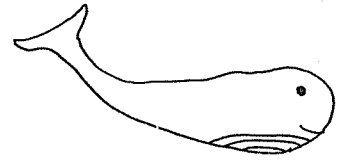


West Side School

Friday Notes

Friday, December 14, 2012



Report Cards

Elementary report cards will be mailed home today. For the first time, report cards will “reside” in our student management system allowing the information to accompany our students electronically as they progress through their academic careers. Report cards have also been redesigned to present a more professional appearance and explain student progress more clearly and concisely.

Principal's Corner

This week our school was bustling with all sorts of exciting activities. Students in grades 4-6 prepared with their classmates for the school-wide Spelling Bee, which is scheduled for Tuesday morning at 9:30 in the gym. The top two contestants from each class will participate in the school-wide Bee. All parents of participants are welcome. Our fifth graders also presented their Science Fair projects on Monday. Students in every class took a gallery walk to see the different presentations. Congratulations to all of our fifth graders for producing such amazing work! Also, congratulations to our students in grades 2-4 who elected to participate. In the spirit of Science, our sixth graders took a field trip to the DNA Learning Center on Tuesday. On Wednesday, a number of our students participated in card-making with Mrs. Lynch in the Community Room. Thank you to all of our students who gave up their recess time to make holiday cards for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission. After school on Wednesday, our fifth and sixth graders met Ms. Murdock-Prepp, our director of this year's school Musical, “You're A Good Man Charlie Brown.” Thank you WSTA committee members and Ms. Murdock-Prepp for a successful day of auditions. I am looking forward to another wonderful show this Spring. On Thursday, our staff received wonderful treats from the PTG's annual Holiday Cookie Bake. On behalf of the entire staff, I would like to thank Mrs. Marino and all of the committee members and parents who put this together. Finally, I would like to thank all of the parents who came in to support our students who shared their Spain/USA storybooks and Spanish-speaking Vokis during FLES. Have a wonderful weekend!

West Side Wednesday

Our next West Side Wednesday will be celebrated on December 19th. Please wear your West Side spirit shirts! Student Council is sponsoring a class contest to see which class will have the most students wearing them.

After School Program

Winter Session will begin on January 7th. Please see the attached program for more information.

Movie Night

Movie Night this year will take place on Friday, January 11th. This is a change from the District Calendar.

Winter Concert Update

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

6th Grade Science Fair

Our Science Fair for 6th grade is scheduled for Wednesday, January 23rd, from 6:30 – 7:30 PM in the gym.

Book Fair

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

WSSSTA

Please check the wssta.org website for information on this year's show.

Talent Show

It's that time again, get ready...set...perform, all you wonderfully talented West Side Stars! The 2013 West Side Talent Show will be held on Friday, March 1st. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. Both Parents and Students should **read all the rules** before filling out the participation form. There are two mandatory rehearsals, see form for dates. The participation forms are attached to the Notes and must be submitted no later than 1/25/13. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$25 fee** (per family) payable to WSSPTG which includes the show CD and (1) T-shirt. **Additional performers in the same family must purchase additional t-shirts at \$10 each per performer submitted with the application** (T-shirts will be worn in the finale.) We are sure to have a great show with all the talented students at West Side. If you are doing a musical act, a CD or digital copy of the song must be submitted or emailed to me by January 31, if you would like me to copy and edit the music, please indicate that on the application form. If you would like to volunteer to be on the committee, please contact either Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com or Jen Genser at Cona@genserlaw.com.

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, January 3rd. We will continue to have banking on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month.

Attachments from the School

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Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$25 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2012 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 1/25/13. Late submissions will not be accepted. All students must return a completed and signed Talent Show Participation Form with check and T-shirt size.
- Soloists and groups of any size are eligible.
- Students may perform in only *one* number, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity to perform a big group number at the end of the show if they choose. A sixth grade parent is encouraged to volunteer as coordinator for this act. Please contact Randi Weiss at Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com if you are interested.
- All music, whether it's for a dance, song or background music, is due by 1/31/13. The CD should be labeled with the student's name(s), song name, and artist/composer.
- If a CD is NOT submitted by the music deadline 1/31/13, (1) edited copy of the music, using the first 2 minutes of the song will be cut down for you. You may also specify your two minutes or less by using a time counter (ex. :20-2:20 seconds) and emailing that information to Randi by the date above. A CD will then be sent into school to one of the children in the group. Additional copies of that CD will be your responsibility. Absolutely no changes will be accepted after that date.
- You must attend your designated rehearsal date which will be on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. Feb 28 to perform in the show. This is mandatory. ***If you are unable to commit to these rehearsals, please do not sign up to be in the talent show.***

