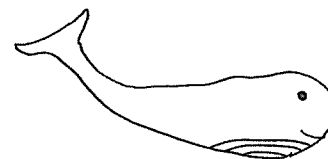


# West Side School

## Friday Notes

Friday, March 22, 2013



### Principal's Corner

Congratulations to Sarah Lynch and Camden Vitagliano, winners of the West Side Run T-shirt Contest. Their artwork was so spectacular that the West Side Run committee is working to merge their ideas together for this year's t-shirt. On Monday, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students were mesmerized by the Lincoln Center Institute's production of *Boats*. *Boats* is a rich work of art that ties in storytelling, poetry, imaginative learning, music, puppetry, dance, and use of imagination. In *Boats* puppets and sound effects are created on the spot, using objects one might find in a ship's galley—a theatrical concept that, along with original sea shanties, enhanced the story's poetic narrative. *Boats* was written by Finegan Kruckemeyer, acclaimed playwright for young audiences, whose work has been staged internationally and won numerous awards. It was performed by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre from Australia and directed by Frank Newman. On Tuesday, West Side Kids Care worked with our students during recess to support the Cole Foundation. Thank you to Robert Shammah who kicked this off Tuesday morning and to Mrs. Lynch for organizing. I cannot think of a more wonderful way for our students to spend their time. To celebrate West Side Wednesday, fifth graders, Allie Lynch, Serena Li, Kaitlyn Fare, Dayna Emanuel, and Abigail Johnson performed "Sunshine Soca" on steel drums during morning assembly. Great job, girls! Also on Wednesday, our sixth graders took a field trip to the Cloisters and St. John the Divine where they enjoyed making the connection of what they learned in the classroom and saw in the museum. Enjoy the break, everyone!





### After School Program

Our After School Program will begin on Monday, April 1st.

### New York State Testing

When we return from break, students in grades **three** through **six** will be taking the NYS ELA and Math Assessments. The NYS ELA test will be administered on April 16-18 and the NYS Math test will be administered on April 24-26.

Parents can help to prepare their children for success by:

-  ensuring children get a good night's sleep before each day of testing
-  providing children with a balanced breakfast on the morning of the exam
-  encouraging children to try their hardest
-  **making sure children arrive to school on time**

### West Side Kids Care

Our students had another opportunity to make a difference in the world this week. In the United States, about 46 children and adolescents are diagnosed with cancer every single school day. Through "Kids Unite to Fight", West Side students were matched up with some of those children who suffer from this serious illness. Our goal was to bring smiles to these children who did not have a choice when it came to cancer. Because of their disease, many of these kids cannot attend school, spend time with friends their own age, or live what we would consider a normal life. We had such a wonderful response from our students, that we actually ran out of matches before all of the recess periods were over! West Side students wrote 75 wonderful letters of introduction, friendship, and encouragement to these children. The Community Room was full of wonderful attitudes and open hearts as our children tailored their notes to the age of his/her sick child, drew cheerful pictures, and marked the US map for both NY and the state of the recipient. All children who participated were given a brochure from the "Kids Unite to Fight" program that included specific information about the child he/she helped. This information included a webpage that would enable you to learn the story of his/her child, follow the progress of his/her new friend, and potentially continue an ongoing connection through web postings, letters and emails. A big thank you to Robert Shammah who introduced this new program at morning assembly and to Dana Leopold, Lorena Muniyak, Vicky Roberts, Ana Shammah, Annette Haas, Susan Kopp, and Diane Angelides for helping the children with their letters. A tremendous thank you to our children (there were too many to list individually!) who participated whole heartedly and brightened the day of children less fortunate than themselves. They amaze me more each time we do a program like this!

### **West Side Run**

This year's West Side Run will take place on Sunday, April 28th. Please see the attached forms for registration. The West Side Run Conditioning Club will begin training on Wednesday, April 3rd. Please see the attached flyer for details.

### **WSSTA**

Get Ready! In just two weeks Charlie Brown, Snoopy and the whole Peanuts gang is coming to town.

The West Side School Theatre Association presents "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on **Saturday, April 6th** at 7PM and **Sunday, April 7th** at 2PM in the Performing Arts Center in the Cold Spring Harbor High School. The fifth and sixth grade performers have been working hard to make this show a huge smash hit! Come and support your fellow students and enjoy this most wonderful and hilarious show! Tickets are \$5 each and may be purchased at the door on the day of the performance.

