

The Friday Notes

Celebrating 225 years!

December 12, 2014

Principal's Corner

Congratulations to the cast of Seussical! Last weekend our community came together as students performed at the PAC putting on two magical shows that left audiences laughing, applauding, and cheering! In addition, I would like to thank WSSTA board members – Mr. Adler, Mrs. Corbin, Mrs. Sanna, and Mrs. Tocante for making this event a reality. Behind the leadership of our director, Ms. Lichtman, and musical director, Mr. McKee, our students reached their full potential. For the first time in decades, the 5th and 6th graders took a field trip to the New York Hall of Science on Thursday. In preparation for this adventure, students created their own hall of science which is now on display. Our week ended with the annual 4th grade Colonial Day festivities which concluded with a concert for our parents. Students learned about cross stitching, lantern making, medicine and much more. Friday marked the end of Computer Science Education Week and the Hour of Code at West Side. Students worked at home and at school to complete as many lines of code as possible. The computer lab was open to students before school on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Students also joined Ms. Diehl during their recess periods. As of Thursday, our students had already completed over 31,000 lines of code. Way to go! Finally, thank you to Mrs. Marino and our parent volunteers for the delicious holiday cookies. The Holiday Cookie Bake is a festive event and is greatly appreciated by all staff members.

Report Cards Available on Parent Portal Tonight at 5:00 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:

<u>Note</u>: 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 \to Click on the ID number of your child \to For grades K-5 - click on the "ERC" tab \to For grade 6 - click on "Report Card" tab \to Click print for a hard copy.



Holiday Cookie Bake

Our annual holiday cookie bake was a huge success!! Your cookies, bars, cupcakes, pretzels, bark and beautifully decorated treats were made into overflowing gorgeous platters for our staff. Thank you all for taking the time to be a part of this West Side tradition. The teachers and staff enjoy and appreciate this very much. I would love to thank all of you personally, however some of you arrived before me and I may not have

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gotten your name, I apologize in advance if I do not mention you. A HUGE thank you to, Mary Cashin, Rita McCarey, Sandra O'Grady, Lorena Munyak, Susan Kopp, Cat Bauer, Christine Masata, Diane Angelides, Ingrid Wright, Jill DeMarco, Marilena DiScala, Lisa Baxter, Lolita Reichbach, Kipnes Family, Edra Tepper, Blake Woodworth, Melissa Thompson, Maria Rosato, Linda Castellano, Ana Shammah, Allison Monaco, Kim Testa, Mara Arneja, Michael Brodesky, Jenn Sirris, Anne Churchland, Mary Samuel, Caroline Tsekerides, Laurel Moynihan, Nicole Pultz, and Theresa Hughes. And to my fellow wrappers and delivery helpers..THANK YOU THANK YOU!!! I hope you have a beautiful holiday season filled with peace love and happiness - Gina

West Side Kids Care

Our Annual Toy Drive to benefit the Helping Hands Rescue Mission is underway. The mission has asked for the following new, unwrapped gifts so that all local needy children who attend the mission's party will receive equivalent gifts. We have been given specific age groups and gift requests to meet the needs of the mission and its clients. Please consider adding HHRM to your giving list this season and send your child with a donation per the class list below by Wednesday, December 17. Children will wrap the gifts during recess on Thursday, December 18th. Parents are welcome to come and help.

Ms Ryan: girl age 9-12 - nail kit, lotions, board game, jewelry

Ms. Santoro: girl age 9-12 - craft kit or supplies Dr. Dawkins: girls age 9-12 - scarf/gloves/hat

Mr. Farmer: Boy age 0-3 - stuffed animal **Ms. Dopico**: boy age 0-3 - Fisher Price type toy

Ms. Dudek: boy age 0-3 - hat and gloves Ms. Manning: girl 0-3 - stuffed animal Mr. Arloff: girl 0-3 - Fisher price type toy Ms. DeRosa: girl 0-3 - hat and gloves

Ms. Agnello: girl age 6-8 - toy or board game

Ms. Gerver: girl 6-8 - craft kit or supplies

Please continue your generous donations to the **West Side Food Pantry**. Donations can be left in the wire racks in the inside doors of the airplane wing

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

Attn 6th Grade Parents: 6th Grade "look back" photos are due on December 15. Please continue to upload your photos.

Important WSS Dates

Report Cards Available on Parent Portal: Friday, December 12th after 5:00 PM

Spelling Bee: Tuesday, December 16th at 1:30 PM in the Gym

West Side Wednesday: December 17th – Wear your West Side spirit wear!

SIT: Thursday, December 18th at 3:30 PM in the Conf. Room

Winter Recess: December 22nd – January 2nd

Welcome Back: Monday, January 5th

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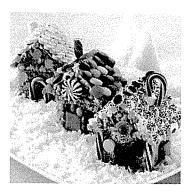
** PLEASE POST **

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on December 12, 2014, at 8:30 a.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 8:30 a.m.

At 8:30 a.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.

William Bernhard, District Clerk

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



Rice Krispie Candy Cottages Monday, December 15th & Wednesday, December 17th at 4:30pm For children in grades K-6

Build and decorate a rice krispie treat candy cottage to celebrate the season!

TEEN Crafternoons Friday, December 19th 3pm For children in grades 6-12

Take a study break and craft away! We'll provide the supplies so you can get your craft on! Stop by Miss Kate's desk on the Lower Level for all material.



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 Available @ Your Library!

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

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





New York Museums

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











Saturday, December 6th

12:00 - 4:00pm • LIU Post Chorus will be caroling down Main Street
2:00 - 4:00pm • L.l. Authors Holiday Book Signing at the SPLIA Gallery
5:00pm • CSH Fire Department Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 7th

1:00 - 4:00pm • Carriage Rides on Main Street

Saturday, December 13th

12:00 - 4:00pm • LIU Post Chorus will be caroling down Main Street

Sunday, December 14th

1:00 - 4:00pm • Carriage Rides on Main Street

1:30 - 4:00 - Santa comes to town at The Firehouse Museum
3:00 - 4:00pm - MetroGnomes Suzuki violin players at the SPLIA Gallery

Saturday, December 20th

12:00 - 4:00pm • LIU Post Chorus will be caroling down Main Street

Sunday, December 21st

1:00 - 4:00pm • Carriage Rides on Main Street

