

Principal's Corner

Due to our participation in The Great Kindness Challenge, West Side is officially designated as a Kindness Certified School! West Siders participated in an event which included over 2,000,000 students in over 4,000 schools in 45 countries. Our final official total of marbles earned was 399 beating last year's total of 383. Thanks again to all of our students and faculty members. Congratulations to National Geographic Bee champion, Sarah Lynch, and runner-up, Matthew Wright. All of our participants should be proud representatives of their grades - Jackson DeMarco, Andrew Pultz, Sara Mazzei, Paige Thompson, Gillian Will, Spencer Will, Josh Novick, and Alexa Tocante. On Wednesday, blues guitarist, Toby Walker, performed for our 5th and 6th graders in the Community Room. Mr. Walker used a variety of guitars to regale the students of his experiences with the blues. On Friday, Jack Corbin performed "Blackbird" on the guitar during morning assembly. Great job, Jack! Our week concluded as some of our 5th graders skyped with award-winning author, Avi, who is currently located in San Francisco. These students each chose one of Avi's books to read in preparation and collaborated with our librarian, Ms. Fraiberg, to generate questions for this once in a lifetime experience.

Art Show

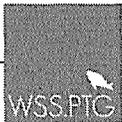
Please visit the Cold Spring Harbor Public Library to view the CSH Elementary Art Show. The show consists of selected students' artwork from grades 2 – 6 from West Side, Lloyd Harbor and Goose Hill. The show will be on display from February 3 – 27 in the gallery on the lower level and in the small meeting room. We are so proud of our young artists!

WSS Joins Facebook and Twitter

In an effort to increase communication between the home and school and to keep everyone updated about West Side's 225th anniversary, we have joined Facebook and Twitter. Like us on Twitter @WestSideSchool and on Facebook @WestSideSchool1597. Look for our 225th anniversary logo!

Pick-Up Notes and Nameplates

Beginning next week, we are requesting that all students bring two pick-up notes for any change in dismissal – one for the school and one for the bus driver/pick-up circle. Pick-up notes can be found on the school's website. Go to csh.k12.ny.us and select West Side School under the **Our Schools** tab at the top of the page. Click on **For WSS Parents** on the left and select **Forms**. Parents have the ability to type in the information needed and print two copies. In addition, please remember to display your nameplates when picking up your child. This will help with the efficiency of our dismissal process. Thank you for your support!



Upcoming PTG Meeting/FOCUS Presentation - Tuesday, February 10th at 9:30am.

WSS-PTG invites you to join FOCUS as we "Start the Conversation" regarding parenting in the age of technology. This presentation will take place as part of the WSS-PTG meeting in the Community Room on Tuesday, February 10, 2015. All parents are welcome to attend the meeting and be a part of this presentation.

PTG Board 2015-16

We are in the process of accepting applications from individuals who are interested in serving on next year's WSS PTG Board. We encourage any parent to consider submitting their name for a position. Self Nominating letters were sent home via backpack. If you have any questions about any positions, please contact our Nominating Committee Chairperson, Lolita Reichbach at gorgesborg@aol.com.

Sports/Game Night

We hope you can join us this Sunday, February 8th from 5:30-7:00 for the annual Sports/Game Night (formerly known as Daddy & Me). Dads, Grandpas, Uncles, etc. are invited to share in a fun-filled evening of Bingo, exciting board games, Pinopoly and more. Of course, if Dads, Grandpas and Uncles are not available, Moms are welcome too! A delicious pasta dinner will be served and it is definitely an evening that promises laughter and fun. We hope to see you there! Meet old friends and make new friends...join the West Side Community for winter fun and a warm dinner. Please RSVP to the Punchbowl invitation sent out earlier this week. Volunteers are welcome....please contact Donna Vallone at energizerd@hotmail.com if you can help out during that evening.

Talent Show

It's that time again! Get ready...set...perform, all you wonderfully talented West Side Stars! The 2015 West Side Talent Show will be held on Friday, May 8th. The show is open to all students, 2nd through 6th grade. ***A special note: This year students WILL be allowed to be in one SOLO act plus one group act (sixth grade group act not included).** 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 3/20/15. (Late submissions will not be accepted.) Additional participation forms will be available in the office. **Applications must be submitted with the \$35 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 3/20/15. 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.

