



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- January 9, 2015



Dear Parents,

It was so nice to welcome the children back to school after the two-week break. They seemed excited to return to school and to see their friends and teachers. They enjoyed talking about all the fun they had over the vacation. I am sure you enjoyed having so much time to spend with your children.

*We have a couple of special events in the coming weeks:*

1) **HALF DAY OF SCHOOL-Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Healthy Habits Day/ EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL (11:50)**

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) has planned **Healthy Habits Day** for next Friday (1/16). The children will rotate to seven stations where they will learn from parent and community volunteers about topics such as sun safety, healthy bones, Tae Kwon Do, nutrition, and the role of EMTs. Thank you to all of our volunteers! We are looking forward to exciting learning opportunity for our students. **\*For snack that day, the children will be served celery, carrots, water, and a whole grain graham cracker in the nutrition workshop. If you do NOT want your child to have the snack, please send in an alternate snack and a note to the teacher.**



2) **EARLY DISMISSAL DRILL** on Friday (1/16) **Please keep your child's usual dismissal plan!** As part of our Safety Plan, all elementary schools will conduct an early dismissal drill. **Students will be dismissed 10 minutes early and will RIDE THEIR MORNING VANS HOME.**



**Pick-ups:** If your child is a pick-up on Friday 1/16, please send a note to school in the morning.

Pick-up procedures remain the same. Please park your car and meet your child in the cafeteria- 11:45-11:50.

**\*\*\*Please note: We will be unable to accept dismissal changes after the start of the school day on Friday.**

**Van Riders:** On half days, the children **do not ride their regular afternoon van routes**. Instead, they ride the vans they normally take in the MORNING. **The morning routes are NOT THE SAME as the afternoon routes so the children on the van are different.** In order to avoid confusion, **please do NOT make requests that your child get off at a friend's stop.** That child may not be on your child's morning van route!

3) **AUTHOR VISIT on February 10<sup>th</sup>. Book Orders due January 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Laurence Pringle, an accomplished children's author, will visit Goosehill next month! Mr. Pringle is best known for his amazing non-fiction books, especially ones he writes about animals. The children will be studying his work and meeting with him to learn about his animal research and writing process. If you would like to purchase a book, signed by Mr. Pringle, please see the attached packet. It will be delivered to your child's classroom at the end of the visit.



4) **GPFA Meeting- Wednesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> 9:30-10:30.** I will share HW tips for parents-how to support your child in writing, spelling, and math at home. Questions such as *when and how to correct your child's work* and *how long HW should take* will be addressed and discussed. Hope to see you there!

Happy New Year~ Stay warm!

Lynn Herschlein



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### Thank you!

The staff and I would like to thank all of you for your kindness and thoughtfulness during the holiday season.

### Kindergarten Registration

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2015, s/he is eligible for kindergarten in September 2015. Please contact the District Registrar, **Gloria Albert (631-367-5910)** to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive a registration packet from the Superintendent this month. Registration begins in February.

### Dental Health Presentations

Students from SUNY Farmingdale's Dental Hygiene program visited Goosehill to work with the kindergarten students this week. They performed a dental health puppet show and then demonstrated proper brushing and flossing techniques. The children learned about foods that support dental health and were reminded to brush twice a day, floss once a day, and visit their dentist twice a year.

### First Grade Art- Snowflake Exhibit at the Whaling Museum Extended!

The Whaling Museum has asked to keep our first graders' snowflake sculptures a little longer. Apparently the public loves them! The snowflakes will be on display for another big FrozenFest event in February. Congratulations to our first graders for this honor!



### DATES TO REMEMBER

- **January 14<sup>th</sup>**- GPFA meeting 9:30 a.m. Mrs. Herschlein will share HW tips for parents- how to support your child in writing, spelling, math, and reading.
- **January 16<sup>th</sup>**- Half Day of School for Students (11:50 dismissal)
- **January 19<sup>th</sup>**- Martin Luther King, Jr. Day- No school for students
- **January 21<sup>st</sup>**- Spirit Day
- **January 30<sup>th</sup>**- Sports Jersey Day (more info to follow)
- **February 5<sup>th</sup>** – Kindergarten Family Fun Night (more info to follow)
- **February 12<sup>th</sup>**- First Grade Family Fun Night (more info to follow)

### Notes from the GPFA

Thank you to Tala Washton and Becky Bonventre for co-chairing the Holiday Dessert Bake.

