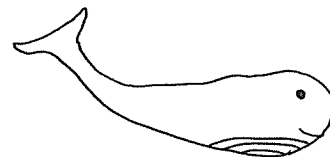


# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

Friday, March 8, 2013

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### **Principal's Corner**

"The amount of free reading done outside of school has consistently been found to relate to growth in vocabulary, reading comprehension, verbal fluency, and general information" (Cullinan, 2000). It is vital that our children continue to build the necessary habits of good readers. Keeping our children involved with daily reading for sustained periods of time will help to maintain their reading stamina, as well as confidence. As our Spring Break approaches, I encourage parents to work with their children to select reading materials to enjoy during the break. Reading during the break will help our students to maintain the reading habits and stamina that they have been working to achieve. Thank you for your continued support with this process.

Congratulations to fourth grader, Sierra Rosado, who was the winner of the February Money Puzzle. Sierra was presented with the FNBLI "piggy bank" at morning assembly on Thursday.

Thank you to Mrs. Weiss, Mrs. Genser, and other committee members for an incredible Talent Show. The performances were amazing!

### **Recycling Poster Contest**

This year West Side School students will have the opportunity to participate in the Covanta Huntington Resource Recovery Facility's "Seventh Annual Recycling Poster Contest". Two winners will be chosen from our school: one from grades 2-3 and one from grades 4-6. Those students who win will receive a science handbook and go on to compete for the grand prizes. The first place winner of the grand prize will receive a \$500.00 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble Book Stores. Covanta Huntington is an Energy-from-Waste facility in East Northport. They process recycled waste from the area and use it to generate electricity to power.

If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Wolf at West Side School. Sixth graders Jack Vavassis and Jon Lizak will be helping Mrs. Wolf as part of their HERO Project.

**CONTEST RULES:** Each entry must have a recycling theme. All artwork must be original. Write your name, school, and grade on the back of your artwork. Posters should measure no larger than 14" by 17". Please keep in mind that the poster should be suitable for framing. All posters must be completed and returned to school by Friday, March 15th.

### **Parent-Teacher Conferences**

Our Parent-Teacher Conferences will continue on 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.

### **Placement**

Parental input can be an important part of the placement process. If your child has special needs that are not already known by his/her classroom teacher, you may submit a letter to my attention by April 5th. Please note that letters from past years are not considered. Letters should be sent to the main office (and not via email). Requests for a specific teacher or placement with any specific child will not be honored and should not be included in a letter (or discussion with a teacher).

### **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 CO<sub>2</sub> reactions, experiment with dry ice, and discover the role of CO<sub>2</sub> 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.

### **Talent Show**

We would like to congratulate all the kids for an amazing 2013 West Side Talent Show. West Side kids rock! How 'bout those MC's, Sammy Genser, Noah Weiss and Alex Aronow. They blew us all away! We would like to thank the student volunteers, Annabel Beder, William Blumin, Alex Cover, Luke Lynch, Helena Miller, Thomas Milana, Ben Reichbach, Andrew and Maddy Richmond, Emma and JP Rush, Imaan Siddiqui, and Olivia Story. Also, thanks to our very talented adult stage crew and production team, Sheila Acker, Kerri Albers, Nicole Boutis, Grace Cover, Kim Drexler, Jack Genser, Kimberly Lynch, Mary McGowan, Harlee Richmond, Wendy Rodgers, Joseph Samuel, Doreen Touhy, and Amir Weiss. The sound never sounded so good. Thanks to Vinny Samuel. And special thanks to our wonderful teacher's aides Audrey Balzano, Nancy Fastuca, Linda Letica, Maryellen Olsen, and Doris Sposato. A huge thank you to Mr. Simon and the office staff for your enthusiasm and support. The PTG organized a delicious Ice Cream Social right after the show which was amazing. AND finally...our extremely talented West Side Kids. You made us very proud!!

DVD's will be sent to the kids as soon as they are ready, via their backpacks. The best show yet!! Now...let's start practicing for next year. ;) - Randi Weiss and Jenn Genser!

### **WSSTA**

Please check the [wssta.org](http://wssta.org) website for information on this year's school musical.

### **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**

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

**PTG Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room

**BOE Meeting:** Tuesday, March 12th at 8:00 PM at District Office

**Noon Dismissal:** Friday, March 15th

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Friday, March 15th

**West Side Wednesday:** March 20th

**6th Grade Field Trip to the Cloisters:** Wednesday, March 20th

**Banking Day:** Thursday, March 21st

**SIT:** Thursday, March 21st at 3:30

**Noon Dismissal:** Friday, March 22nd

**Spring Break:** March 25 – 29 (Students return on Monday, April 1st)

### **Attachments from the School**

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Dear West Side families,

Please join us in supporting our upcoming 21th annual West Side Run on Sunday, April 28th. West Side School in the Cold Spring Harbor School District is proud to have had so many generous sponsors for the Run in past years. We appreciate the 26 business sponsors and over 64 family sponsors who contributed last year, and we hope you will be able to sponsor this year's event.