Movie Night

We had another fun-filled movie night on Friday January 23rd. A big thank you goes to all who helped the night be such a big success: Mr. Simon, the ever-supportive PTG, Marc and the custodial staff for not only cleaning up all the popcorn but actually running the movie too. A special thank you goes to the women who volunteered their time that night including Kim Testa, Allison Monaco, and Mara Arneja along with her team of 7th grade helpers. Sincerely...Nicole Boutis and Liz Franklin

Yankee Doodle Circus is Coming to Town

Save the Date! The Yankee Doodle Circus is coming to the CSHHS Field House on Sunday, March 1. Bring the family down to America's Best Circus for Children and support the CSH Jr/Sr HS CFA. There will be a 1pm and 4pm show. To purchase tickets please go to GetCircusTickets.com. Pre Sale tickets are \$14.75 for Adult plus you receive 2 free tickets for children. Door sale prices are \$18 Adult/ \$6 Child. Don't miss out a fun day for the family!

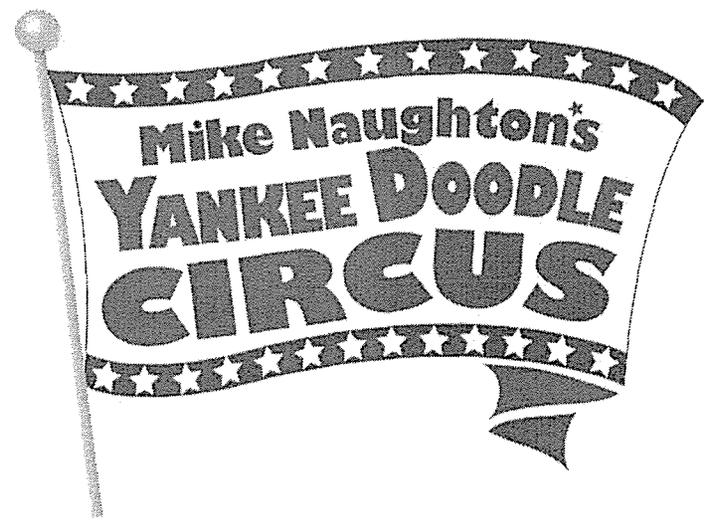
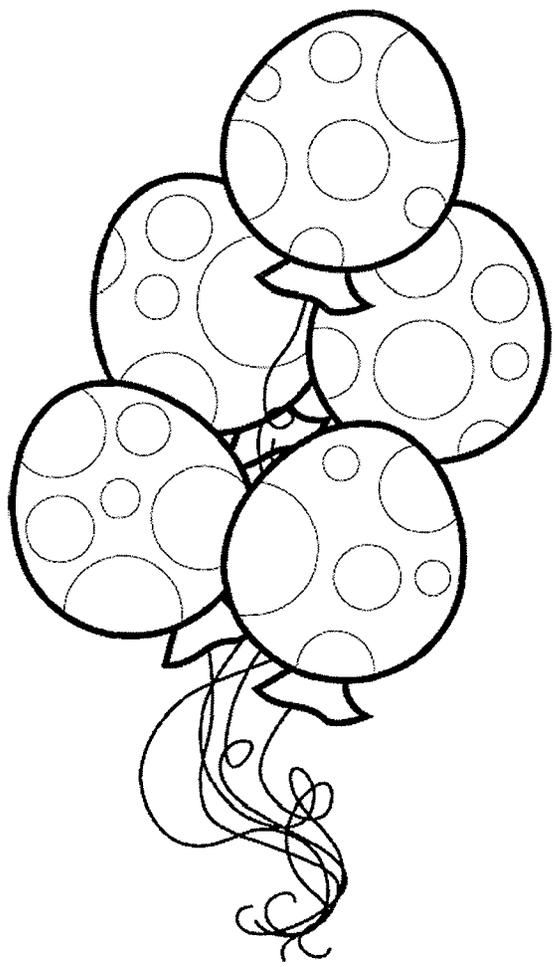
Upcoming Events

Sports/Game Night:	Sunday, February 8 th from 5:30 – 7:00 PM at WSS
PTG Meeting:	Tuesday, February 10 th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room
BOE Meeting:	Tuesday, February 10 th at 8:00 PM at District Office
Mid-Winter Recess:	February 16 – 20

Attachments from the School

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KIDS AND TEENS GO FREE! LAST CHANCE TO ORDER!