Planning your act:

- Lyrics, costumes and performances should be compliant with school policy and appropriate for all audiences. Clean versions of songs only.
- All acts will be limited to 2 minutes.
- Submit your application and music early as we are limiting the same song to be performed only twice during the show. Any soloist or group who submits their application with a same song already approved to two other groups will have to choose a new song for their act.
- Most of all – be creative and show off your true talent! Unique acts are always appreciated!!

West Side Talent Show Rules (page 2)

Rehearsals:

- The show will be broken up into two Acts with an intermission in between.
- Parents must send a note to the child's teacher when their child is scheduled to stay after school for rehearsal. If your child does not have a note, the teacher will have to send your child home in the usual way.
- All students will be assigned to one of the two Acts. Students will only need to attend rehearsals for their designated Act on either Tues. Feb 12 or Thurs. Feb 14 at Westside in the Gym. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Feb 28 at the PAC Theater in the CSH High School.
- All students must sign in with a Talent Show committee member upon arrival, and sign out when leaving the rehearsal.

Courtesy and Conduct:

- Those students who would like to volunteer for backstage crew or other jobs for the night of the show should contact Jen Genser at Cona@Genserlaw.com
- Please take your time in deciding if you will be performing a solo or a group act. This is a full commitment for you and your fellow group members. We would like to avoid any unnecessary tears so please make this a binding agreement with those you sign up with.
- Once a group has been formed and paperwork submitted, there will be absolutely no switching from group to group with only one exception as followed. If a person does drop out for any reason, the person left in the group may continue to perform solo or may find another student who has not signed up for any act to take their place. If that person cannot find another person to join them, at that point they may join an existing group if the group has approved it.
- If a student drops out of an act. That student will not be permitted to participate in any other acts for the 2013 talent show.
- Students can submit their applications via backpack, labeled "West Side Talent Show"

A Message from Randi and Jen. To all the wonderfully talented students at West Side, this is your chance to shine in front of your friends and family. As much work goes into producing this magical event, the content and entertainment value is all up to you! Be prepared, professional and dedicated to making this the best Talent Show yet!

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**West Side School Annual Talent Show,
Friday March 1, 2013
Participation Form**

(Must be submitted by 1/25/13 Late Submissions will not be accepted)

Please return to school in an envelope marked "West Side Talent Show- Attn: Randi Weiss"

Student's Name: _____ **Grade:** _____ **Teacher:** _____ **Date:** _____
Home Phone: _____ **Cellphone number:** _____

Parent's e-mail: _____
(Please write neatly as all correspondences will be sent through e-mail)

Description of the act:

☐ Soloist ☐ Group act (If group, identify one point of contact _____)

Name of Act or song and artist/composer:

If group act, list all participants: (Full name and grade)

***There is a \$25 fee per family to participate in the talent show. Each family will receive (1) copy of the CD once complete and (1) West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt prior to the show (Kids will be wearing the T-shirt in the finale.) Please make check payable to WSSPTG and enclose it with your completed application. Additional shirts for other family members who are participating in the show are \$10 each and must be submitted with a separate application. All sizes are pre-ordered, you MUST fill out the T-shirt size on this application.**

***Parents/non-performers, if you are not participating in the show, we welcome you to purchase a t-shirt at \$10 each in support of your child & friends.**

Parents and Students: By signing below you are agreeing to the rules and rehearsal requirements to participate in the 2013 Westside School Talent Show. Please carefully review with your child the section on courtesy and conduct. Please see Randi Weiss (Randi_Weiss@hotmail.com) or Jen Genser (Cona@Genserlaw.com) with any questions.

