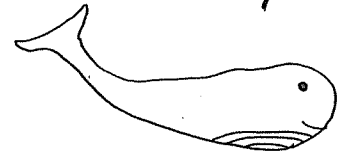


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, September 14, 2012



Principal's Corner

To kick off the week on Monday, fourth grader Sarah Lynch addressed the student body and introduced the West Side Kids Care Band-Aid Drive. On Tuesday, to commemorate 9/11, President Sam Genser read a poem, which was followed by a moment of reflection. Accompanied by Ms. Martin on the piano, our students also sang the "Star Spangled Banner." Thursday was Tomato Sauce Day, celebrating the 2012 WSS Garden Summer Co-op. During all lunch periods tomato sauce was served by parents. Special thanks to our parent volunteers for making Thursday such a special day for the kids. The WSS Garden Journal will be on display in the Airplane Wing. Check it out! Finally, on Friday our jazz band rocked out in the gym with a few numbers to end the week!

Our second graders began writing about "small moments" during Writers Workshop this week. Thank you to Ms. Ryan's lunch groups for taking the time to eat with me. During our time together, we discussed their goals for the year and how they could help to make West Side School an even better place. During FLES this week, third graders learned songs to review the alphabet in Spanish. Fourth graders welcomed Ms. Tassani to their wing and now their Spanish class is no more than a hop, skip, and a jump away. This week our fifth graders used their brand new laptop cart. This cart will allow our students to access the Internet wirelessly and will give them the ability to utilize technology in new and exciting ways in the classroom. Meanwhile, sixth graders spent time exploring their Social Studies textbooks to gain a sense of what they will be studying this year and participated in a Raft Rally to review the scientific method.

We would like to thank the PTG for purchasing an IPTV cart for our school. This will enable our children to broadcast to our classes throughout the year. Stay tuned for updates from West Side's newsroom.

Back to School Night

Back to School Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 20th at 7:00 PM. A detailed schedule is attached to the Friday Notes. This is a great opportunity to meet your child's teacher and learn more about the school year.

After School Program

Registration for after school programs has now begun! The fall brochure is attached and can also be found on our school's website. Look for your favorite programs including All Sports, Chess and Newspaper Club. Due to popular demand, Homework Club is now three days a week. New classes have been added including Yoga with Ms. Singh, Lego Robotics and Lego Motorized Mania with Bricks for Kidz and Glee Sing and Dance with Variations. Classes start October 1st and space is limited, so register early!

Nameplates

Last Friday each student received a nameplate which we ask that all parents keep in their cars for when they pick up their children. Posting this nameplate on the dashboard of the car assists our teachers in calling for students who are waiting in the cafeteria. This has proven to help with the efficiency of our dismissal system in the afternoon. Thank you for your cooperation.

West Side Wednesday

Our first West Side Wednesday will take place on September 19th. This is a day in which all of our students and faculty members strive to show their school spirit. The day is typically started with a musical number by one of our students in the gym and this year the administration will be working with the Student Council to find new ways to increase the culture and feeling of community within our building. Remember to wear your West Side spirit shirts or any other West Side apparel! Second graders, remember to wear blue!

WSS Garden

Thursday, September 13th, WSS celebrated the summer 2012 WSS Garden Co-op with Tomato Sauce Day. A big thank you to the parent volunteers who tended to the garden this summer and helped the garden prosper into a collection of tasty herbs and vegetables. On Tomato Sauce Day, a group of parent volunteers brought in homemade tomato sauce and helped serve the sauce in the cafeteria to children of all grades. The children loved learning about the healthy benefits of tomatoes and smelling the different herbs that are used in making the sauce. We would like to recognize the following individuals for their efforts in making this day fun and meaningful. Thank you to Andrea Buonfiglio, Susan Kopp, Lolita Reichbach and Helen Daly, for making the sauce and to Ana Shammah, Andrea Mannino, Patty Alcamo, Yanne Wang, Vicky Roberts, Dana Lynch, Ellen Mohr, Mary Hooks, Carmela Schneider for serving... and a special and heartfelt thank you to Mrs. Alison Zimmon who not only made sauce, but is the person responsible for developing the garden and the garden club. Thank you for your vision and your dedication these past 3 years. We hope to continue working hard towards keeping the spirit of the garden alive and growing. For those parents who would like to get involved, please contact Andrea Mannino at abmannino@optonline.net or Lorena Muniyak at Immuniyak@yahoo.com or join The Green Committee.

