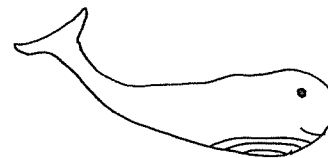


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, November 9, 2012



Principal's Corner

Over the past two weeks, our community has faced a very unusual situation. As a consequence of Hurricane Sandy, West Side has been closed, along with so many other school districts on Long Island. Our students, families, and faculty have been picking up the pieces after the major destruction of the storm. With so many community members still without power, stories have spread of those who have reached out to help friends and neighbors. When the staff returned on Tuesday, we heard similar stories among teachers and staff members who have shared with those in need.

We, the faculty and staff of West Side, are thrilled to have our students back in school. We hope that school will help to bring a sense of normalcy back to their lives and we are excited to continue to learn and grow together. With the students back in school today, a great deal of time was allotted to allow students to discuss their storm experiences with their peers and teachers. Students were engaged in whole-class discussions, and encouraged to write and draw to express their feelings and experiences from the past two weeks.

Many of the events that were scheduled for the end of October and beginning of November are in the process of being rescheduled. Please check the Friday Notes and your child's backpack for updates from the school.

Again, I am thrilled to have the students back in the classrooms and hope that all of our lives fully return to normal in the near future. If I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Please see the attached document for the updated Parent-Teacher Conference schedule. We will resume on Tuesday, November 13th, with grade 4.

Science Fair for Grades 2-5

The Science Fair originally scheduled for the night of November 19th is in the process of being rescheduled. Please stay tuned for the new date.

Photo Retake Day

Photo Retake Day is scheduled for November 14th.

West Side Wednesday

Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on November 28th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts!

Upcoming PTG Meeting

The next PTG meeting will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday, November 13th at 9:30 AM. Our first evening PTG meeting for the month of November has been postponed.

Board of Education

The next regular BOE meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13th at 8:00 PM at the District Office.

Banking Day

Our next Banking Day will be held on Thursday, November 15th. We will continue to have banking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Please make the following changes to your Directories:

Add Richard Striano to Class 5D-1256 Moore's Hill Road, LH, 11791

Add Alex Wang to Class 6D-1535 Laurel Hollow Road, LH, 11791 516-692-4398 Ted/Yanne

Change address for Luca Sanna class 4Dudek and Raffi Sanna class 6Agnello to:

1328 Ridge Road, LH, 11791 same phone number

The PTG apologizes for these errors.

Attachments from the School

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**Rescheduled Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences
November 2012**

Monday 11/12	Veteran's Day – School Closed
Tuesday 11/13	P/T Conferences Gr 4 (*as previously scheduled for Mon 10/29)
Wednesday 11/14	P/T Conferences Gr 5 (*as previously scheduled for Tues 10/30)
Thursday 11/15	P/T Conferences Gr 6 (*as previously scheduled for Thurs 11/1)
Friday 11/16	P/T Conferences Gr 2 (*as previously scheduled for Fri 11/2)
Monday 11/19	P/T Conferences Gr 3 (*as previously scheduled for Mon11/5)
Tuesday 11/20	P/T Conferences Gr 4 (*as previously scheduled for Wed11/7)
Wednesday 11/21	Noon Dismissal
Monday 11/26	P/T Conferences Gr 5 (*as previously scheduled for Thurs 11/8)
Tuesday 11/27	P/T Conferences Gr 6 (*as previously scheduled for Fri 11/9)
Wednesday 11/28	
Thursday 11/29	
Friday 11/30	

Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory DNA Learning Center's

SATURDAY DNA!

Welcome to *Saturday DNA!* *Saturday, November 17, 2012*

Captivating Carbon Dioxide!

10:00 AM-12:00 PM (optional video 11:30-12:00 PM)

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.

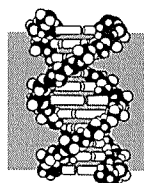
In this lab students will:

- 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.) Space is limited.

What you need to do:

- Reserve your space by completing and returning the reservation form with your payment by November 9th to either:
 - Suzanne DiMaio
1395 Ridge Road
Syosset, 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: November 17, 2012, 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

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:
