



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- March 20, 2015



Dear Parents,

As you review your child's report card, I hope you'll remember that student performance in school is benchmarked in relation to high level standards. Kindergarten and first grade students are engaged in complex work every day! As I read with students and watch them write and think through math problems, I marvel at how hard they work to apply newly-learned concepts and skills. I hope you'll tell your child how proud you are of all that s/he has learned so far this year. I hope you'll also celebrate your child's effort and willingness to make mistakes as s/he learns to do new things. Children need to see themselves as capable of learning anything they put their minds to---**effort matters most!** We want our students to know that all people are smart but it is how hard they try that helps them achieve success. Finally, we want them to know that making mistakes is an important part of learning. Being comfortable with taking risks and making mistakes helps learners grow with confidence.

Please also consider the following important ideas as you review your child's report card:

- ✓ Each marking period, **the expectations increase** as we work toward end-of-the-year learning goals. If your child's performance level has stayed the same, there **has** been significant **growth!** For example, a performance level of 3 in the first marking period meant your child had mastered a particular set of skills. In order to perform at level 3 in the second marking period, your child had to use those skills and learn and develop **additional** skills, many of which are even more complex.
- ✓ A performance level of 2 means your child *is* learning, but has not yet developed skills he can perform with **automaticity or fluency** and requires extra support in school. Learning is a process, and we do everything possible to support our students along the way. Your child's teacher may provide extra help after school or additional small group or individual instruction in class. Some students receive Academic Intervention Services (AIS) outside of the classroom to give them an extra "boost" for a period of time. We monitor all students' progress closely to ensure that we provide the right amount of support at the right time.
- ✓ Your child's teacher can provide you with suggestions for ways to **practice and reinforce important skills at home**. For example, it is critical that beginning readers develop the ability to read a bank of words with automaticity. **Your child should be reading every day** and practicing "sight words" (e.g. *said, was, went*) at home on a regular basis.
- ✓ Reading aloud to your child is the most important thing a parent can do to support a child's vocabulary, listening comprehension, language skills, creativity, and knowledge base. Please make time to read to your child as often as possible---every day is the goal!

Thank you for your continued support. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Lynn Herschlein



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**Thank You**

Thank you to Mr. Tozer (Emma's dad) for playing his bagpipes for the children as they entered school on Tuesday! The children were delighted to hear the sounds of the bagpipes and to be able to see—up close--- how this incredible instrument is played.



**BOOK SWAP**

In honor of Earth Day (April 22<sup>nd</sup>), the GPFA Green Committee will be arranging for some Earth-Friendly activities for our students during the coming weeks. We will begin with a Book Swap to promote the concept of re-using items. The children are invited to bring in books they've read and would like to contribute to a swap. Next week is collection week! Students will be able to choose new books for themselves on Monday, March 31<sup>st</sup>. We hope they will enjoy reading them over the Spring Break!

**SIT (School Improvement Team)**

We are in the process of organizing our team for the 2015-16 school year. The purpose of the team is to support the school and enhance the experience for all of our students. SIT has been instrumental in improving the recess experience, creating special programs, and enhancing the curriculum. If you are interested in serving on the team, which meets after school once a month, please submit a Self-Nomination Form by April 16<sup>th</sup>. The form appears as an attachment in the Table of Contents this week and can be accessed on the school district website.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Half Days of School- Noon Dismissal**

- ❖ **FRIDAY, March 27<sup>th</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences
- ❖ **THURSDAY, April 2<sup>nd</sup>** Parent-Teacher Conferences (Friday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> is the start of Spring Recess.)

**IMPORTANT CALENDAR REVISION:**

- **April 3-9\*-** Spring Recess. Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> is an **instructional day**. School will **OPEN** on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>.

**Notes from the GPFA**

Work of Art Fundraiser: Goosehill is working with Original Works to run a special fundraiser at our school. Each child has created his/her own self-portrait to be reproduced on items of your choice. They make wonderful Mother's and Father's Day gifts! Please review the product choices and send back your order form by **Monday, March 23rd**. All order forms must be returned with the child's artwork. Orders without artwork cannot be processed. Checks should be made payable to GPFA. If you have any questions, please contact Maryann Lombardo (mdellipizzi@hotmail.com). Thank you for your continued support!

**Cold Spring Harbor Central School District**  
**SHARED-DECISION MAKING**  
**SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM**

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2015-2016 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very-important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

1. NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Please Indicate the school you wish to represent:

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of **September 2015**.

\_\_\_\_\_ Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)

\_\_\_\_\_ Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)

\_\_\_\_\_ West Side (4 Representatives)

\_\_\_\_\_ Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. \_\_\_ I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.

(One representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2015:

\_\_\_\_\_ grade(s)

Please write a brief sentence or two as to why you would like to serve as a SIT parent member. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

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**Please return this form to the District Office to the attention of the CPC Chairperson, no later than April 16th.**

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District  
The Francis Roberts Community Center  
75 Goose Hill Road  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724  
Attn: CPC Chairperson

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

**Try free interactive on-line tutoring through Brainfuse !**

All patrons have access to this resource. Visit the Library Home page at [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org) and click on homework help. Log in to Brainfuse with your library card barcode located on the back of the card.

