



The Friday Notes

Celebrating 225 years!
November 21, 2014

Principal's Corner

Congratulations to a number of West Side fifth and sixth graders who were recently selected to perform at the 2015 Nassau All-County Music Festival in January. Chorus – Max Adler, Isabelle Apostolakos, Anna Hammell, Alexandra Nesi, Jennifer Papa, Jackie Shammah, Gillian Will, Jack Corbin, and Sarah Lynch. Orchestra – Peter Moynihan and Erin Gallagher. Band – Fraser Lintott and Carley Genser. We are all so very proud of you! In other musical news, the *Seussical* cast continued to rehearse for their early December performance at the PAC. For the past few months, these talented fifth and sixth graders have practiced to put on another incredible performance for our school community. With the big show only a few short weeks away, they are finalizing each number and the delivery of their lines. Our fourth graders also rehearsed with Ms. Martin for their Colonial Day celebration which will take place in mid-December. While a chill filled the air, students found a way to warm up as they participated in the Jump Rope Championship of the World during physical education. Class winners are in the process of being determined and the finals will be held next week. In FLES, fifth and sixth graders are writing emails to their Epals from Ecuador using the teacher friendly website www.epals.com. Many of them have received emails already! Señora Tassani has established a connection with an English teacher, Señor Michael Viñan Lopez from Chone, Manibi, Ecuador. Señor Lopez and Señora Tassani are hoping to facilitate a year-long email exchange with their students including a Skype session. Students will write about topics such as school subjects, favorite hobbies and holiday celebrations. In their next email, our FLES students will email their Voki projects (Spanish-speaking avatars), to their Ecuadorian Epals. ¡Qué chévere!!

After School Program

There will be no after school programs next week due to Thanksgiving break.



School Musical - Seussical

Attention all parents - please mark your calendars for the West Side School Musical on December 6th and 7th! This year the kids are presenting SEUSSICAL: The Musical and it promises to be the best show yet. All your children's favorite characters from Dr. Seuss are featured in this family-friendly show with great music, laughter and a wonderful message to kids. The kids have worked very hard - please come out and kick off the holiday season while supporting the arts in our schools. Saturday, December 6th at 7 pm and Sunday, December 7th at 2 pm at the CSH Jr/Sr High School Performing Arts Center. Tickets sold at the door.

Hour of Code

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Report Cards – Parent Portal

Report cards will be posted and available for you to view/print from home on **Friday, December 12th by 5 PM.**

If you already have a Parent Portal account in eSchoolData you are already set up. If this is your first experience with the portal and need an account, please follow the instructions below:

Setting up an eSchoolData account:

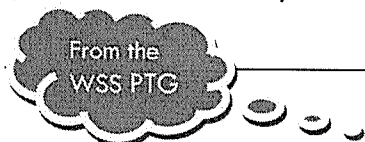
Note: You only need to create one account to access the information for all of your children. In creating an account online, you will need to have the following information handy for one of your children:

-  Parent/Guardian Name (apply using one parent's name only) and Student Name
-  Student ID Number (same as the lunch system ID number)
-  Student Grade Level and School (as of September 2014)

1. Go to the CSH webpage (www.csh.k12.ny.us)
2. Go to the pull down menu "For Parents" and click on "Parent Portal"
3. Scroll all the way down to "How can I apply for access to the portal?" and click the blue link that begins with "You can apply for an account online." Click "Yes" on the pop-up window.
4. The eSchoolData login screen will open. Click on "Online Registration" (bottom of the box).
5. You will be asked to fill out information on three tabs, beginning with the Account Information portion (followed by Personal Information and Student Information).
6. Once all parts have been filled out you will receive an automatically-generated email indicating that your registration information has been submitted. After the data has been reviewed, you will receive an additional email.

Accessing the Report Card:

Log onto your account → Click on the ID number of your child → For grades K-5 - click on the "ERC" tab → For grade 6 - click on "Report Card" tab → Click print for a hard copy.



