



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-April 8, 2016



Dear Parents,

April is National Poetry Month. Although teachers read poems with their students all year long, it is fun to spend a little extra time enjoying and celebrating poetry in April.

As I have shared with you in our workshops and discussions, reading poetry with children has the power to support their developing reading skills in many ways. First, the sounds of language abound in poems---especially rhyme and alliteration. In order for children to be able to identify and generate sounds when reading and writing, they first need extensive experience listening to them. That is why Nursery Rhymes are so important! Second, reading poetry, especially poems that rhyme, can help children develop fluency---the ability to read smoothly and with expression. Finally, poems create vivid images in their readers' minds. The ability to visualize is an essential component of reading comprehension.

Here are some additional thoughts from **J. Patrick Lewis, U.S. Children's Poet Laureate (2011-2013)**:

"Why is poetry so important?" Poetry is essential for children because it is "the best words in the best order." The rhythm and rhymes can help children develop a love a language---and a love of reading. Once kids begin flexing their writing muscles, poetry can spark their creativity and let their imaginations soar! You can read newspapers and magazines all you want, but nowhere else are you going to find words taken to such beautiful and sometimes absurd extremes as in poetry."

Finally, because it is also **National Library Week** next week, here is an additional idea from J. Patrick Lewis:

"Everyone knows what 911 means. Everyone should know what 811 means---that's the poetry section of the library. Visit as often as you can."

Here are some suggestions--but there are many, many wonderful poets for children, so please explore!

Shel Silverstein Works Include: A Light in the Attic, Where the Sidewalk Ends

Jack Prelutsky Works Include: Something Big Has Been Here, New Kid on the Block, Scranimals, Be Glad Your Nose is on Your Face



Kenn Nesbitt Works Include: My Hippo Has the Hiccups, The Tightly Whitey Spider, Revenge of the Lunch Ladies, The Aliens Have Landed

Sharon Creech Works Include: Love That Dog, Hate That Cat, Who's That Baby, Fishing in the Air

Paul Janeczko Works Include: A Poke in the I: A Collection of Concrete Poems, A Foot in the Mouth: Poems to Speak, Sing and Shout, Knock at a Star: A Child's Introduction to Poetry

Kristine O'Connell George Works Include: Emma Dilemma, Little Dog and Duncan, The Great Frog Race

Happy Reading!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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Thank you, Mrs. Ranaldo! Once again, a big thank you goes to Mrs. Ranaldo for her boundless energy and enthusiasm. The first graders had a terrific time at the dance last night! Thank you to Mrs. Weiss for all she did to make the dances such fun experiences for the children.

Parent Book Club We will be reading a new book this month: How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success. Our discussion (on the first half of the book) will be on Wednesday, April 20th at 10:00. Books are available at the CSH Library Circulation Desk. Please join us!

Bus Safety Presentations Next Week "Buster the Bus" will visit Goosehill next week to remind children about bus safety rules.

Class Placement for Next Year Please be sure you have read my letter to parents regarding the placement process (sent home last week in your child's backpack). Letters will be accepted until April 15th.

SIT (School Improvement Team) We are in the process of organizing our team for the 2016-17 school year. The purpose of the team is to support the school and enhance the experience for all of our students. If you are interested in serving on the team, which meets after school once a month, please submit a Self-Nomination Form by April 15th. The form appears as an attachment this week and is on the school district website.

DATES TO REMEMBER

April 20th Parent Book Club Meeting 10am

April 21st Half Day of School- **Noon Dismissal**

April 22nd-29th- Spring Recess

May 4th GPFA Meeting 9:30am

May 7th Plant Sale 9am



GPFA UPDATES

Dances: Thanks to all first grade families who attended the dance last night - a great time was had by all! Special thanks to Kim Weiss for organizing both dances and to all of the volunteers who helped out: Carolyn Chiovaro, Jillian Milewski, Kristen Choi and Kristine Jacobson. Very special thanks to Mrs. Ranaldo for her time and energy...she does an amazing job!

Nominating Committee/2016-17 GPFA Board: We'd like to thank the nominating committee for their time and dedication in assembling the proposed 2016-17 GPFA board. Special thanks to committee chairperson Linda Miller as well as committee members Claudia Marino, Jill Seiman, Rhonda Sutaria, Theresa Kingdon, Amy Koenigsberger and Tara Dircks. The nominating committee is excited to announce the proposed board for the 2016-17 school year!

Presidents: Meg Gallagher & Stacy Neri

Vice Presidents: Andrea Streater, Kristen Tizzano & Janine Mullen

Treasurer: Bessi Mavronicolas **Secretary:** Nancy Worden

Communications: Claudine Carraciolo **Ambassador & Class Parent Coordinator:** Kaitlin Eisenegger

We will be voting on the board at the next GPFA meeting on Wednesday, May 4th at 9:30am.