Thank you to all of those who have already donated As a reminder, the Business & Professional Sponsorship minimum donation is \$250. This will include your logo placed on the back of WSS Run T-shirts, your company name printed in the 2014 program, and your company name placed on the WSS parking lot board. Over 500 T-shirts will be circulating with your logo on it!

The Family Sponsors will have their names printed in the 2014 program and placed on the WSS parking lot board.

Attached are both Business and Family sponsorship forms.

We look forward to running with you on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. Thank you in advance for your generosity and for supporting a long standing tradition and fun family event at our school!

The West Side Run Committee—Connie Robins, Scott Bowden, Ted Hilton, Jack Sergi, Carol Solinger, Cat Bauer, Mary Cashin, Ana Shammah, Elise Jusko.

## Business Sponsor Form

Thank you for supporting West Side School by sponsoring the WSS Run on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>!!

Business and professional sponsors will have their logo appear on the back of over 500 T-shirts that will be seen throughout the community for years to come. Their name will also appear on the WSS Sponsor Board located in the parking lot and will be printed in the 2014 WS Run application.

Name of Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact (person &  
phone #): \_\_\_\_\_

Business & Professional Sponsors:	Standard Size Ad:	\$250 _____
	Double Size Ad:	\$500 _____
	Other	_____

Business card or artwork is due by THURSDAY, APRIL 4<sup>th</sup>!!!

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Checks and artwork can be sent to:

West Side Run Committee  
West Side School PTG  
1597 Laurel Hollow Road  
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any questions, please contact: Connie Robins@ [connierobins@verizon.net](mailto:connierobins@verizon.net) or another committee member.  
Thank you for your support!



### Family Sponsor Form

Thank you to all who have already sponsored the WSS Run! However, to those who haven't had a chance, below is a copy of the Family Sponsor form. Thanks in advance for supporting the WSS Run on SUNDAY, APRIL 28th

Family: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Family sponsors (names on WSS Sponsor Board & 2014 Application)

Gold Patron	\$200
Patron	\$150
Sponsor	\$100
Supporter	\$ 50
Other	_____

Platinum Sponsorships (names on WSS Sponsor Board, 2014 Application )

500 West Side Run T-shirts	\$3300	_____
Trophies	\$ 700	_____
Timer Company Charges	\$ 700	_____
Printing of 6000 Applications	\$ 650	_____

Please make checks payable to WSS/PTG. Return to:

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West Side School PTG  
1597 Laurel Hollow Road  
Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Any questions, please contact: ConnieRobins @connierobins@verizon.net or another committee member.  
Thank you for your support!

Councilman Mark Cuthbertson and the Town of Huntington  
present a Spring

# "Eggstravaganza"

Wednesday, March 27th, 10:00am — 1:00pm

Heckscher Park (tennis court area)  
25A and Prime Avenue, Huntington

\* Treat Filled Eggs

\* Face Painting

\* Craft Tables

**This FREE event is for children ages 3-8.**

**ADVANCED REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Go to [www.tohparks.com](http://www.tohparks.com) and click on "Special Events" to register.

Please print out receipt and bring to event.

Please bring canned food item for local food pantry.

Call 351-2877 for more info.

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

Registration for all programs is required.

## Facts & Fun: Endangered Animals

Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm

For children in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Learn about the endangered species of our planet through nonfiction reading and other fun activities!



## Jump Bunch: 60 Second Challenge

Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm (Gr. 3-6)

Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 4:30pm (Gr. K-2)

Children are divided into teams of two and must compete in challenges that allow only 60 seconds to complete. The excitement that is generated during these challenges will have spectators sitting at the edge of their seats!



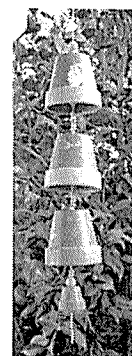
## Flowerpot Windchimes

Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm

For children in grades 5-8

For grades 5-8.

Make a decorative wind chime out of flower pots.



## Facts & Fun: Spring into Spring

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm

For children in Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade

Learn about the season of spring through nonfiction reading and other fun activities!