Beat the Winter Blahs!
 BRING THE FAMILY TO AMERICA'S BEST CIRCUS FOR CHILDREN
Sunday, March 1, 2015
1:00pm, 4:00pm
 Fund Raiser for Cold Spring Jr/Sr High School CFA
 Cold Spring Harbor High School Field House, 82 Turkey Lane
 We have a limited number of Discount Advance Sale Tickets. ACT NOW!
PRE-SALE Adult Tickets \$14.75
PLUS 2 FREE TICKETS for Children and Teens
 Only available at GetCircusTickets.com
 Door Sale: Adult \$18.00 – Child \$6.00

FREE PRIZE FOR CHILDREN – Color the balloons and bring it to the circus

Child must be present; limit one prize per child



Talent Show Rules

To be Eligible:

- The show is open to all Westside students in grades 2-6.
- A \$35 Fee **MUST** be submitted with your application. This fee includes the cost of the 2015 West Side Talent Show T-shirt and CD. **NO APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED WITHOUT PAYMENT AND A T-SHIRT SIZE.**
- Applications are due by 3/20/15. 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.
- This year, students will have the opportunity to perform in **one solo act and one group act**, with the exception of sixth graders, who will have the opportunity, in addition, 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 3/20/15. 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 3/20/15, (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 Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside School, depending on which act you have been assigned to, as well as the dress/tech rehearsal on Thurs. May 7 at the Cold Spring Harbor High School Performance Arts Center (PAC) 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 Wed. April 22 or Thurs. April 23 at Westside in the Gym. If you are in two acts, you may need to be at both rehearsals. All performers must attend the dress rehearsal on Thursday May 7 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 your 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 2015 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!

West Side School Annual Talent Show Friday May 8, 2015

Check #	_____
Amt\$	_____
Shirt Size	_____

Participation Form

(Must be submitted by 3/20/15 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 **\$35 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 2015 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.

REMEMBER:

√ - CHECK # _____

√ - T-Shirt Size _____

√ - Music _____

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

Signature: _____ Signature: _____

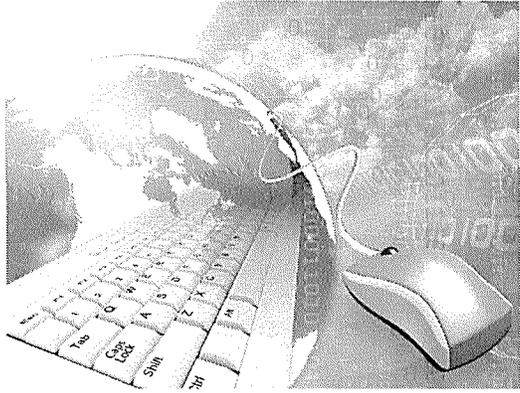
Would you like to help during the auditions/rehearsal/show/concession? _____

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 ___)

WSS-PTG AND FOCUS



START THE CONVERSATION!

Date: 02/10/15

WSS COMMUNITY ROOM
9:30 AM

WSS-PTG INVITES YOU TO JOIN FOCUS AS WE **"START THE CONVERSATION"** REGARDING PARENTING IN THE AGE OF TECHNOLOGY.

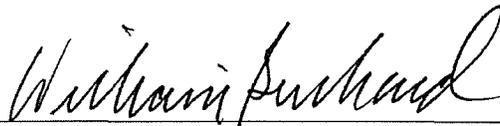
Come view a short video and share parenting do's and don'ts with your peers as we discuss the challenges we face in "unplugging" for ourselves and our children!



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

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 6, 2015, at 8:30 a.m. at the Francis Roberts Community Center. The Board of Education may consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters appropriate for Executive Session.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

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Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on February 10, 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.

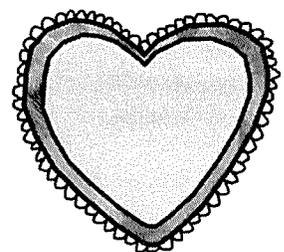
At 8:00 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.



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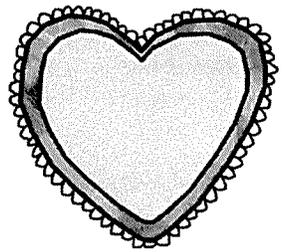
For Kids & Teens! Programs from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Youth Services Department. Registration Required!

Celebrate Valentine's Day at the Library!