A special thanks to all the volunteers who baked and assembled gift platters for the Goosehill Staff in December.

### SAVE THE DATE:

GPFA Meeting

Wed., Jan. 14th

9:30-GH Community Room



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Cold Spring Harbor School District

Lynn Herschlein, Principal



January 9, 2015

Dear Parents,

Thanks to the generosity of our Cultural Arts Committee, the CSH School District, and the GPFA, children's author, Laurence Pringle, will be visiting our school on February 10<sup>th</sup> to talk with our students about his books and the writing process. We have arranged with Book Revue to purchase books ahead of time to be autographed by the author. Attached is an overview of available titles for your review.

If you would like to purchase one or more books, please complete this form, attach a check for the total amount payable to GPFA and return it to your child's classroom teacher by Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Autograph Book To: \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## ORDER FORM

<u>Title</u>	<u>No. of Books</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>Cost per Book</u>	<u>=</u>	<u>Total Cost</u>
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Enclosed check, made payable to GPFA, for \$

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*\*See next page for descriptions of books available for purchase.  
Additional titles are available at the Cold Spring Harbor Library.*

## Laurence Pringle Books (and Editorial reviews)



**\$13.00** **The Strange Life of the Woolly Bear Caterpillar** (hardcover) Age Range: 5 – 7.

In this picture-book equivalent of watching a nature documentary, Bella, a woolly bear caterpillar eats, molts, and eats again in a months-long journey through forests, gardens, and lawns. Potential perils come in the form of a garter snake, a blue jay, and a passing car, though Bella gets through the dangers intact. Further information and a diagram of a woolly bear caterpillar are included, all the better to satisfy insect-loving readers.



**\$8.00** **Whales! Strange and Wonderful!** (paperback) Age Range: 7 – 9.

Whales are among the world's most captivating creatures. The humpback whale can grow up to fifty feet in length. The blue whale is a giant that can grow to a length of one hundred feet. Its tongue weighs as much as an elephant! Yet all whales aren't enormous, and there are many kinds, from the beluga, with its white skin, to the narwhal, with its seven-foot-long tusk. Join Laurence Pringle as he introduces a variety of whales and describes efforts to save these magnificent creatures from extinction.



**\$8.00** **Sharks! Strange and Wonderful!** (paperback) Age Range: 7 – 9.

The world's oceans are home to hundreds of species of marvelous and mysterious sharks. There's the giant whale shark - longer than two school buses but gentle enough to swim with humans; and the swell shark, which can wedge itself into a hideout and then swell so that it cannot be pulled out. There are sharks that lay eggs and sharks that have live babies. Some are small enough to fit into the palm of your hand, and some have teeth bigger than your fist. Join acclaimed author Laurence Pringle on a fascinating exploration of the wide variety of fish classified as sharks.



**\$6.00** **Penguins! Strange and Wonderful!** (paperback) Age Range: 7 – 10.

This installment in the Strange and Wonderful series highlights the diversity among the habitats, physical traits, and behaviors of the 17 amazingly adaptable species. Pringle's succinct text provides an engaging overview of penguin life, from the bird's supreme agility in the water to its extraordinary efforts to raise hatchlings, and it is filled with enough interesting facts that even penguin fans will find out something new.



**\$13.00** **Frogs! Strange and Wonderful!** (hardcover) Age Range: 7 – 9.

Pringle's text explores the wide range of shapes, sizes, colorations, habits and habitats of these elusive, intriguing creatures...Henderson's lovely, realistic illustrations keep careful step with the text. A handsome, informative look into the unexpectedly diverse world of frogs.