**ADVENTURE CAMP**

A full day camp program on the beautiful Dix Hills Park grounds. The program includes a variety of activities such as swim instruction, recreational swim, arts and crafts, sports, ice skating and group games. No camp July 4th

**DATES:** Session I June 24 - July 5 Act#222701-01  
 Session II July 8 - July 19 Act#222701-02  
 Session III July 22 - August 2 Act#222701-03  
 Session IV August 5- August 16 Act#222701-04

**TIMES:** Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM to 3:45 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Grades 1 thru 8(as of September 2013)

**LOCATION:** Dix Hills Park

**FEE:** \$412 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$541 per session w/o Rec. ID card  
 includes t-shirt and group photo

**PRE-SCHOOL ADVENTURE CAMP**

A half day camp program in beautiful Dix Hills Park. The program will include a variety of activities such as swim instruction, arts and crafts, sports and group games. Birth certificate required. No camp July 4th

**DATES:** Session I June 24 - July 5 Act#222702-01  
 Session II July 8 - July 19 Act#222702-02  
 Session III July 22 - August 2 Act#222702-03  
 Session IV August 5 - August 16 Act#222702-04

**TIMES:** Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM to 11:45 AM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Minimum age must be 4 years of age by Dec. 1, 2012 or entering Kindergarten in September 2013.

**LOCATION:** Dix Hills Park

**FEE:** \$270 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$370 per session w/o Rec. ID card  
 includes t-shirts and group photo

**CAMP SOUNDVIEW**

A full day camp program located on Long Island Sound at Crab Meadow Beach. The program will include a variety of activities such as swim instruction, recreational swim, arts and crafts, sports and special events. Lunch not provided. Medical forms are required and must be submitted one month prior to session. If a rain day is declared, the camp will be cancelled for that day with no refunds. No camp July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**DATES:** Session I July 1 - July 12 Act #122703-01  
 Session II July 15 - July 26 Act #122703-02  
 Session III July 29 - August 9 Act #122703-03

**TIMES:** Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM to 2:00 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Grades 1 thru 7(as of September 2013)

**LOCATION:** Crab Meadow Beach, Waterside Avenue, Northport

**FEE:** \$268 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$345 per session w/o Rec. ID card  
 includes t-shirt and group photo

**REGISTRATION:** currently underway at Huntington Parks & Recreation, Town Hall, 100 Main Street, Huntington from 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday thru Friday and the Dix Hills Park Ice Rink Building from 8 AM to 8 PM, Sunday thru Saturday or you can register online for all camps at [tohparks.com](http://tohparks.com)  
 Camp Bright Star is by appointment only, please call 351-3071

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

**CALL THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT AT 351-3089  
 CALL DIX HILLS PARK FOR ADVENTURE CAMP AT 499-8058**



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## **NATURE STUDY PROGRAM**

### **WINTER/SPRING 2013**

This series of nature study activities are being offered to get children back outside, away from computers, cell phones and television. Children will explore the wonderful parks in the Town of Huntington. With the assistance of Cornell Cooperative Extension's Marine Program, children will discover the beauty of nature. This program supports the 10 Million Kids Outdoors initiative sponsored by the National Recreation and Park Association and the National Wildlife Federation.

Children should dress appropriately for the weather since most of the classes will be taught outdoors. Old clothes and sneakers are recommended. Bring a water bottle.

**Location:** Coindre Hall (in back), 101 Browns Road in Hunt. (except where noted)

**Eligibility:** Pre-School (ages 3-5) and Grades 1 to 4

**Times:** Tuesdays, Pre-School - 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
 Thursdays, Grades 1 to 4 - 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM (except where noted)

**Fee:** Pre-School - \$16 w/Rec. ID or Suffolk County card per class  
 \$18 w/o Rec. ID card per class  
 Grades 1-4 - \$12 w/Rec. ID or Suffolk County card per class  
 \$14 w/o Rec. ID card per class

**Registration:** Online and In-person starts March 1 at 9 AM at the Department of Parks and Recreation Office, 100 Main Street, Huntington, Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM or Dix Hills Park Ice Rink Building, 575 Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, Monday thru Friday, from 8 AM - 8 PM, Saturdays and Sundays, 10 AM to 5 PM or online at [tohparks.com](http://tohparks.com). See page 4 of the Spring/Summer 2013 brochure for online registration information.

**WHALE WONDER** - Learn about different types of whales, their incredible sizes, their diets and feeding behaviors. This interactive class includes hands-on time with whale bones, teeth and K.D. - our life-size, inflatable baby humpback whale!  
 Pre-School (ages 3-5) - Tuesday March 19<sup>th</sup> - Activity #142801-03

**BE A STORMWATER SUPERHERO** - Join us as we follow a raindrop on its journey to the bay. Learn how to be Stormwater Superheroes and help prevent pollution on the way. This program is free to participants and is funded by Suffolk County under the Suffolk County Stormwater Management Program. Free Program but must register for appropriate date.