Holiday Boutique 2014

Please save the date for our annual WS Holiday Boutique. This year, the children will be shopping with their classes on December 3 and 4 during school hours. A schedule of when each class will shop will be emailed and sent home via backpack. We are looking for volunteers on December 2 to help set up the displays, on December 3 and 4 to help the children shop and on December 4 to help break down the event. If you signed up already, an email was already sent for you to pick time frames. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Edra Tepper at edratepper@verizon.net.

Holiday Cookie Bake

Our annual cookie bake is Wednesday, December 10th. We ask parents to donate holiday cookies, bars or other tasty treats to make up delicious platters for the teachers and staff of West Side School. The type of cookie is up to you (preferably not chocolate chip). Not a baker? That is fine...bakery goods are welcome! If you would like to be a part of this wonderful event, please bring 4-6 dozen cookies to the community room on that Wednesday morning between 8-10am. Cookies should be brought in disposable trays. If you would like to stay and help assemble, wrap and deliver, please contact Gina Marino at rgm39hill@aol.com. Please put "cookie bake" in the subject line. Last year we were low on donations, so if you could contribute it is greatly appreciated.

Yearbook

Yearbooks will be sold online only! No paper order forms! Order Your WEST SIDE Yearbook Online. Just follow the steps below:

Step 1: Visit <http://www.memorybook.com/parentpay>

Step 2: Enter your pay code 74315 and click next

Step 3: Buy a yearbook for \$30.00 or yearbook with personalized name for \$32.25

Order online through: April 20, 2015

Important WSS Dates

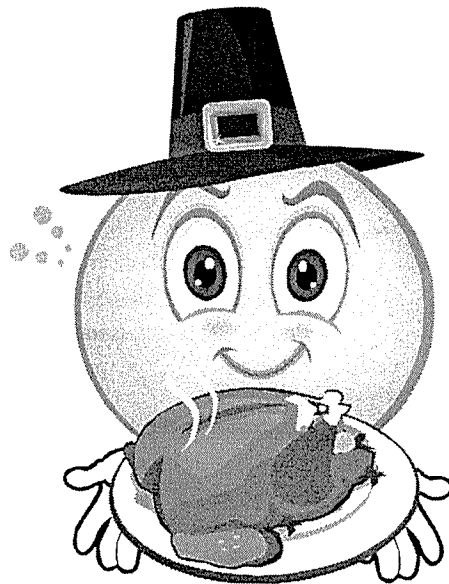
Thanksgiving Recess:	November 26 th – 28 th
5th Grade Field Trip – DNA LC:	Monday, December 1 st
6th Grade Field Trip – DNA LC:	Wednesday, December 3 rd
Holiday Boutique:	December 3 rd and 4 th in the Community Room
School Musical – Seussical:	Saturday, December 6 th at 7:00 PM at the CSHHS PAC
School Musical – Seussical:	Sunday, December 7 th at 2:00 PM at the CSHHS PAC

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Have a safe and happy
Thanksgiving!

Computer Science Education Week

DECEMBER 8-14, 2014

November 20, 2014

Dear Parents,

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works. But only a tiny fraction of us are learning computer science, and fewer students are studying it than a decade ago.

That's why our entire school is joining in on the largest learning event in history: the Hour of Code, during Computer Science Education Week (Dec. 8-14). Last year, 15 million students enjoyed computer science in one week. This year, we're joining students worldwide to reach 100 million students!

Our Hour of Code is a statement that Cold Spring Harbor is ready to teach these foundational 21st century skills. We want to ensure that our students are on the forefront of creating technology of the future--not just consuming it.

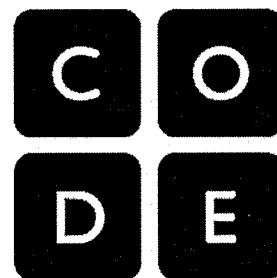
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During the week of December 8 – 14, the computer lab will be open to students from 8:00am – 8:40am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students are also welcome to join me during their recess periods on Tuesday and Thursday.

Our goal is to get kids to think, create, and have a blast -- all while learning computer programming. We want to show that anyone can learn the basics of computer programming in order to be a maker, a creator, or an innovator. Students (and adults) across the country are getting involved and we'd like you to join as well. See <http://hourofcode.com/us> for details, and help spread the word.