**\$8.00** **Bats! Strange and Wonderful!** (paperback) Age Range: 7 – 9.

"If you were a bat, you could stay up all night." So begins Pringle's child-friendly introduction to bats. Carefully crafted to overcome misconceptions and fears concerning bats, the text also provides basic information about the variety and habits of the flying mammals as well as their importance in the ecosystem.



**\$8.00** **Octopus Hug** (paperback) Age Range: 4 – 8.

When Mom goes out for the evening, Becky and Jesse start to bicker. But then Dad gives them an octopus hug, and the house is soon rocking with laughter. An octopus hug is just one of the silly games in Larry Pringle's story that celebrates the special delight children feel when they engage in horseplay with their dads. Kate Salley Palmer's energetic text illustrations, practically reach out and draw the reader into the fun. Here's a book the whole family can enjoy.

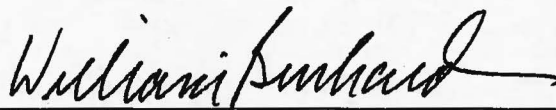


**COLD SPRING HARBOR CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**75 Goose Hill Road, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724**

**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on January 13, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center, at which time the Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss matters appropriate for Executive Session. If no such motion is adopted, the meeting will recess until 8:00 p.m.

At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

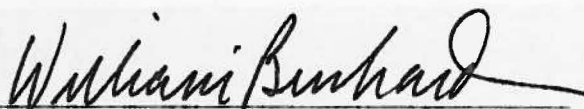
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William Bernhard, District Clerk

**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 Capital Projects Committee will take place on January 29, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at The Francis Roberts Community Center.

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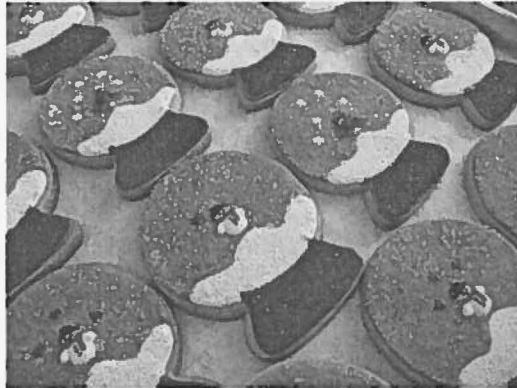
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**For Kids & Teens! *Programs from Cold Spring Harbor  
Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!***

## **SNOW GLOBE COOKIES**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, & WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28, AT 4:30 P.M.**

**FOR CHILDREN IN GRADES K-6**



**MAKE FOUR SNOW GLOBE COOKIES USING HOMEMADE FONDANT AND A  
SUGAR GLAZE ICING. REGISTRATION REQUIRED.**

**For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs or for program registration, contact a  
Youth Services Librarian at the Cold Spring Harbor Library - 631-692-6820**

**For Adults! *Programs and Services from Cold Spring Harbor  
Library's Information Services Department***

**Get off to a fresh start in 2015!**



## **De-Cluttering Your Life**

**Thursday, January 15 at 2pm**

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**Learn what to do with all your bills, receipts, medical  
and financial papers, and memorabilia.**

**This program is free and open to all.  
Advance registration is appreciated.**

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**For more information about any Adult Program, contact Information Services at the Cold  
Spring Harbor Library at 631-692-6820.**



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## **SPRING YOUTH SOCCER**

- \* Join us at the Huntington YMCA for 8 weeks of intramural soccer.
  - \* Registration is available for children grades Pre-K to 4th.
  - \* Season starts April 11th - Games are held on Saturday mornings.
- \* Soccer is a great way for your children to stay active and meet new friends!
  - \* Will help improve soccer skills, teamwork, and sportsmanship.
  - \* Participation trophy is given to each child at the end of the year.
  - \* Spring 2015 season is \$78 per child plus membership fee

**Registration ends March 15th!!!**

Any questions or concerns? Contact Michael Capobianco, Sports Coordinator  
Email: [Mike.Capobianco@ymcali.org](mailto:Mike.Capobianco@ymcali.org) Phone: 631-421-4242 ext. 145