Parent's Name: _____ **Student's Name:** _____

Signature: _____ **Signature:** _____

Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

REMEMBER:
√ - CHECK # _____

√ - T-Shirt Size _____

√ - Music _____

West Side's Got Talent T-Shirt Order Form

Student's Name _____ **Grade** _____ **Teacher** _____ **Total # of T-shirts Ordered** _____

(Youth S ___ Youth M ___ Youth L ___ Youth XL ___ Adult S ___ Adult M ___ Adult L ___ Adult XL ___)

West Side School After School Program



Winter 2013

Weeks of:
January 7th
January 14th
January 21st
January 28th
February 4th
February 11th
February 18th
February 25th

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

Classes begin on Monday, January 7th.
You must register by Wednesday, December 19th.

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
	Yoga	2-6	TBA	\$120.00
	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Keyboarding Club	3-6	Computer Lab	\$75.00
Tuesday:	Homework Club	2-6	6A	\$75.00
	Bridge Club	2-6	Cafeteria	\$12.00
	Arts and Crafts	2-6	Art Room	\$75.00
	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
	Basketball/ Capture the Flag	4-6	Gym	\$75.00
Friday				

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

Changes in Our Winter Schedule

Classes will begin on January 7, 2013. Keep an eye out for any changes in schedule from your child's instructor.

After School Program

Most of the classes will be conducted for eight weeks from 3:15 - 4:15 PM. The fee for the program is \$75. Outside vendors often charge additional fees.

MATERIAL FEES ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Please do not send materials fee with registration. Send the fee in with your child for the first class.

Registration is by mail only and must be
POST MARKED BY Wednesday, December 19th.

Mail checks, payable to the WSSPTG, and mail registration forms to:

Mrs. Dimaio
1395 Ridge Road
Syosset, NY 11791

Registration is on first-come first-served basis. We cannot accept phone reservations or registration forms without checks attached. Otherwise, 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 and will be on first-come first-served basis. 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. If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.

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

Registration Form
Please make checks payable to the
WSSPTG.

Name _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____

Address _____ Zip _____ Phone () _____

Email Address: _____

Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

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Class _____ Day: _____ Cost: \$ _____

Parent Signature _____

Checks should be made out to the WSSPTG.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes. *If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.*

All registration forms must be postmarked by Wednesday, December 19th.

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 foul 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 them 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.

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

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

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.

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

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

YOGA

Grades 2-6

Minimum 6 students

Ms. Singh is back for a fun and creative yoga class specially designed for kids of all ages. The use of animated poses and basic stretching exercises promotes strength, flexibility and coordination while helping kids to focus and relax.

Tuesday Classes

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

Bridge

Grades 2-6

Join the American Contract Bridge League in learning to play the lifelong game of Bridge. Instructors will make learning the game easy and fun while improving math, problem solving and logic skills along the way.

Arts and Crafts

Grades 2-6

Minimum 8 students

Join us to try out some favorite crafts and explore new ones! Sculpt, weave, sew and decorate crafts. A \$15.00 materials fee is due at the time of the first class. Please give to the instructor on the first day. The fee must be cash or a check made out to cash.

Instructor: Mrs. Letica

LEGO Motorized Mania

Grades 2-6

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.

Thursday Classes

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

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.

Basketball/Capture the Flag

Grades 4-6

Minimum of 8 students

Kick back and have some 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: Mr. Thau

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

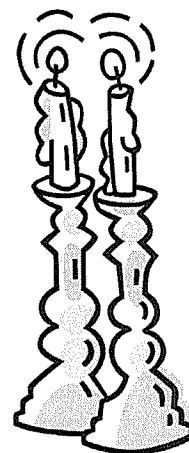
Registration for all programs is required.

Holiday Candlesticks

Tuesday, December 18th Grades 3-6 4:30pm

Wednesday December 19th Grades K-2 4:30pm

Decorate candlesticks for your holiday table.



Snack and a Movie

Thursday, December 20th 6:30pm

Come to the library and enjoy a big-screen showing of the movie *Madagascar 3*. Snacks and refreshments provided! (93 minutes/PG).

Winter Story and a Craft

Friday, December 21st

For children ages 2-5

Listen to winter stories and make a themed craft.