Photo Policy

In various publications, such as the PTG web site, Brief, and Bulletin Board, the WSS-PTG will occasionally use photographs of our students and/or identify them by name as part of PTG event related activities/articles. You may not want to have your child's name or photos appear in the PTG publications. If you wish to exercise this option, please contact your PTG President.

Upcoming PTG Meeting

The next PTG meeting and Welcoming Breakfast will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday, September 25th.

Board of Education

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9th at 8:00 PM at the District Office.

West Side Kids Care

West Side Kids Care is getting an early start to the school year with our first donation drive. Former patients of the Cohen Children's Hospital (part of North Shore/LIJ) remembered the joy of selecting a fun character band-aid at the end of each of their many treatments. Since the hospital's supply of these fun bandages is running low, they organized a drive to help the children who visit the medical center all too often. Please bring in a package of band-aids with your favorite character or decoration. A donation box will be in the Airplane Lobby until Friday, September 21st. Thanks for your contributions! Please contact Dana Lynch at 631-385-0344 or dana@theblacktop.net with any questions.

Flip Flops

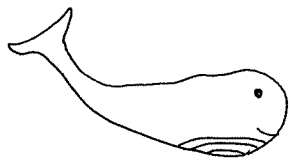
Please remind your children that flip flops are not permitted in school. The safety of our children is our number one priority.

Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation

What is the one thing that all public schools in the top 100 have that CSH doesn't? UNTIL NOW.... Introducing the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation. See attached flyer to find out more and get involved.

Attachments from the School

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West Side School
Back to School Night 2012
Schedule

7:00 Presentations by Grades 2-4

Grade 2

 M. Ryan	Room 212
 K. Villa	Room 213

Grade 3

 J. Farmer	Room 205
 D. Santoro	Room 204


Grade 4

 K. Dopico	Room 207
 M. Dudek	Room 208




7:30 Welcome from Mr. Simon: Gym

7:45 Presentations by Grades 5 & 6

Grade 5

 W. Arloff	Gym
 M. Baratta	Gym
 B. Dawkins	Gym

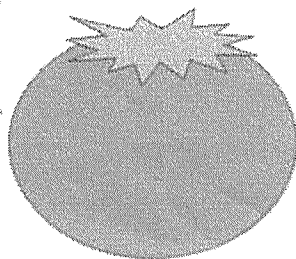
Grade 6

 J. Agnello	Room 214
 J. DeRosa	Room 214
 L. Gerver	Room 214

SmartMusic Presentation

Stop by the Band Room (Room 210) located just up the steps from the Airplane Wing for the SmartMusic Presentation. Our band and orchestra teachers will be available to speak at your convenience.

Special Area & Support Staff: Our special area teachers and support staff will be available in their classrooms throughout the evening.



Ingredients

1. Fresh Tomatos
2. Can of whole tomatos (Muir's Organic whole tomatoes are good)
3. Olive oil
4. Fresh (or dried) Thyme
5. Fresh (or dried) Oregano
6. Fresh basil
7. Salt and Pepper

Recipe

1. Halve tomatos then roast at 350 (drizzle with olive oil, salt and pepper, oregano, and thyme) for 45 minutes.
 - Make sure not to overlap tomatos
 - After tomatos come out of the oven you can freeze them and they taste even better later
2. Now take your roasted tomatos, a large can or two of **unflavored** and **whole** tomatos, crushed garlic, basil, a bit of oregano, parsley, salt, pepper and put them into a pot.
3. Now use your hand mixer to puree the tomato sauce as much as you want (I like a few chunks).
4. Heat pot med-high uncovered until the sauce bubbles, then reduce to med-low uncovered until the liquid reduces by an inch or so (or when the thickness gets to your liking).
5. After that cover and simmer as long as you like. You can't simmer low long enough.
6. The sauce will taste even better as leftovers as the herbs kick in over time.

