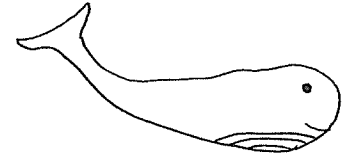


# *West Side School*

## **Friday Notes**

Friday, November 30, 2012

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### **West Side School Nominated for Prestigious National Blue Ribbon Award**

We are proud to be nominated as a Blue Ribbon School in the category of "Exemplary High Performing Schools" based on last year's NYS ELA and Math test scores. According to the New York State Department of Education website, as of fall 2009, there were 4,529 public schools in the State of New York. This year only 19 out of the approximately 4,500 schools across the State were nominated as Blue Ribbon schools. This includes elementary schools, middle schools and high schools. Thank you to our teachers for your endless dedication, to our students for your hard work, and to our parents who continue to support us in educating your children. This truly is an honor.

### **Principal's Corner**

West Side is happy to welcome our newest student, Heather Baxter, who is in Ms. Santoro's third grade class. Welcome, Heather!

During morning assembly on Thursday, fourth grader, Katie Belfi, introduced the West Side Kids Care Holiday Toy drive. Half of the toys will go to Helping Hands Rescue Mission and the other half will go to an elementary school in Mastic Beach/Shirley. Thanks for kicking this off, Katie!

This week our second graders listened to a presentation on the Teach Children to Save program from Colleen Destefano of the First National Bank of Long Island. They also learned to add multiples of ten using a hundreds chart. Our third graders spent time estimating and learning about different types of physical features in Social Studies. They also spent time with Ms. Latham learning how to take a metamoment. Fourth graders compared and contrasted the elements of personal essay and personal narrative and shared some wonderful ideas with classmates about what their newest writing pieces could be about. Our fifth graders took a field trip to Stony Brook in order to visit the Carriage Museum where they participated in the Wagons West program. Students had the opportunity to pack a covered wagon just like the pioneers did in the 1800s when they prepared for their long trek west. In sixth grade, students worked on songs about literary devices which they plan to present to the school, participated in hands-on equations in Math, and discovered how to classify living things during Science.

### **Photo Re-take Day**

Photo Re-Take Day is scheduled for Monday, December 3rd.

### **Winter Clothing**

Please remind your child that as the weather gets colder, he or she will need to wear appropriate clothing when going outdoors for recess. Thank you for helping us keep our students warm while they play.

### **After School Program**

Our After School Program will conclude at the end of next week. Winter Session will begin on January 7th.

### **Holiday Boutique**

The Holiday Boutique is scheduled for December 6th and 7th and will be held in the Community Room.

### **Sweatshirt Drive**

A bin has been placed in the Airplane Wing by sixth grader, Alex Grey, for students, staff members, and parents to donate sweatshirts for the homeless in New York City. Alex is collecting both child and adult-sized sweatshirts for the homeless through December 6th.

### **Science Fair**

Our Science Fair for grades 2-5 has been rescheduled for Monday, December 10th. This year, we are inviting parents to take a gallery walk to see all projects during the school day instead of in the evening. Please feel free to stop by the school during the day to take a look at our students' projects.

### **WSSTA**

The West Side Theater Association held its Parent Information session on Wednesday to discuss this year's show, "You're A Good Man, Charlie Brown" and to introduce our new director Helen Murdock-Prep. If you were not able to attend the meeting but you have a child interested in participating, please check the [wssta.org](http://wssta.org) website for information on this year's show. You will also find audition requirements and forms that need to be completed and brought to the audition on December 12th: 3:15 - 5:30 pm. Please encourage your child to audition - everyone who does will have a chance to shine in this year's show!

### **West Side Wednesday**

Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on December 19th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts!

### **Winter Concert Update**

The Winter Concert has been rescheduled for January 28th. The concert will begin at 7:00 PM in the WS Gym.

### **Book Fair**

This year's Book Fair has been rescheduled for Thursday, January 24th and Friday, January 25th.

### **Upcoming PTG Meeting**

The next PTG meeting will be held in the Community Room on Tuesday, January 8th at 9:30 AM.

### **Board of Education**

The next regular BOE meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11th at 8:00 PM at the District Office.

### **Banking Day**

Our next Banking Day will be held on Thursday, December 6th. We will continue to have banking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

### **District Calendar Update**

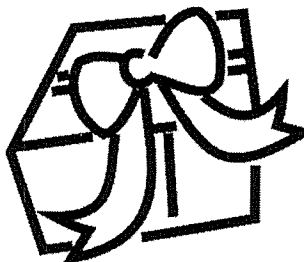
As a result of the school closings due to the recent severe weather, the following days which were previously designated as vacation days will now be days of regular instruction (school will be in session): Monday through Friday, February 18th through 22nd, and April 1st.

