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The Friday Notes

Our 226th Season January 22, 2016

Principal's Corner

On Tuesday, our week began with two winter concerts. Special thanks to all of our parents and family members who came to the Performing Arts Center in the evening to support our 5th and 6th grade orchestra, band, jazz band, and chorus members. On Thursday our 4th, 5th, and 6th graders worked with a representative from LightSail who demonstrated how to annotate on the iPad and answered questions from our students. Our learners are currently participating in the LightSail Reading Challenge where 6th graders are in the lead. Fourth graders have jumped into second place with 5th grade close behind. There is only one week left. Keep up the hard work. In addition, on Thursday Amber Zhou performed on the piano at morning assembly for the entire student body and faculty. Way to go, Amber! Our sixth graders also participated in maturation workshops led by Mr. Homer from the junior/senior high school and Ms. Parent, our health teacher. On Friday, our 5th graders worked under the direction of guest artist, Cliff Mendelson, on a large scale ceramic tile mural entitled "Images of Meso America." Students chose images that were important to the Inca, Mayan, and Aztec cultures. This timeless and most relevant themed mural expresses the importance of design and diversity. Throughout the day, students created hand-made low relief architectural tiles using the symbols and imagery inspired by various designs. Each student was responsible for designing his or her own tile which will eventually be included in an installed 8' x 4' mural. Ms. McLaughlin will be firing and installing the mural in the near future. Special thanks to Mrs. Provisero and Mrs. Corbin, our school's Cultural Arts Committee representatives, and Ms. McLaughlin for making this a possibility for our learners.

Looking forward to seeing everyone at Movie Night tonight at 5:00!

After School Program

This week was the last week of our first after school program. The next session will begin the week of February 1st. There are no after school programs next week. Please see attached brochure.

Outdoor Recess

We are trying to get our students outside for recess as much as possible. Please make sure your child brings a winter coat, hat and gloves to school each day. Thank you for your support.

Kindergarten Registration

If your preschool child will be 5 years old on or before December 1, 2016, he/she is eligible for kindergarten in September 2016. Please contact the District Registrar, Gloria Albert (631 367-5910) to ensure that your child's name appears on the District census. Only those families whose child's name appears on the census will receive a registration packet from the Superintendent. Registration begins in February.

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Movie Night

Please join us tonight @ 5pm for the showing of Hotel Transylvania 2. <u>Enjoy pizza and popcorn</u> while you watch a great movie with friends. <u>Dress in PJ's and don't forget your pillow</u>! This event is for WSS students and their siblings only. Parental supervision is required for all attending. <u>NO DROP-OFFS PLEASE</u>!! All students will have a chance to win a raffle prize. Students must be in attendance in order to be eligible to win a prize. Any questions, please contact Rita McCarey at <u>rmccarey@gmail.com</u>. See you at the movie!

Save the Date

There will be a joint mixer with sixth grade West Side and Lloyd Harbor students at Bounce on Sunday 1/24/16 from 5-7pm. More details to come!

West Side – Lloyd Harbor 6th Grade Get Together

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<u>ATTENTION ALL 6TH GRADERS</u>: Join your future classmates for some bouncing fun and pizza at Bounce! Sunday, January 24th from 5-7 pm. \$25 admission. Participation slips will be sent home via backpack.

FOCUS

FOCUS Presents a Workshop: Conquering School Anxiety -- Tips for Parents & Students. Special Guest Speaker Meredyth D. Kravitz, Psy.D. will:

- Offer test taking tips
- Teach us what to say to help our kids stay calm and relaxed
- Help us learn to be better prepared for tests

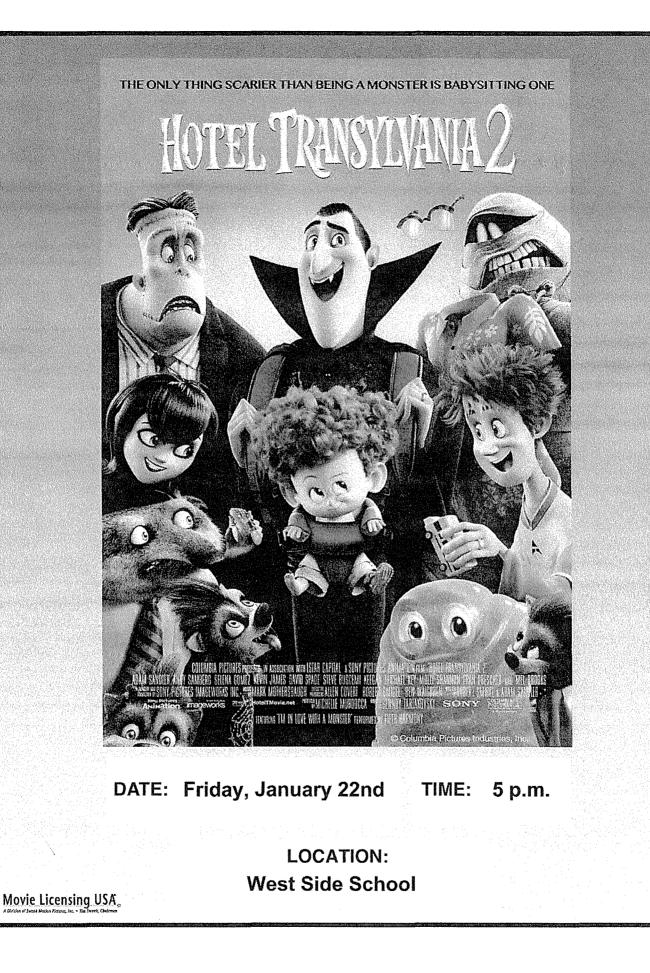
Please join us Wednesday, January 27th at 9:00am in the Goosehill Community Room. Light breakfast will be served.