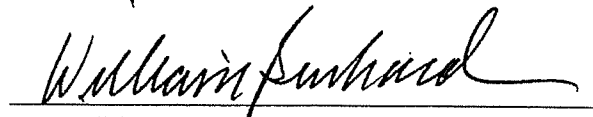
* Recipe is from the "Balducci Family" Grandmother.
 Passed on to you from The Garden Club @ W.S.S.
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COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a meeting of the Cold Spring Harbor Policy Committee will take place on September 24, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "William Bernhard", is written over a horizontal line.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

Registration for all programs is required.

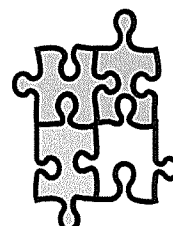
September 17th & 18th (NO SCHOOL!)

Puzzlemania

Monday September 17th 11am

For children of all ages

Work with other children to assemble a fun, challenging puzzle.



Snack and a Movie

Monday, September 17th 3pm

Come to the library and enjoy a big-screen showing of the movie *Pirates: Band of Misfits*. Snacks and refreshments provided! (87 minutes/PG).

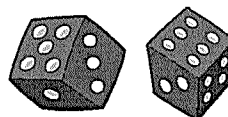


Board Game Bonanza

Tuesday September 18th 11am

For children of all ages

Spend the afternoon playing board games with your family and friends!

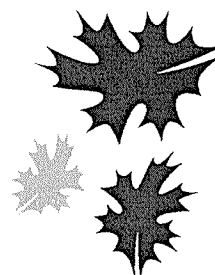


Decoupage

Tuesday September 18th 3pm

For children in grades K-6

Turn a keepsake box into a work of art.



And for the little ones...

Fall Story and a Craft

Friday, Sept. 21st 11am

For children ages 2-5

Listen to stories about fall and make a fall-themed craft.

Call us at (631) 692-6820 or visit our website, www.cshlibrary.org,

to register for the above programs.

TOWN BOARD

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CREATIVE ARTS WORKSHOP FALL 2012

SOUTHDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL - HUNTINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

INTRODUCTION TO SCULPTURE-Create sculptures using the different media of clay, plaster, wire and more. Bring your ideas! *A \$5 materials fee for the 8-week session is due at 1st class IN CASH.

Grades 2-6	Act#133801-01	9:30 AM
Grades K-3	Act#133801-02	11:30 AM

MIXED MEDIA-Like many contemporary artists, students will create art using a variety of material. They will explore different techniques in creating textures & colors. A \$5 materials fee for the 8 week session is due at 1st class IN CASH.

Grades 1-6	Act#133802-01	10:30 AM
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INDOOR SOCCER-Polish your skills thru exercises & competition. Course will concentrate on ball handling, passing & shooting skills. Games will be played. Please wear sneakers, no soccer shoes. Bring a water bottle each week.

Grades K-3	Act#133803-01	9:30 AM
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MAGICAL COOKING-Using your imagination as an ingredient each week, transform ordinary food into special artistic treats that are as much fun to make as they are delicious to eat. *A \$8 materials fee for the 8 week session is due at 1st class IN CASH.

Grades K-1	Act#133805-01	9:30 AM
Grades P/S-K	Act#133805-02	10:30 AM
Grades 2-6	Act#133805-03	11:30 AM

BASKETBALL-A recreational program centered on the fundamentals of this sport. Bring a water bottle each week.