Plant Sale & Fundraising: Mark your calendars for the second annual Goosehill Plant Sale! The Plant Sale will take place Saturday, May 7th starting at 9am (the day before Mother's Day). Stop by and pick up Mother's Day gifts or even something for yourself! There will also be a bake sale for the kids as well as a raffle basket from Huntington Stand Up Paddle. Raffle tickets are \$5. We are hoping to raise additional funds to contribute towards the installation of a new outdoor basketball court that our students will be able to enjoy year-round. If you cannot attend the plant sale but would like to make a donation towards the basketball court, please send in a check (made payable to the GPFA) in an envelope marked "GPFA Donation." If you have any questions, please contact Kaitlin Eisenegger at kcarrollx3@gmail.com or Amy Koenigsberger at amymulada@gmail.com. Thank you for continued support of our school!

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
SHARED-DECISION MAKING
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM • SELF NOMINATION FORM

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Teams (SIT) for the 2016-2017 school year. The purpose of SIT is to improve the educational performance of all students in the schools through the collaborative participation of team members in the decision-making process.

Each school's team consists of teachers, administrators and parents. One of our parent representatives from each school must be a parent of a special education student. Each team is required to meet at least once a month from September to June, and to the extent possible, the meetings will be scheduled at the end of a regular school day. One parent per household, per school enrolled is eligible for nomination. **If you are currently sitting as a member of SIT, it is necessary to resubmit your name.** The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a three-year term.

If you will be able to commit to these meetings, and have the desire to participate in this very important and innovative process, please complete the form below.

1. **NAME:** _____ **Email:** _____

2. **Please indicate the school you wish to represent:**

NOTE: Your child must attend this school as of **September 2016**.

_____ Goosehill Primary School (4 Representatives)

_____ Lloyd Harbor (4 Representatives)

_____ West Side (4 Representatives)

_____ Cold Spring Harbor Jr/Sr High School (6 Representatives)

3. **___ I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs.**

(One representative per school.) Your child must have an individualized educational plan.

4. **Indicate the grade(s) your child(ren) will enter the fall of 2016:**

_____ grade(s)

Please write a brief sentence or two as to why you would like to serve as a SIT parent member. If you have any questions about the SIT committee, contact your building principal.

Please return this form to the District Office to the attention of the CPC Chairperson, no later than April 15th.

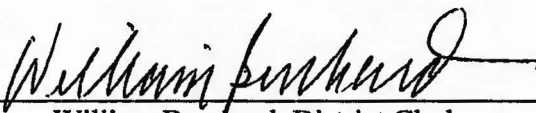
Cold Spring Harbor Central School District
 The Francis Roberts Community Center
 75 Goose Hill Road
 Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
 Attn: CPC Chairperson

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

**** PLEASE POST ****

Please be advised that a regular meeting of the Board of Education will take place on April 12, 2016, at 7:00 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.



William Bernhard, District Clerk

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

Science Week @ the Library

Weather in a Jar

For Children in grades K-2
Monday March 28 @ 4:30 pm

Watch your very own rainstorm come to life in a jar!

Little Scientists: Noticing Nature

For Children in ages 3 -5 with Adult
Tuesday, April 12 @ 2:00 pm

Explore the world of science with books & activities.

Super Science: Magnetic Detectives

For Children in grades 3 -5

Thursday, April 14 @ 4:30 pm

Become a magnetic detective! Explore the world of science & magnetism and discover
what does and doesn't stick to a magnet and why!

Safeguard Smart: Credit Education for the Next Generation

Monday, April 11 @ 7:00 p

For teens and their parents. Develop a basic knowledge of budgeting, credit cards,
and investing instruments.

Practice SAT Test

Saturday, April 16 @ 10 am - 2 pm

Take a full-length exam sponsored by the Princeton Review

For more information
about any Kids

Or Teen Programs,
contact a Youth
Services Librarian at
the Cold Spring Harbor
Library
631-692-6820

Programs and Services from the Information Services Department

SWEET & SAVORY CREPES COOKING DEMO & TASTING

Thursday, April 21 at 6:30pm



Learn how to create a variety of dishes with delicious crepes.
Lucy Van Horn returns to demonstrate how to make sweet
and savory crepes. Bring your appetites!
Class limited to 20 students.

This program is open to adults & young adults ages 16+.
Fee: \$5 cash or check, payable to the
Cold Spring Harbor Library.

For more information or to register,
stop by Information Services,
call 631-692-6820, or visit www.cshlibrary.org.

Cold Spring Harbor Library & Information Center
10 Fulton Street, Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724
www.cshlibrary.org 631-692-6820 1-800-345-4339

Cooking Demonstration & Tasting:

Sweet & Savory Crepes

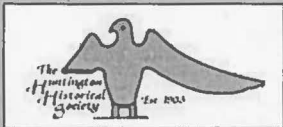
Thursday, April 21 at 7pm

Lucy Van Horn will demonstrate how to prepare a variety
of crepe dishes. This program is open to adults and teens.