Sincerely,

Margaret Diehl
Elementary Technology Teacher

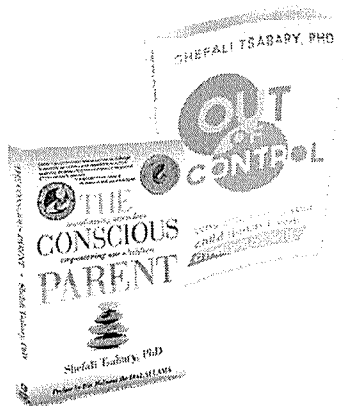
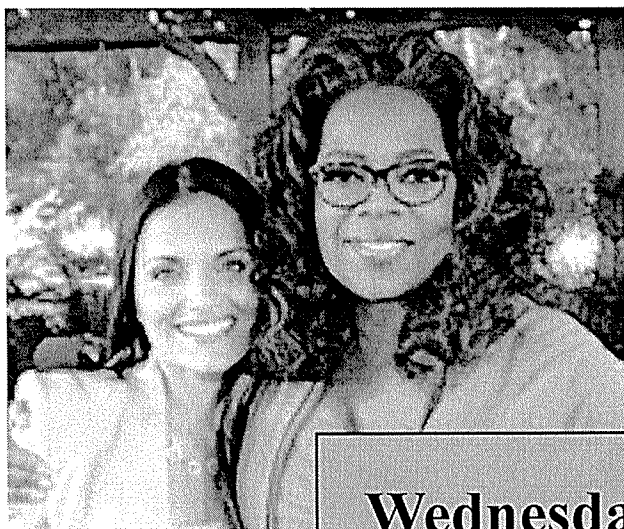


Give Yourself a Gift This Holiday Season

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
proudly presents:

Dr. Shefali Tsabary

Becoming a Conscious Parent



Wednesday, December 10, 2014

7:00pm

*Cold Spring Harbor Jr/ Sr High School
Performing Arts Center*

Pre-Registration: \$10

Night of Event: \$15

Please register online at:

www.csh.k12.ny.us

Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited

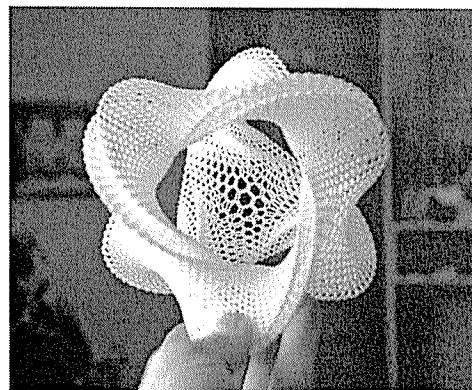
Dr. Shefali Tsabary is a clinical psychologist who received her training at Columbia University. She integrates Eastern mindfulness with Western psychology, establishing her as one of a kind in the parenting field. Dr. Tsabary has made multiple appearances on Oprah's *Lifeclass* series. She is the author of two parenting books – *The Conscious Parent*, and *Out of Control*.

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

3D Printer on Display

Visit us in the Children's Department this week to see the Suffolk County Library System's traveling 3D printer!

We will be giving demonstrations of this new technology from Saturday, November 15– Friday, November 28. A reception will be held on Wednesday, November 19th in the Hands-On Learning Center from 4-6pm. Light refreshments will be served!



SIGNATURE EVENTS

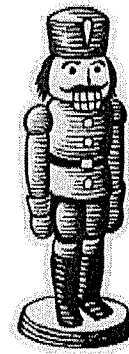
Save the Date!

Ballet Long Island- Nutcracker Act II

Sunday December 7, 2014 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Make plans to enjoy this seasonal favorite at your library!

Registration is 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*

**What You Need to Know Before Buying a Digital Camera
Wednesday, November 19 at 7pm**



Open to adults and young adults!

There are more products on the market than ever before to create digital images – cameras, lenses, flashes, filters, accessories, bags, computer software, and more. What should you get?

Learn what's available and what you really need to capture the type of images you want, just in time for the holiday season.

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