Grades 2-6	Act#133806-01	10:30 AM
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ART SAMPLER-Explore your artistic creativity thru the use of various art materials, techniques and your imagination.

Grades P/S-K	Act#133807-01	9:30 AM
Grades K-2	Act#133807-02	10:30 AM

KARATE-An introduction to this ancient art of self-defense & discipline. Karate will help develop speed, rhythm, timing & balance.

Grades 2-6	Act#133808-01	9:30 AM
Grades 1-4	Act#133808-02	10:30 AM
Grades K-2	Act#133808-03	11:30 AM

PIANO-Learn to play piano in a lively, fun-filled, easy-to-understand way! Students will learn about the instrument, basic notes & symbols, and play simple melodies. Each week your newly learned skills will be enhanced while building additional ones.

Grades K-1	Act#133810-01	9:30 AM
Grades 1-3	Act#133810-02	10:30 AM

BASIC TENNIS-Great for beginners. Learn basic tennis skills. Instruction in forehand, backhand & network. All volley in the gym. Students provide rackets.

Grades 2-6	Act#133809-01	11:30 AM
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SIMPLE SEWING-Have fun learning the basic about hand sewing, how to thread and use a needle, sew on a button, make a pillow, do a hem. *A \$5 materials fee for the 8 week session is due at 1st class IN CASH.

Grades 2-6	Act#133811-01	11:30 AM
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LEGO® FUN- Learn, build and play with Lego® bricks! Children will build unique, motorized models and have creative building time all while learning science and engineering concepts. Children will build new projects each week-working with gears, axels, motors and more *See back for fees. Register online at

www.bricks4kidz.com/newyork-longisland-northshore or call 631.279.8720

Grades 3-5	9:30 AM
Grades K-2	10:30 AM

REGISTRATION INFORMATION ON BACK

REGISTRATION- Online (tohparcs.com) and in person begins on September 19th at 9 AM. Register at the Parks and Recreation Office, 100 Main Street, Huntington, Monday thru Friday from 9 AM to 4 PM OR the Dix Hills Park Ice Rink Building, 575. Vanderbilt Parkway, Dix Hills, 8 AM to 8 PM, Monday thru Friday and 10 AM to 5 PM on weekends. For the online registration information, refer to page 4 of the Fall 2012/Winter 2013 Brochure or log onto tohparcs.com. Use the activity numbers (Act#) associated with each class to register online.

ELIGIBILITY- All Township children, Pre-Schoolers (age 4) thru sixth grade. Pre-schoolers must be 4 years old by October 6, 2012 and have proof of age. **BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED AT FIRST CLASS FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS (AGE 4).**

DATES- Saturday afternoons at the Southdown Primary School from October 6 to December 1, 2012 (8 sessions). No workshop on November 24th. If inclement weather necessitates canceling the workshop, call 351-3101 for a taped message. Parents are not permitted to sit in on classes.

FEES- are for 8 fifty-five minute classes CHECKS, CREDIT CARDS OR MONEY ORDERS ONLY
\$69 per course per child w/Rec. ID card; \$90 course child w/o Rec. ID card
*Lego Fun - \$160 per course per child - register at:
www.brick4kidz.com/newyork-longisland-northshore or call 631.239.8120

*IF THERE IS A MATERIALS FEE INDICATED IT IS DUE IN CASH AT THE FIRST CLASS

NO REFUNDS issued unless a class is canceled.

Creative Arts Workshop are also offered in the Harborfields, Half Hollow Hills & South Huntington School Districts. To view the flyers, visit the Town's website under Online Library-Parks & Recreation

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT THE PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT
AT 351-3089**

This flyer is distributed to students solely as a community service by the school district. Such distribution should not be considered to be an endorsement or approval by the district of either the sponsor or the activity.

