



# Goosehill Primary School

## Weekly Notes-October 23, 2015



Dear Parents,

In addition to helping our students achieve academically, we spend a great deal of time at Goosehill Primary School teaching and fostering the development of our students' social-emotional skills. Our Classroom and School **Charters** provide the foundation on which all conversations about behavior and friendship are based. At today's Spirit Day Assembly, we reviewed the School Charter I developed with the children. The italicized words are those generated by the children at grade level assemblies. The children will be signing the charter this week during the lunch periods.

### Goosehill Primary School Charter 2015-16

**In our classrooms, in the lunchroom, on the playground and bus, and in our hallways, we want to feel...**

*Good, happy, excited, included, safe*

**What will we do to make sure we all feel this way?**

*Keep hands, feet, and body to ourselves, Respect personal space, Include people, Share,  
Use nice words, Use a calm voice*

**What should we do if someone doesn't live by our charter? (If someone is mean, or hurts us with words or actions...)**

*Give them an "I message," ("I don't like it when you do that. Please stop!")  
Don't do it back, Walk away, Tell a grown-up*

**If someone doesn't learn and breaks the charter again... What should the adults do?**

*(What are the consequences for "hurtful choices"?)*

*The teacher/principal will call parents, Child will lose a privilege, S/he will write a sorry note,  
S/he will do something extra nice for the person (make amends)*

As you can see, our students are very capable of expressing their needs and establishing guidelines for conduct. They were honest and open during our discussions and seemed to possess a real sense of what is right and fair. It was interesting to note that every group of students felt strongly that parents should be called if a child "breaks" the charter more than once. While they respect the authority of their teachers and principal, they intuitively know that their parents must be involved if their behavior is to change. I have shared the Charter with you so that you can use some of the same language with your child. A consistent approach benefits children.

The most important idea we share with the children is that our job is to teach them to be the very best people they can be. They may make mistakes along the way, but we will support and guide them so that they don't make the same mistakes twice. Also, it is the job of adults to ensure that all children are safe, comfortable, and happy at school, but children have a voice and can stand up for themselves and for each other.

At Goosehill, we are committed to helping children learn to manage their emotions and build positive relationships. We appreciate being able to work in partnership with parents to ensure that all children are safe, happy, and comfortable at school. Please don't hesitate to call your child's teacher or me if you have a concern to share. Your insights will help us address potential problems more quickly and efficiently.

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein

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### Dates to Remember.

**October 26<sup>th</sup>** - FOCUS parent event "Celebrate Calm" by Kirk Martin 7:30pm

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** - FOCUS parent event "Celebrate Calm" by Kirk Martin 9:30am

**October 30<sup>th</sup>** - Goosehill Halloween Parade

**November 5<sup>th</sup>** - CPC Meeting 9am



**November 9<sup>th</sup>** - GPFA Parents' Night Out Fundraiser

**November 9<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>** - Kindergarten Parent-Teacher Conferences

**November 10<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>** - First Grade Parent-Teacher Conferences

**November 11<sup>th</sup>** - No School- Veterans' Day

**November 15<sup>th</sup>** - SEPTA Family Event - Peanuts Movie, 10am at Elwood Cinemas

**November 18<sup>th</sup>** Photo Re-Take Day

GPFA meeting 9:30am- Mrs. Herschlein will present a workshop on reading

**Goosehill Baseball Day-Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>** - Wear NY Mets Colors (blue and orange)

Thanks to Leah Marino in Mrs. DeRop's class, we will celebrate the fact that the Mets are the National League Division Champions and will play in the World Series next week! We will celebrate with a school-wide **Wear Mets Colors** (or anything baseball, including Yankees!) **Day** on Tuesday. Leah wrote me a wonderful persuasive letter to share her idea!



**Halloween Parade and Sing Along-Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>**

👤 **Kindergarten 9:00-9:40**

👤 **1<sup>st</sup> grade 9:25-10:15**

👤 **All classes will parade together: 9:25-9:40.**

### **COSTUME GUIDELINES:**

- ✓ Keep the costume simple.
- ✓ Wear regular shoes, sneakers.
- ✓ No masks or hats that cover the eyes. A hat can be carried in the parade, if you'd like.
- ✓ Avoid accessories, unless they are simple. No weapons, please.
- ✓ No make-up or hair paint, please.



**Photo ReTake Day- November 18<sup>th</sup>** **Some class photos will also be retaken!**

Class photos will be retaken for the following classes: Mrs. DeRop, Ms. Villa, Mrs. Riggles, Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Gross, and Mrs. Cooper's classes.

### **Notes from the GPFA**

Invitations are out! Please join us for Goosehill's Annual Parents Night Out on Monday, November 9th from 7-9pm. Tickets are \$75 each and can be purchased by sending in a check (made payable to GPFA) through your child's backpack or by visiting <http://tinyurl.com/ndep7qt>. We encourage all parents to attend! It's a fun night out, a great way to meet other families and most importantly it's our school's biggest fundraiser of the year. If you have any questions about the event or have an item to donate for the raffle, please contact Kim Testa at [kn testa@aol.com](mailto:kn testa@aol.com). A paperless post will be sent out; please RSVP to the paperless post whether you pay by check or online. Thank you for your support!

Flyers for Goosehill Apparel were sent home this week. There are some great options to choose from! If you would like to purchase something for your child, all sales will be processed through the online store at <https://goosehill2015.itemorder.com/sale>. Once orders come in they will be sent home via your child's backpack.

We are still looking for volunteers to help organize math sheets for our teachers (it's a big project!). If you have an hour or two to spare during the week, email Kaitlin Eisenegger at [kcarrollx3@gmail.com](mailto:kcarrollx3@gmail.com).

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

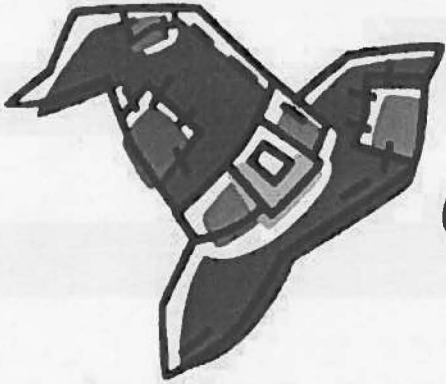
**\*\* PLEASE POST \*\***

Please be advised that a special meeting of the Board of Education will take place on October 27, 2015, at 7:30 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 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m. the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting and workshop to discuss Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

  
William Bernhard, District Clerk

# Haunted Hatchery



**October 24**  
2pm-5pm



**Calling all ghosts and goblins,  
spiders and bones....**

Families are welcome to join us for a  
not-so-scary Haunted Hatchery.

Receive a sweet treat as you **trick-or-treat** your  
way through the Hatchery & Aquarium.

**Refreshments • Games & Fun • Halloween Crafts**





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## In Honor of Colin Bowles 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Blood Drive



Saturday, October 24, 2015

9:00am~3:00pm

St. John's Episcopal Church  
12 Prospect St. Huntington

Your donation will help to save up to THREE lives. Our community hospitals need your help. Please share this lifesaving gift. Thank you for caring!

**Eligibility Criteria:**

- Bring ID with signature or photo.
- Minimum weight 110 lbs.
- Age 16 - 75 (16 year olds must have parental permission. Age 76 and over need doctor's note)
- Eat well (low fat) & drink fluids
- No tattoos for past 12 months

For questions concerning medical eligibility call 1-800-688-0900.

**△ Long Island Blood Services**

*For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact:  
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