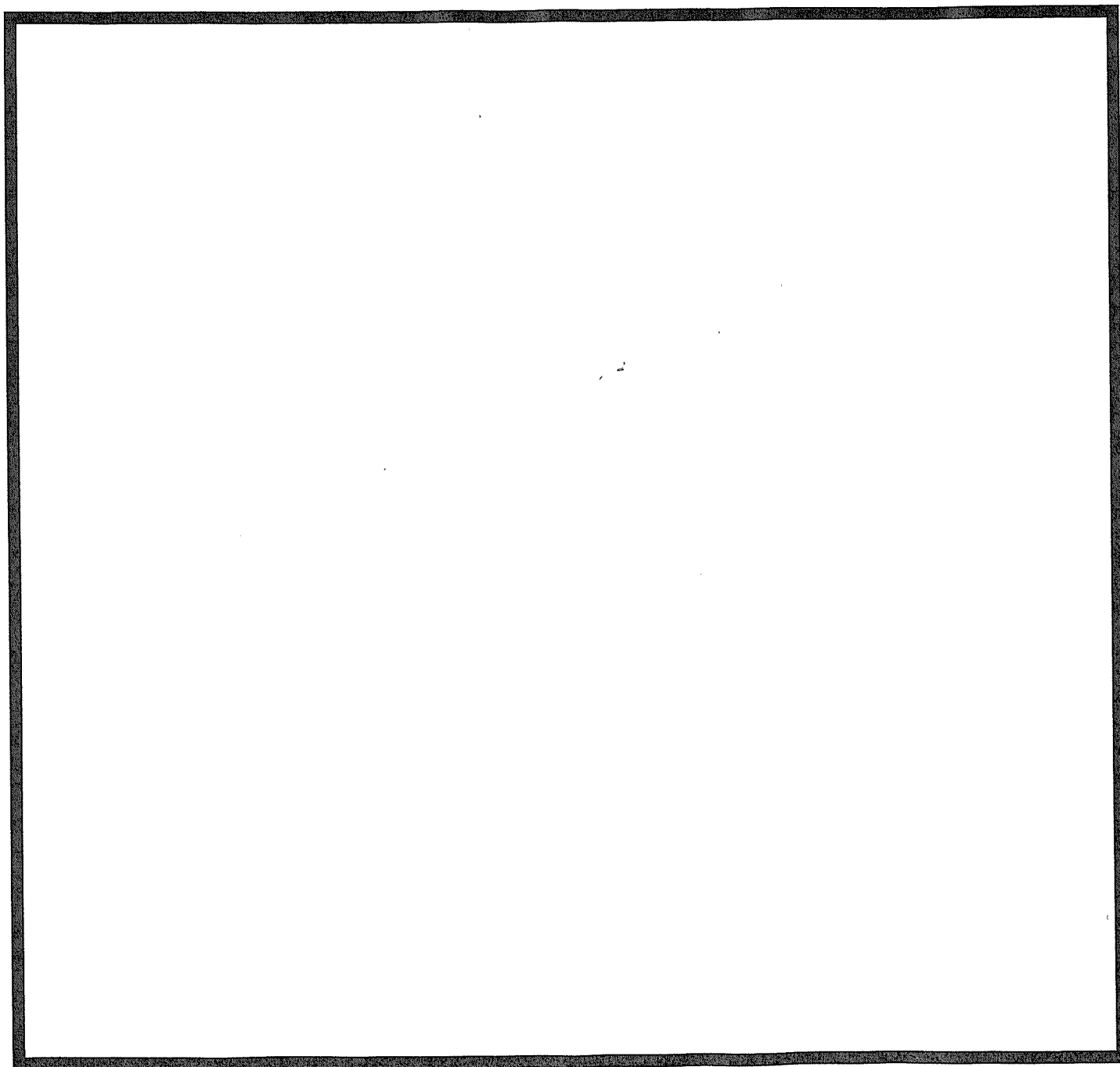
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Class _____

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.)

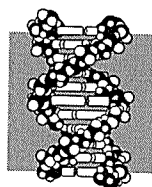
What you need to do:

- 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 \$ _____

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