Register in advance with your \$5 cash or check, payable to
the Cold Spring Harbor Library.

Limited to 20 attendees.

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



Huntington Historical Society
Presents
Passport to the Past
summer camp program



Tending to the kitchen herb garden on the historic Kissam property.

2016 Registration is Open!

Time Travel takes on a whole new meaning! A unique summer camp designed to bring history to life!

Offering 2 two-week, Monday through Friday, half-day summer camp sessions, 9 am to 12 noon for children ages 7 to 12.

Campers can wear colonial costumes, play old fashioned games, tour historical sites, handle various artifacts, and enjoy hands-on colonial-era activities including:

**Weaving, Candle Dipping
Felting Wool, Maypole Celebration**



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

\$300 for Society members / \$400 for non-members.

Family Membership fee to join Huntington Historical Society \$60 (for a \$100 savings per child)

Session IJuly 11 to July 22

Session II.....July 25 to August 5

PASSPORT TO THE PAST -2016 REGISTRATION FORM

Refund policy: Tuition is refundable minus \$30 registration fee 30 days prior to session start date.

Parent's Name: _____ Camper's Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Circle Session: Session I / Session II

Amex/ Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover Credit Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Make checks payable to: *Huntington Historical Society*

Mail to: 2 High Street Huntington, NY 11743

Registration Fee: _____

(Optional \$60.00) Society Membership: _____

TOTAL: _____

For more information please call 631 427-7045 ext 404
The Huntington Historical Society is a private non-profit organization.

WHAT IS DEKHOCKEY? NO SKATES!

It's like street hockey -- but without the traffic!
Dekhockey is a running game similar to ice hockey,
played on a large rink with a low-impact plastic
surface. **NO BODY CHECKING ALLOWED.**

Ten-game season and team shirt for only \$150
Schedules and player stats on nsdekhockey.com
Hour-long games - Sat or Sun. (w/ occasional Fri)
Sat/Sun start times from 9 am-5 pm
Season runs late April/early May thru late June

Required equipment: Leg pads, elbow pads, gloves and hockey helmet with cage or a full shield

Discounted equipment packages available for \$150 if preordered

Registration for ages 5-7, 8-10 & 11-13 now through Sunday, April 10



A not-for-profit organization

PAL KIDS DEKHOCKEY LEAGUES

AT



115 Sherwood Avenue

Farmingdale, NY 11735

(1 mile south of Adventureland off Route 110)

Leagues also available for 14-17, Adult Men and Women!

REGISTER TODAY!



(631)249-4412 or online at www.nsdekhockey.com

DEKHOCKEY REGISTRATION

Child's name : _____ D.O.B. _____ Age ____ Goaltender? Only / Never /Want to try

Address: _____ Telephone# ()

E-mail: _____ Emergency contact/telephone#: _____ / ()

I/we, the parent(s) of the above named child, hereby give my/our consent for participation in the above activity and do claim that he/she is in perfect physical condition to participate in said activity. Furthermore, I/we, the parent(s) of the above named candidate for a position on a league team hereby give my/our approval to his/her participation in all league activities during the current season. I/we, assume all risks and hazards incidental to such participation including transportation to and from the activities; and I/we do hereby waive, release, absolve, indemnify and agree to hold harmless the Police Athletic League, Inc., associated organizations, the organizers, sponsors, supervisors, participants and persons transporting my/our child to or from activities, for any claim arising out of an injury to my/our child, except to the extent and in the amount covered by accident liability insurance.

The Suffolk County Police Athletic League has adopted a zero tolerance policy for violence. This includes physical acts of violence, threats of violence or threatening behavior. A violation committed by any participant (player, coach, referee) parent or fan, will result in immediate expulsion from the League and a fine to the organization to which he/she belongs.

Parent(s)/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Suffolk County PAL is a not-for-profit organization. This notice is distributed to students solely as a community service by the school district. Such distribution should not be considered an endorsement or approval by the district of either the sponsor or the activity.

www.nsdekhockey.com  **631-249-4412**

Spring Break Programs

When school's out, WFC adventures are in!

Marine Science Mornings

Sign up for one day or the whole week online at www.thewaterfrontcenter.org!

Schedule: April 25-April 29 **Grades:** K-2nd & 3rd-5th

Time: 10:00am-12:00pm **Fee:** \$20 per day

Topics Include: Marine Madness Monday, Turtle Tuesday, Wacky Whelk Wednesday, Tidal Thursday, and Fish Frenzy Friday



STEAM Camp

Sign up for whole week online at www.thewaterfrontcenter.org!

Schedule: April 25-April 29 **Grades:** 5th— 8th

Time: 12:30pm-2:30pm **Fee:** \$100 for the week

Topics Include: Wind Power, Boat Building, and Simple Machines