



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- June 12, 2015



Dear Parents,

The children had a terrific time at Field Day yesterday! Thank you to Mr. Malone for creating the Dr. Seuss games for them to enjoy. The connection to the stories they know and love made it even more fun for the children! Thank you to our staff members who worked hard to run the games and cheer on the children. Thank you to Mrs. Koke and Mrs. Miller who chaired the event, and to all the parents who supplied water and watermelon (twice!). The children also enjoyed a slush pop in the afternoon, courtesy of the GPFA. We appreciate all the support of our parent community. We couldn't do it without you!

This morning I presented a workshop for parents on ways to encourage and support reading over the summer. Here are some of the ideas we discussed:

- ✚ The best predictor of summer loss or summer gain is whether or not a child reads during the summer. Just 15 minutes a day can make a huge difference for a young reader.
- ✚ Children don't just need books...*they need the right books*— books that match their skill levels and their interests. High-success reading is essential. If a child struggles to read a book, it won't be fun. If reading isn't fun, a child will do everything s/he can to avoid it! Find books that are "comfortable" for your child, where s/he has to stop to decode only a few words in the whole book. Let him/her choose books and magazines that interest him/her. Joke and riddle books are great options for reluctant readers. They provide immediate gratification—*they make people laugh!* Children are more likely to become lifelong readers when reading is pleasurable. Find what your child likes and build from there.
- ✚ We've created a "Summer Reading Game Board" for our kindergarten students. We hope it will foster the desire to read and help them vary their choices. Our first graders will receive summer reading ideas from Lloyd Harbor and West Side, but are welcome to use the Goosehill Reading Game Board too!
- ✚ Visit the public library – often. Your library can often serve as the best resource to keep your child reading over the summer. Ms. Caitlin Sempowich, the CSH Youth Services Librarian, and Maura Powers-Smith visited our students on Wednesday to tell them about the library's Summer Reading Club. Check your child's HW folder for the flyer describing the program and inviting them to the Kick-Off on June 25th at 7:00 p.m.
- ✚ Explore online reading sites for young readers. For example, www.storylineonline.net is a free site (sponsored by the Screen Actors Guild) featuring actors who creatively read books aloud.
- ✚ Most importantly, read aloud to your children regularly. Reading aloud to your child builds comprehension, vocabulary, and a love of reading. It is the single most effective way to promote your child's success in school.



Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Herschlein

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First Grade Field Trip Monday

The first graders will enjoy the Symbols of America program presented by the second grades from Lloyd Harbor and West Side Schools. Buses will depart Goosehill at 9:30 a.m. and return by 11 a.m.

FIRST GRADE MOVING UP DAY – Monday, June 22nd.

The ceremony begins at 9:30 in the cafeteria. It will be followed by a reception in the courtyard hosted by our current kindergarten parents.

MOVING UP DAY LUNCHEON INFORMATION

The first graders will have a pizza luncheon in the afternoon with their classes, courtesy of the GPFA. The children will also be offered a vanilla frozen yogurt cup for dessert. If you do not want your child to have the pizza lunch, please send a note as soon as possible and an alternate to school on Moving Up Day.

If your child has a nut allergy or is gluten-free, please contact Mrs. Herschlein. We have an alternate frozen dessert available- gluten, nut, and dairy-free.

Notes from the GPFA

Thank you to Mrs. Herschlein for a most informative workshop this morning on Summer Reading.

Thank you to Mr. Malone for an outstanding Field Day! The games and activities were very exciting to the children and they had a wonderful time. Special thanks to Mrs. Koke and Mrs. Miller for chairing the event and coordinating all that was necessary, from water to watermelon! Thanks also to Mrs. Lombardo and Ms. Godsell for their contributions to the event.

Calling all 1st Graders!!!! Parents of first graders, please send in a BABY PHOTO, no frame! Please put your child's name and teacher on the back so it can be returned to you. A notice went home via backpack. Place the photo in an envelope labeled- **Attention: Erin Amadori** in your child's school folder **no later than Monday, June 15th.**



REMINDER!!! School Supply Packets can be ordered online at www.ahartzpacktoschool.com
Please remember to click on the GPFA dues to put into your shopping cart when ordering.

DEADLINE IS JUNE 26th !!!!!

Any questions, kindly contact Augusta Melendez at Augustamelendez@gmail.com.

FOUND yesterday on the GPS field...a red baby carrier. Please call the Main Office.

Museum Passes

at the Cold Spring Harbor Library and Environmental Center

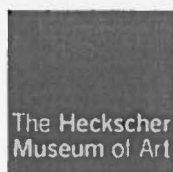
Library cardholders can visit the following museums:

INTREPID
SEA, AIR & SPACE MUSEUM COMPLEX

GUGGENHEIM



NASSAU COUNTY MUSEUM OF ART



THE WHALING MUSEUM
& EDUCATION CENTER
OF COLD SPRING HARBOR
SEA | REFLECT | EXPLORE | PROTECT

Cradle of Aviation Museum
and Education Center



Old Westbury Gardens

Fun for the whole family!

- ♦ Passes are for use by Cold Spring Harbor Library cardholders in good standing, 18 and older
- ♦ Reserve up to three months in advance; only 1 pass reservation at a time is permitted per family
- ♦ Passes are loaned out for three days, except when borrowed on Thursday; then they will be due on Monday
- ♦ Late charges are \$10/day

For more information or to reserve a pass, contact the
Information Services Desk at 631-692-6820



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