The following services are offered for children and teens:

**Homework Help:** Interact with LIVE tutors in all subjects!

**Skills-Building:** Brush up or catch up on a subject or skill with a LIVE tutor.

**24-Hour Writing Lab:** Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback within one business day.

**24/7 Homework Question Center:** Submit homework questions to be answered within one business day.

**Foreign Language Center/Spanish Speaking Support:** Live help for your Spanish Homework.

Live academic assistance is available from Monday -Sunday 2:00 - 11:00 pm EST.

Ask a librarian about these FREE services or visit our website at [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org) for more information!



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

**The Karkowska Sisters Duo present:  
Music Love Stories  
Sunday, March 22 at 2pm**

For the whole family! This violinist and pianist sister act will present a dazzling performance of classical compositions, and share the entertaining tales of the affairs of the heart that inspired the great masterpieces.



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



# MommaConnect 2015

The "don't miss" family event of the year!

## FUN ACTIVITIES ALL DAY LONG

Strolling entertainment from The Big Apple Circus

Prepare children for the excitement of interactive theater visits with LCM

Moms can discover how to lift, tone and burn with Pure Barre

Young Geniuses in the Limelight with Village East Gifted

Activate a kindness tree with KIND snacks

Develop music skills through fun, interactive activities with Bach to Rock

Crafty Fun for curious kids with Not Just Art

GAALS: Girls Athletics And Life Skills empowers girls physically, emotionally and socially through physical activity classes & events

Dance along with Kidville's Rockin' Railroad band

Watch your child grow into a Lil' Athlete!

Discover the magic of creativity and education through music & art with MusicBox

Join Mirror Mirror on the Wall for hair style and mini make-up application with pixie dust

LI Aardvarks: we sing, we dance, we jam with real musical instruments!

Obstacle course from The Little Gym

Petting zoo with Petland Parties

Jump around with Bouncers & Slydos

Music making for the whole family with Music Together

MomZ & KidZ on the Move with GYMGUYZ

Play soccer to improve gross motor skills, build self-confidence and develop teamwork with Super Soccer Stars

Plus cookie decorating, face painting, tattoos and more!

Want in? Have a memorable day with the whole family. Mom guaranteed.

**Buy your ticket at**  
**MommaConnect.com**

Come find out about all things kid related and mommy needed in your area. We know all the best in the business and will have over 100 exhibitors ready to show off their stuff to make your life **easier** and **more fun**.

Who doesn't want that?

SUNDAY  
MARCH 22, 2015  
10AM TO 3PM  
LIU POST, BROOKVILLE

**raffles & giveaways**

Everyone goes home a winner with a schwag bag to fill with lots of free samples!

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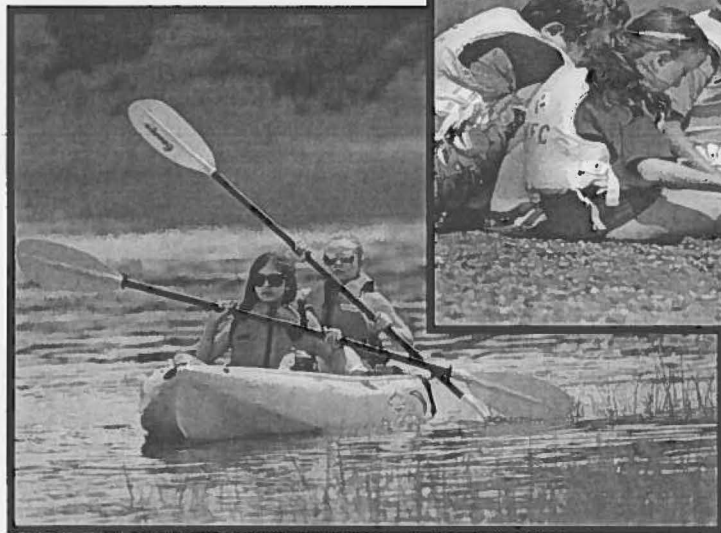


# SUMMER

## Solutions

### Junior Summer Programs

Open House: Sunday, April 12 and May 9, 1 - 3pm



**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE!**



*Sailing, Kayaking, Marine Exploration, Fishing,  
Seining, Snigling & More!*



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# SUMMER

*Like You Mean It!*

**Adult & Family Sailing,  
Paddling & More!**

Open House: Sunday, April 12 and May 9, 1 - 3pm



*Sailboat Lessons, Rentals & Charters  
SUP & Kayak Lessons, Rentals & Tours*



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☒ ROASTING MARSHMALLOWS

☒ CATCHING FIREFLIES

☒ ADVENTURE

☒ SWIMMING



# SUMMER FUN CHECKLIST

Do you remember what the summer was like as a child?

Hosting a child through The Fresh Air Fund will not only give you and your family an unforgettable experience, but gives them something you can't put a price on... Happiness.

Visit [freshair.org](http://freshair.org) or call 800.367.0003  
and sign up to become a volunteer host today!

To learn more, please contact Mary Anne McAlonan at 631.367.1988

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