Principal's Corner

Congratulations to Christian Insinga, winner of the Jump Rope Championship of the Universe competition. This morning in front of a packed Hilton Gymnasium crowd, students in grades four through six participated in a contest to see who could jump rope the longest. The event lasted over six minutes as students screamed, cheered, and applauded their classmates. The competition was led by Mr. Yost, our Physical Education teacher, while all students and faculty members sat on the perimeter of the gym. These athletes needed their space! Congratulations to all of our class representatives: Hailey Schulsinger – 2nd Place, Annie Kraft – Top 6th Grader, Nicolette Loeffler, Emma Rush, Helena Boutis, Kaitlyn Jasinski, Alexa Zahtila, Maddie Murray, Peter Moynihan, Ashley Ecker, Chloe Tyree, Matthew Wright, Christina Sabella, Taylor Schneider, and Sam Reichbach.

Tech Week begins when we return on December 1st. All *Seussical* cast members will need to return a signed permission slip in order to take the bus to the PAC next week.

Wishing everyone a very happy Thanksgiving!

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

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! The Hour of Code was kicked off this week with grade level assemblies to help children understand what computer science is all about. We will continue next week by having each class come to the computer lab to participate in the Hour of Code tutorials. Finally, during the week of December 8 – 14, we will celebrate Computer Science Education Week with a school-wide competition - How many lines of code can we write in a week? Students are invited to work at home and at school to complete as many lines as they can. 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 Ms. Diehl during their recess periods on Tuesday and Thursday.

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 <u>one</u> 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 <u>one</u> 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.

From the WSS PTG

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

Attachments from the School

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November 25, 2014

Dear Parents:

In order to give our cast members ample time to rehearse for the West Side School musical, we have arranged for transportation to the Performing Arts Center (PAC) next week. The details are as follows:

Destination: Cold Spring Harbor High School Performing Arts Center

Date: Monday, December 1st through Friday, December 5th

Time of Departure: 3:15 PM

Students should be picked up by a parent or guardian each day following rehearsal at 6:00 PM. Please sign and return the portion of this form below to the main office.

Sincerely,

Kurt Simon, *Principal*

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Please detach and return to the main office by Monday, December 1st.

_____ has my permission to take the bus to the PAC at

Cold Spring Harbor High School on December 1st through December 5th.

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Parent's Signature

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.
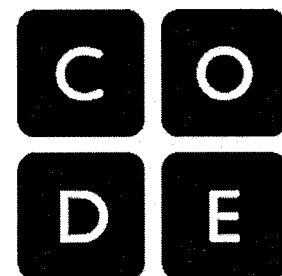
We will kick off the Hour of Code next week with grade level assemblies to help children understand what computer science is all about. We will continue the following week by having each class come to the computer lab to participate in the Hour of Code tutorials. Finally, during the week of December 8 – 14, we will celebrate Computer Science Education Week with a school-wide competition - How many lines of code can we write in a week? Students are invited to work at home and at school to complete as many lines as they can.

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
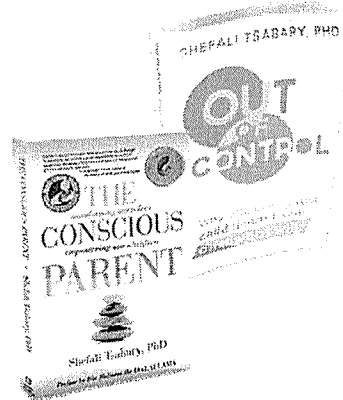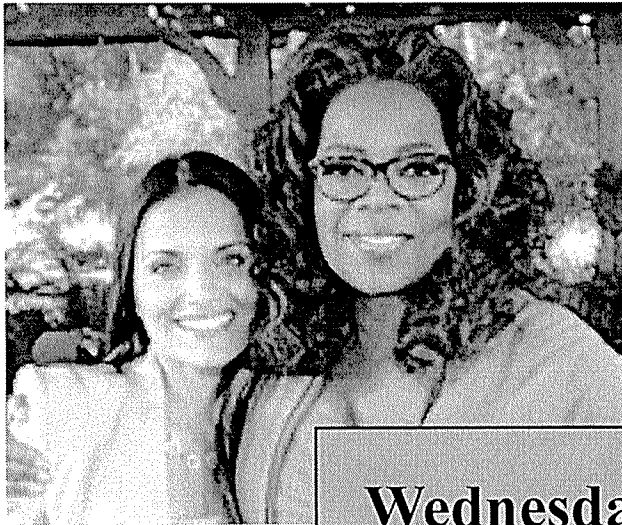Elementary Technology Teacher

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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

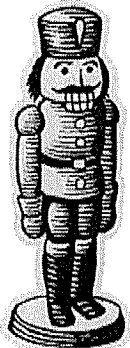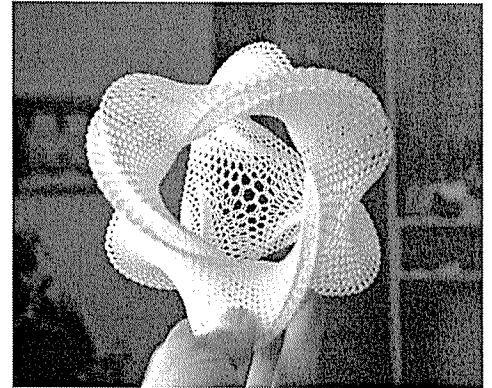*Pre-registration is strongly recommended as space is limited*

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!
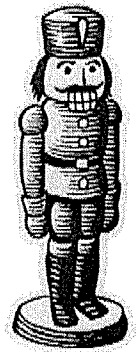
SIGNATURE EVENTS

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.