West Side School After School Program



FALL 2012

Weeks of: October 1st, October 8th, October 15th, October 22nd,
October 29th, November 5th, November 12th, and November 19th

*For class descriptions, please go to the
West Side School Website.*

*Students must register by Friday, September 21st
Classes begin on Monday, October 1st*

Hurry-
Classes fill up quickly and are offered on a first come-first served basis.

<u>Day</u>	<u>Course</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Monday	All Sports	2-3	Gym	\$75.00
	All Sports	4-6	Gym	\$75.00
	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Lego Robotics (90 Minute Class)	4-6	TBA	\$225.00
	Keyboarding Club	3-6	Computer Lab	\$75.00
Tuesday	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Computer Fun	2-4	Computer Lab	\$75.00
	GLEE!	4-6	Community Room	\$190.00
	Lego Motorized Mania	2-6	TBA	\$155.00
Wednesday	NO CLASSES OFFERED			
Thursday	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Chess Nuts	2-6	Art Room	\$110.00
	GLEE!	2-3	Gym	\$190.00
	Newspaper Club	4-6	6A	\$75.00
	Yoga for Kids	2-6	TBA	\$120.00
Friday	Basketball/ Capture the Flag	4-6	Gym	\$75.00

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15.

Changes in Our Fall Schedule

Classes will begin on October 1st. Keep an eye out for any changes in schedule from your child's instructor. There will be a Monday make-up class on Monday, November 26th.

Material Fees

DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Please do not send any material fees with registration. Send the fee in with your child for the first class.

Registration is by mail only and must be
POST MARKED BY Friday, September 21, 2012.

Please complete the enclosed form and send it to:

Mrs. Dimaio
1395 Ridge Road
Syosset, NY 11791

*****Make checks payable to WSSPTG*****

Registration is on first come-first served basis. We cannot accept phone reservations or registration forms without checks attached. Please DO NOT drop off registration forms in the main office. They must be post marked with the correct date on the envelope to be accepted. It is unfair to those students who want to get into the classes. Classes will generally contain between 10 - 20 students. Class limits are set by the instructors. If there is insufficient enrollment, the class will be cancelled and you will be notified.

Registration will not be permitted without a check for the correct amount accompanying the registration forms.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes.
Checks made out for more than one class will be returned.

If you should have any questions, please contact Mrs. Dimaio at 516-692-9565.

Registration Form

****Please make checks payable to WSSPTG****

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

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Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

Parent Signature _____

A separate check for each class is critical.

Please send registration along with check(s) by mail only.
They must be **POST MARKED** by Friday, September 21, 2012.

Changes and Refunds

Changes in course selection may be made within the first two (2) weeks of the start of each session. Refunds will NOT be given after the first two (2) weeks.

Please be prompt when picking up your child.
Classes end at 4:15.

Student Behavior

Students are expected to behave properly during after school activities, like they would during regular school hours. Students are to keep their hands, feet, and objects to themselves and refrain from using inappropriate language.

If a student does not behave in a proper manner, the instructor will follow the below procedures:

1. Instructor will give a warning to the student and discuss ways to correct his/her behavior.
2. Instructor will contact the child's guardian and make him/her aware of the situation.
3. After speaking with the child's guardian, if the child's behavior does not improve, the student will NOT be permitted to attend classes and a refund WILL NOT be given.

Children may not attend after school activities unless they have been registered for the eight week term. This includes children attending play dates.

Monday Classes

All Sports

Grades 2-3

Minimum 10 students

CAPTURE THE FLAG, KICKBALL, SOCCER, KNOCK-OUT, GAGA, BASKETBALL, OBSTACLE COURSES...AND MORE! What a great way to jumpstart the week! Each week the children will select one of eight unique sports to play. Come and join the fun. Boys and girls are welcome. We will be outside, if the weather permits.