### **Attachments from the School**

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# **WEST SIDE KIDS CARE**

## **HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**



Remember how wonderful it feels to receive a gift during the holiday season? Let us all do what we can to ensure that others share this joy and teach our kids that giving is the true gift. West Side Kids Care will continue its annual tradition of collecting unwrapped, new toys in the airplane wing through Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Donations will go to both the Helping Hands Rescue Mission in Huntington and the children of Tangier Smith Elementary School in Shirley/Mastic Beach whose community was devastated by Hurricane Sandy.

Join West Side Kids Care after school on Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> to help wrap gifts in the Community Room. Donations of wrapping paper, gift bags, and labels are all appreciated.

Please contact Tara Belfi ([tara.belfi@me.com](mailto:tara.belfi@me.com)), Diane Angelides ([libbyangelides@aol.com](mailto:libbyangelides@aol.com)) or Dana Lynch ([dana@theblacktop.net](mailto:dana@theblacktop.net)) with any questions.

# **HOLIDAY COOKIE BAKE**

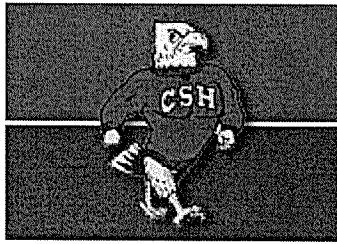
## **CALLING ALL BAKERS**

**Thursday 12/13/21012**

It is almost time for our annual West Side Holiday Cookie Bake. If you would like to volunteer, please bring 4-6 dozen cookies, bars or other tasty holiday treats, which will be made into beautiful gift trays for our West Side Teachers and Staff. Not a baker? bakery goods are fine but please no pre packaged cookies. If you would like to donate cookies or would like to help wrap and deliver on Thursday 12/13 please email Gina at [rgm39hill@aol.com](mailto:rgm39hill@aol.com) please put COOKIE BAKE in subject line.

Cookies can be dropped off Thursday morning to the community room between 8:00 and 10:00 wrapping will begin 10:30. Thank you in advance for your help!!!! Happy Baking!!!!

**\*\*Disposable trays are recommended**



Parents,

Registration **IS NOW OPEN** for 2013  
Spring Intramural and Travel Lacrosse,  
K - 6th Grade.

Please go to the website, [www.cshlax.com](http://www.cshlax.com) to register.

**Registration will close on 12/15/12 for  
Travel, Boys 2nd - 6th/Girls 3rd - 6<sup>th</sup>.**

**Registration will close on 3/31/12 for  
Intramural Boys K - 1st/Girls K - 2nd.**

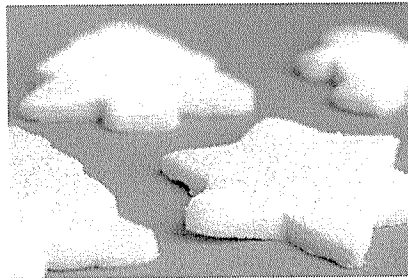
The registration fee **INCLUDES** a newly designed uniform. All  
Travel players need a uniform. Intramural players will receive  
reversible jerseys. Our new **CSH Lax Team Store** will have  
additional items available for purchase.

Sincerely,  
The CSHLAX Board

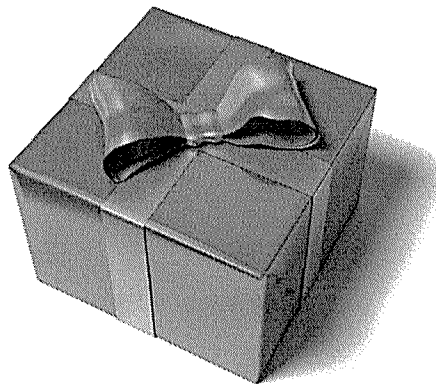
# Cold Spring Harbor Library Coming up soon in the Youth Services Department...

Registration for all programs is required.

**Holiday Cookie Decoration**  
**Wednesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> Grades K-6**  
Come decorate some cookies  
to celebrate the holiday season!



**Mix-it-Up Mayhem: Holiday Gifts**  
**Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30pm**  
For children of all ages  
Come make holiday gifts for  
your friends and family!



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