**Tech Week starts April 1st through April 5th.** Rehearsals will be at the Cold Spring Harbor High School in the PAC starting at 3:30. Additional information will be sent to parents of performers with regard to tech week rehearsal details. Please check your email and the WSSTA website during the week of the break.

### **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**

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

**School Musical Tech Week:** April 1st – 5th at the PAC

**Banking Day:** Thursday, April 4th

**Noon Dismissal:** Friday, April 5th

**Parent-Teacher Conferences:** Friday, April 5th

**School Musical:** Saturday, April 6th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, April 7th at 2:00 PM. Both performances will be at the PAC.

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

**BOE Meeting:** Tuesday, April 9th at 8:00 PM at District Office

**NYS ELA Assessment:** April 16th – 18th

**NYS Math Assessment:** April 24th – 26th

### **Attachments from the School**

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# West Side School

COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
1597 Laurel Hollow Road • Syosset, New York 11791

Kurt A. Simon, Principal

516.692.7900

March 2013

Dear Families,

When we return from break, students in grades **three** through **six** will be taking NYS Assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Below you will find the specific dates for the administration of the exams.

Parents can help to prepare their children for success by:

- *ensuring children get a good night's sleep before each day of testing*
- *providing children with a balanced breakfast on the morning of the exam*
- *encouraging children to try their hardest*
- ***making sure children arrive to school on time!***

***EXAMS BEGIN PROMPTLY AT 9:00 am.***

It is essential that your children remain active *readers* and *mathematicians* throughout the Spring break. Keeping children involved with daily reading for sustained periods of time will help to maintain their stamina and confidence as they return to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Kurt A. Simon



## APRIL

### Grades 3-6 NYS Testing at WSS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	<b>16</b> ELA 9:00 am	<b>17</b> ELA 9:00 am	<b>18</b> ELA 9:00 am	
		<b>24</b> Math 9:00 am	<b>25</b> Math 9:00 am	<b>26</b> Math 9:00 am

## WEST SIDE RUN CONDITIONING CLUB

Lace up your sneakers and come join the fun!

EVERY Wednesday in April

Meet at the basketball courts after school (3:15 – 4:15)

Get in shape for the West Side Run on Sunday April 28th

Students MUST have a parent or adult accompany them to EVERY session

Contact Cat Bauer with any questions – [bauerfamilytoronto@gmail.com](mailto:bauerfamilytoronto@gmail.com)





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:

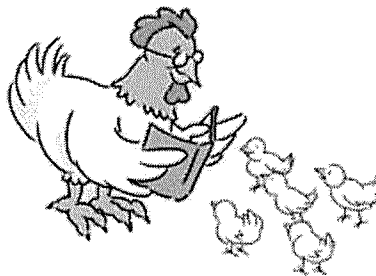
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Any questions, please contact: ConnieRobins @connierobins@verizon.net or another committee member.  
 Thank you for your support!

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

Registration for all programs is required.

**Spring Story and a Craft**  
**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> 11am**  
For children ages 2-5 with adult  
Listen to stories about spring and  
create a spring themed craft in this  
special weekend storytime.



## Fun Activities @ the Library during Spring Break!

**Tissue Paper Flowers**  
**Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 2-4pm**  
For children in grades K-6  
Celebrate spring and by making flowers  
for your friends and family! Drop in any  
time between the hours of 2-4pm.



**Lego Club**  
**Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> @ 3:30 pm**  
For children in ages 5-7

**Spring BINGO!**  
**Thursday, March 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2 pm**  
For Children of all Ages

**Board Game Bonanza**  
**Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 pm**  
For children of all ages  
**Come in to play board games!**  
**fun variety of arts and Craftse**

**Mix-it-up- Mayhem**  
**Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> from 2-4**  
For children of all ages  
**Come to the library and enjoy a**



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# Fun, Fun, Fun!

## 58th Annual Lion's Club Egg Hunt!

Welcome Parents and Children  
(up to 12 years old)

DATE: Saturday March 30th, 2013

PLACE: The Francis Roberts Community Center  
75 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor

TIME: 10:00 AM Sharp!  
Rain or Shine

DONATION: Please bring a non-perishable food  
item to help the *Huntington Food Council*

Prizes, Egg Races and Lots of Eggs!

For Info Call  
John Messina  
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