Valentine's Day Chocolates
Monday, February 9 & Tuesday, February 10
4:30 p.m.
For children in grades K-6

Valentine's Day Chocolates for Little Ones
Wednesday, February 11 2pm
For children ages 2-5 with adult



Valentine's Day Cards
Friday, February 13, 3:30 p.m.
For children of all ages

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

For Adults! Programs for Grown-Ups from Cold Spring Harbor Library's Information Services Department

PLANNING FOR WINTER RECESS? REMEMBER THE FREE MUSEUM PASSES AVAILA-

Our complete roster includes:

- Long Island Museums:**
- * Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery
 - * Cradle of Aviation Museum
 - * Heckscher Museum of Art
 - * Long Island Children's Museum
 - * Nassau County Museum of Art
 - * Old Westbury Gardens
 - * Suffolk County Vanderbilt Museum & Planetarium
 - * The Whaling Museum & Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor

Note: Reservations can be taken up to three months in advance of your desired date, subject to availability.



- New York Museums**
- * American Museum of Natural History
 - * Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum
 - * Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum
- (also admits to the Brooklyn Museum)*

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

We will be "Freezin' for a Reason" at the 2nd Annual Town of Oyster Bay Polar Plunge



**Special
Olympics**
New York

Saturday, March 21, 2015
TOBAY Beach, Ocean Parkway

Check-in between 9:30 - 11:00 am
PLUNGE at 11:30am

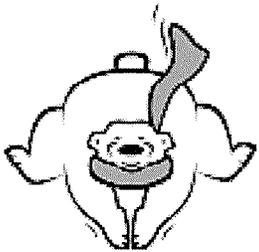


Last year over **340** Plungers braved the chilly waters while hundreds of spectators watched on. Help raise money for the athletes of Special Olympics New York by asking your friends, family, co-workers, etc. to support you in taking the PLUNGE! **Every Plunger that raises \$125 receives an official Plunge sweatshirt....** raise more money and receive more great prizes!

How do I get started?

Log onto www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay and click the **Register Here** button. Set up your Personal Plunge Page and you are on your way to "Freezin' for a Reason!" Check out the site or Facebook page for more great information about team building and fundraising ideas!

**TOO CHICKEN TO PLUNGE
JOIN THE CHICKEN COOP!**



FREEZIN' FOR A REASON

Did you know?

Special Olympics New York has **64,659 athletes** training and competing year-round in 22 Olympics-style sports.

Our athletes and their families or caregivers are **NEVER CHARGED** to participate! Set your Plunge goal at \$400 and you have sponsored an athlete for an entire season!



Sign up today! www.polarplungeNY.org/tobay
[facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY](https://www.facebook.com/SONYpolarplungeTOBAY)

Contact Information: Jennifer Cantone at jcantone@nyso.org or 631.254.1465 ext. 204

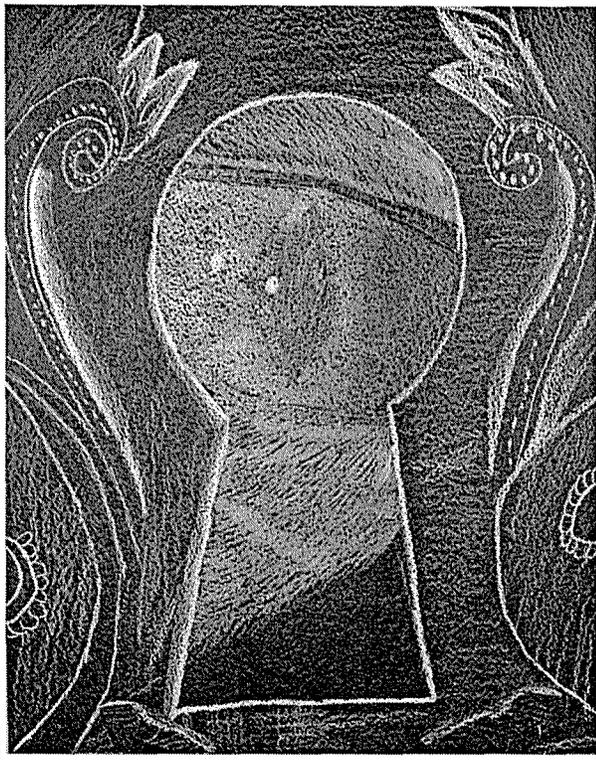
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The Cold Spring Harbor School District Presents...

The 2014/2015

Student Art Exhibition

Cold Spring Harbor Elementary Schools



February 3rd- 27th

in the

CSH Public Library



Featuring selected student work from grades K-6