Pre-School (ages 3-5) - Tuesday May 14<sup>th</sup> - Activity #112805-01  
 Grades 1-4 - Thursday, March 21<sup>st</sup> - Activity #142801-02

**FISHY FACTS** - Learn about the differences between fish and other marine animals, and the amazing adaptations fish use to survive in different habitats.  
 Pre-School (ages 3-5) - Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> - Activity #112801-01

**AMAZING ARTHROPODS** - Six legs, eight legs, 10 legs and more! Would you believe ants and lobsters are related to each other! Why do crabs have shells? Arthropods are one of the biggest groups of living things on this earth so come join us as we answer some of these questions and learn as much as we can about them. We'll observe live and preserved specimens and if the weather is good, we'll search for a few outside.  
 Grades 1-4 - Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup> - Activity #112802-01

**SEALIFE DISCOVERY TANK** - Join us for this very special program as you and your child explore some of Long Island's local marine life-sea stars, shellfish, hermit crabs, snails, and the infamous horseshoe crab! A touch tank will be made available. This is a great way to introduce your child to marine biology.  
 Pre-School (ages 3-5) - Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> - Activity #112803-01

**BEACH LIFE\*** - Let's explore the beach! Following a short hands-on introduction to local marine life, your child will explore the beach and salt marsh; seine the bay to collect fish, shrimp, crabs, and other marine life. This program concludes with a search for horseshoe crabs in the tide pools. This program is weather permitting, and we ask that you please dress comfortable. Please wear water shoes.  
 Location: Centerport Beach, Little Neck Road, Centerport  
 Grades 1-4 - Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> - Activity #112804-01 \*TIME: 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM

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## AVAILABLE OPENINGS IN THE FOLLOWING CAMP PROGRAMS

### SUMMER 2013

ALL CAMPS REQUIRE MEDICAL FORMS TO BE SUBMITTED ONE MONTH PRIOR  
 TO THE START OF YOUR CHILD'S CAMP

#### CAMP SEAHAWK

This unique full day camp is offered in cooperation with the Cold Spring Harbor School District. The program will include arts & crafts, sports, reading, games, dance, special events & computers. No camp July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**DATES:** Session I June 24 - July 5 Activity #122702-01  
 Session II July 8 - July 19 Activity #122702-02  
 Session III July 22 - August 2 Activity #122702-03

**TIMES:** Monday thru Friday, 8:15 AM to 2 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Grades 1-7 (as of September 2013)

**LOCATION:** Cold Spring Harbor High School  
 82 Turkey Lane, Cold Spring Harbor

**FEE:** \$254 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$350 per session w/o Rec. ID card  
 includes t-shirt and group photo

#### GOLD STAR CAMP

A full day camp program with an environmental focus located at Coindre Hall and Gold Star Battalion Beach. The program will include a variety of activities such as nature study, arts and crafts, sports and special events. A special touch tank will include snails, mussels, clams, sea stars, crabs, lobsters and various fish of Long Island Sound. Campers learn how animals adapt and survive in their habitat, and how they can protect the animals and Sound from pollution. Medical forms are required and must be submitted one month prior to a session. No camp July 4<sup>th</sup>.

**DATES:** Session I July 01 - July 12 Activity #122701-01  
 Session II July 15 - July 26 Activity #122701-02  
 Session III July 29 - Aug. 09 Activity #122701-03

**TIMES:** Monday - Friday, 8:15 AM to 2:00 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Grades 1 thru 7 (as of September 2013)

**LOCATION:** Coindre Hall, 101 Brown's Road, Huntington

**FEE:** \$237 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$330 per session w/o Rec. ID card  
 includes t-shirt and group photo

#### CAMP BRIGHT STAR

Campers who have various developmental disabilities will experience true fun and develop friendships in a safe, caring, and structured environment. Activities include swimming, sports, arts and crafts, music, creative arts, trips, and special events such as carnival, camp plays, talent shows, and picnics. Inclusion activities are also done with other Town camps. Trips have included bowling, movies, mini-golf and Plaster Funecraft. Medical forms are required and must be submitted one month prior to camp.

**DATES:** Tuesday, June 25 - August 2, 2013-No camp July 4<sup>th</sup>

**TIMES:** Monday - Friday, 9 AM to 2:30 PM

**ELIGIBILITY:** Boys and girls, ages 6 and older. Must be able to function in a group environment without one-to-one assistance.

**LOCATION:** A school in the Commack School District

**FEE:** \$185 per session w/Rec. ID card  
 \$545 per session w/o Rec. ID card

Includes free bus transportation for Huntington residents only