Upcoming Events

Movie Night	Tonight at 5:00 PM at WSS (No drop-offs please.)		
FOCUS Presentation SIT PTG Meeting BOE Meeting Mid-Winter Recess	Wednesday, January 27 th at 9:00 AM at Goosehill		
SIT	Thursday, January 28 th at 3:30 PM		
PTG Meeting	Tuesday, February 9th at 9:30 AM in the Community Room		
BOE Meeting	Tuesday, February 9th at 8:00 PM at District Office		
Mid-Winter Recess	February 15 th — 19 th		

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OPERATION GRATITUDE

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West Side Kids Care will be collecting items to send to our brave men and women who are on active duty in the millitary. If your family would like to participate, please send a small personal item to school with your child before Monday February 1. This is a great opportunity to discuss what it means to serve our country with your child and how much these small items might mean to a soldier who is away from home and family. Suggestions are included below but the entire list of requested items can be seen at: www.operationgratitude.com/wishlist

- men & women's socks
- gum
- lip balm
- toothpaste & toothbrushes
- individual packets of towelettes
- hand & foot warmers
- mini-flashlights with extra batteries

Students will be invited to make Valentines and thank you cards during recess on Feb. 2 to include with these care packages.

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 January 26, at 5:00 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 7:30 p.m.

At 7:30 p.m., the Board of Education will reconvene its public meeting to discuss the 2016-2017 budget and any Board Agenda items appropriate for Public Session, pursuant to the Open Meetings Law.

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William Bernhard, District Clerk

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

In BeTween Study Skills Unwrapped: How to Succeed in the Classroom Wednesday, January 27th, 7pm For parents & kids in grades 5-12 Executive functioning is this year's buzzword. What are executive functioning skills? Why do they matter? And how do students 'get them"? This workshop, presented by Thinking Caps Group, will discuss what study and executive functioning skills are crucial to academic success. Come learn the secrets to sustainable academic success for you or your child.



Both students and parents are welcome to attend. Create a Stuffed Animal Friend Thursday, January 28th @ 4:30 pm For children in grades K-6



Create your own stuffed animal to take home and love!



Mini Masters Monday, January 25th @ 2 pm For children ages 3-5 with Adult Discover the art of Alexander Calder, then create your own sculpture inspired by his work.

For more information about any Kids Programs 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



About Boating Safely Class Saturday, February 27, from 9:30am-5pm

This is a one-day, intensive instructional course for those 10 years of age or older Students should bring a bag lunch & snacks. * Advance registration required. * Fee: \$40 cash or check payable to 'US Coast Guard AUX CSH Flotilla.'

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





SUPER GIRL JAM

Feb. 16-19 from 9am-5pm Camp Edey, Bayport \$160 Per Girl, Grades K-6

It's up to every Girl to explore her SUPER POWER and use it to Change the World!

- Conduct awesome Unlock the sound experiments secrets of soil
- Attend the ultimate
 Play super games dance party
- And much more!

Plus, you'll get your own Journey Book from the It's Your World-Change It! series.

Bus transportation available from Commack.



Questions? Call (631) 472-1625 or email camp@gssc.us



Not a Girl Scout? Not a problem! Only \$30 to begin your GS experience. For more info, email membership@gssc.us. Girl Scouts of Suffolk County is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. This activity is not affiliated or endorsed by the School District.

& Education Center of Cold Spring Harbor

PECULIAR PENGUINS SAT, JAN 30 | 2:30 pm

Celebrate National Penguin Awareness Day with explorations and crafts about penguins & frosty friends.

SAILOR'S VALENTINES SATURDAY, FEB 13 = 1-2 pm or 2:30-3:30pm In honor of Valentine's Day, create a Sailor's Valentine, a beautiful shell mosaic based on the gifts sailors brought home from the Caribbean in the 1800s.

WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!