Instructor: Ms. Dudek

All Sports

Grades 4-6

Minimum 10 students

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Instructor: Ms. Dudek

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

Students will complete their homework and learn the skills and strategies necessary for test taking. Assistance will be given to students having difficulty with their homework. They will also be taught strategies to improve their work habits.

Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

New Class

Keyboarding Club

Grades 3-6

Minimum of 5 students

Students will be introduced to Touch Typing-the fastest way to write! During the first half hour, students will learn NEW keys and practice previously learned keys. During the second half of the class, students will build their skills and speed with interactive typing games. All learning is individually-paced instruction.

Instructor: Ms. Balzano

New Class

Lego Robotics

Grades 4-6

Minimum 6 students

Have you ever built and programmed your own robot? Bricks 4 Kidz brings you the hottest selling LEGO brand, Mindstorms, which combines classic LEGO building with the world of robotics, using motors, sensors and software. Children will learn how to design and program their LEGO 'bots to perform all kinds of tasks! Mindstorms software lets them place icons in sequence to design the commands they want to communicate. It's easy to learn and teaches basic programming logic. This program is a fun and challenging introduction to the world of robotics for the advanced LEGO enthusiast! Bricks 4 Kidz provides laptop computers, software and LEGO equipment.

*Please note that this is a 90 minute course and will require a parent volunteer for dismissal at 4:45.

<u>Tuesday Classes</u>

Homework ClubGrades 2-6

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Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

New Class

LEGO Motorized ManiaGrades 2-3

Minimum 8 students

Maximum of 12 students

Join Bricks 4 Kidz and build one of their motorized model plans designed for *all* skill levels! Each week kids will build a motorized LEGO project while learning math and science concepts along the way. Different projects of varying difficulty are available.

Have you ever built and programmed your own robot? Bricks 4 Kidz brings you the hottest selling LEGO brand, Mindstorms, which combines classic LEGO building with the world of robotics, using motors, sensors and software. Children will learn how to design and program their LEGO 'bots to perform all kinds of tasks!

New Class

Computer FunGrades 2-4

Minimum 8 students

Join Ms. Villa in this exciting new class. You will learn and have fun using the latest educational games. Ms. Villa loves technology and she will help you to problem-solve, enhance your trivia knowledge, navigate through logic puzzles, increase your geography skills and much, much more!

Instructor: Ms. Villa

New Class

GLEE!Grades 4-6

Minimum 10 students

Variations Dance School is coming to West Side! Do you love to sing and dance? Join your friends and teachers from Variations for a "Glee" style singing and dancing class. No experience necessary.

Thursday Classes

Homework Club

Grades 2-6

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Laptop computers are available for all students to assist in skill-building.

Instructor: Mrs. Agnello

School Newspaper

GRADE 4-6

Minimum of 10 students

Fourth, fifth and sixth grade students will serve as reporters gathering stories for a West Side newspaper. Students will have the opportunity to participate in writing, illustrating, revising, interviewing and more. Students will also use available technology to make it a treat for the rest of West Side School!

Instructor: Ms. Perea

New Class

GLEE!

Grades 2-3

Minimum 10 students

Variations Dance School is coming to West Side! Do you love to sing and dance? Join your friends and teachers from Variations for a "Glee" style singing and dancing class. No experience necessary.

Chess Nuts

Grades 2-6

Minimum of 10 students

Chess is the fastest growing sport among children in the United States. The game of chess fosters critical thinking, creativity, self-esteem and discipline, concentration, imagination and dealing with victory over defeat. Your child will learn strategies and compete against fellow classmates. There will be a tournament the last week of class.

There will be a make-up class for Chess Nuts on Thursday, November 29th due to the Thanksgiving holiday.

Friday Classes

Basketball/Capture the Flag

Grades 4-6

Minimum of 8 students

It's Friday! Let's have fun! Come and join an afternoon of sportsmanship and skills while playing capture the flag and basketball. We will enjoy the great outdoors, weather permitting!

Instructor: Ms. Dudek