MONDAY, FEB 15 - 11:30-12:30 pm or 1:30-2:30 pm You are cordially invited to a birthday party for our Founding Father! Learn about whaling during colonial times, explore fun colonial toys, make a fun tinpunching craft, and enjoy birthday cake!

TOOTHPALOOZA!

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SUNDAY, FEB 21 - 12-3 PM It's National Children's Dental Health Month. Come touch whale teeth, hunt for shark teeth, see a whale tooth cavity, meet the Tooth, Fairy, learn facts about teeth at our craft stations, create a keepsake box for your baby teeth, and enjoy face painting.

OCEAN EXPLORERS CAMP

MON-FRI, FEB 15-19 • 9:30-1pm Dive into the world of our best-loved camp as we explore sharks, whales, and lots of ocean creatures with games, crafts, experiments, and activities. Grades K-3.

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Crew Leader: Gr 4. CITS: 8th Gr & Up (Community Service). Sibling discount. Registration Online by Feb 8.

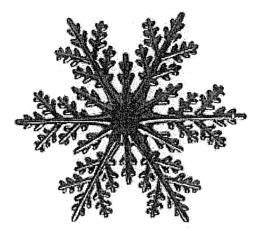
BUILD A BOAT! WORKSHOP TUES-FRI, FEB 116-

19 • 2-4 pm Stop in this week to freely imagine, design, and build a wooden vessel to take home. Adult and children both welcome!

LOTS MORE ONLINE!

279 MAIN STREET COLD SPRING HARBOR. NY 11724 (631) 367–3418 CSHWHALINGMUSEUM.ORG

West Side School After School Program



14 week program Session 2 Schedule

Weeks of:

February 1st February 8th February 22nd February 29th March 7th March 14th March 28th April 4th April 11th April 18th May 2nd May 9th May 16th May 23rd

Classes begin on Monday, February 1st. *You must register by Wednesday, January 27^{th.}*

For class descriptions, please go to the West Side School website.

NEW: MORNING PROGRAMS- LEGO ROBOTICS

Day	Course	<u>Grade</u>	Location	Fee
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Monday:	All Sports	2-6	Gym	\$125.00
	Homework Club	2-6	Library	\$125.00
	Kleiner's Kids Newspaper Club	5-6	Computer Lab	\$125.00
Tuesday:	Homework Club	2-6	206	\$125.00
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	Beyond the Hour of Code 7:30- 8:30 am	2-4	Computer Lab	\$125.00
Wednesday	No classes held			
Thursday	Lego Robotics 7:30-8:30 am	4~6	Computer Lab	\$125.00
	Homework Club	2~6	206	\$125.00
	Chess Nuts <i>This class will run 13 sessions</i>	2~6	Art Room	\$207.00
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Friday	Basketball/ Capture the Flag <i>10 week class</i>	4~6	Gymnasium	\$90.00
	Crafty Kids	2-6	TBA	\$125.00
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Classes fill quickly! Please register by January 27th.

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Please be prompt when picking up your child. Classes end at 4:15.

Changes in Our Winter Schedule

Classes will begin on February 1st. *Friday, March 18th and April 1st are half-days. Classes will be held from 12:00-12:50. There will be no after school program held on Thursday, April 21st due to staff development. Chess will run for 13 sessions.*

After School Program

Most of the classes will be conducted for fourteen weeks from 3:15 - 4:15 PM. The fee for the program is \$125. Outside vendors often charge additional fees.

MATERIAL FEES ARE DUE ON THE FIRST DAY OF CLASS. Please do not send materials fee with registration. Send the fee in with your child for the first class.

Registration is by mail only and must be POST MARKED BY Wednesday, January 27th.

Mail checks, payable to the WSSPTG, and mail registration forms to:

Melissa Newman 80 Wildwood Drive Laurel Hollow, NY 11791

Registration is on a first-come first-served basis. We cannot accept phone reservations or registration forms without checks attached. Otherwise, it is unfair to those students who want to get into the classes. Classes will generally contain between 10 - 20 students. Class limits are set by the instructors and will be on a first-come first-served basis. If there is insufficient enrollment, the class will be cancelled, and you will be notified.

Registration will not be permitted without a check for the correct amount accompanying the registration forms.

A separate check is required for each class your child takes. *If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.*

If you should have any questions, please contact: Mrs. Newman 516-692-4275

<u>Registration Form</u> *Please make checks payable to the* <u>WSSPTG.</u>

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Name	Grade	Teacher			
Address	Zip	Phone ()			
Email Address:					
Class	Day:	Cost: \$			
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Parent Signature Checks should be made out to the <u>WSSPTG.</u>					
A separate check is required for each class your child takes. If you have more than one child attending a class, you may write one check for the total amount.					
All registration forms must be postmarked by Wednesday, January 27 th .					
<u>Changes and Refunds</u> Changes in course selection may be made within the first two (2) weeks of the start of each session.					
Refunds will NOT be given after the first two (2) weeks.					

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