



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-March 10, 2017



Dear Parents,

Next Friday is the first parent-teacher conference day. On conference days (3/17, 3/24, 3/31), all elementary students will be dismissed at 11:50. The children also have a half day of school the following Friday (April 7) as the entire staff will have a professional development day.

Parent-teachers conferences are an important component of our home-school connection. When teachers and parents work together, children benefit in countless ways. Please consider the following ideas as you prepare for this mid-year conference with your child's teacher:

- **All learners develop at different rates and in different ways.** Your child's teacher will help you know the areas in which your child is performing comfortably and the areas in which s/he needs some support at this time. Please remember that if your child needs support in some areas of the curriculum, it is okay. The teacher will let you know what she is doing to address your child's needs.
- **Each semester, the expectations are higher.** Therefore, your child may receive the same grade as s/he did in December. Although the grade is the same, it represents significant growth. Your child has learned and applied increasingly complex skills!
- **Children's skills are strengthened when they have many opportunities for practice.** Ask your child's teacher what you can do to provide support at home. Just 10 minutes a day can make a world of difference. For example:
 - ✓ **Make time for your child to read aloud to you.** Make sure the books are comfortable enough so that it is not a chore for your child. Reading "easy" books (and rereading books many times) builds fluency, automaticity, and confidence.
 - ✓ **Practice sight words.** You can make sight words into flashcards, or make them into a Matching, Memory, or Go Fish game.
 - ✓ **Play Math games-** anything involving counting or adding. Here's one idea: Take decks of cards (remove the picture cards). Shuffle and deal all the cards to the players. Each player lays down two cards. The player with the greatest sum wins each round! (like "War" but with addition)
- **Your child's performance in *all* areas of the curriculum, including art, music, and physical education, is important.** If you would like to schedule an appointment with Mrs. Beneville, Mrs. Kotzky, or Mr. Malone, please call the Main Office.
- The best way to support your child's growth and confidence as a learner is to **celebrate and encourage effort and perseverance.** Let your child know how proud you are of how hard s/he works in school to be the very best student s/he can be.

Report cards will be available on the portal after 5 p.m. on Thursday 3/16. You can print your child's report card from home and bring it with you to the conference.

*Please remember, **changes in bus stop cannot be accommodated on half days.** (The children ride home with different children on half days.) Please keep your child's usual dismissal plan. If a change is necessary, please review it with your child in the morning and send a note to the teacher. **Remember, we must receive any dismissal changes in your child's backpack in the morning.** Please avoid calling the office to make a change to your child's dismissal plan once the school day has begun as it causes a disruption to classes and impacts instructional time. We appreciate your cooperation.

Have a great weekend! Remember to "*Spring Forward!*"

Warm regards,
Lynn Herschlein



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Important Dates

March 15 - RESCHEDULED GPFA Meeting 9:30 in the Community Room

March 16- Kindergarten Dance 6-7 p.m.

March 17, 24, 31- Half Days of School (Parent-Teacher Conferences) Noon dismissal

March 22 -FOCUS Welcomes Back: Jennifer Hartstein 9:00 in District Office

March 23- First Grade Dance 6-7 p.m

March 24- Original Arts Fundraiser forms due

April 7- Half Day of School

Pennies for Puppies, Dimes for Doggies Fundraiser

Just a reminder to help your child earn money to donate to our coin jar!

Parent Workshop-rescheduled- Wednesday, March 15th at 9:30

Mrs. Herschlein will be presenting on the topic of reading comprehension and ways parents can support their children's skill development at home at the rescheduled GPFA meeting on Wednesday, March 15th at 9:30.

Class Placement for 2017-18

Please check your child's backpack for an important letter from the elementary principals regarding the placement process.

GPFA Updates

POP! Party 2017 Journey with the Cold Spring Harbor Educational Foundation to Planet POP! for the Third Annual Power of Partnership Party, **Friday, March 10th from 7 to 11pm** at the Vanderbilt Planetarium. One hundred percent of the proceeds benefit CSH schools. To purchase tickets, please visit: <http://cshedfoundation.com/pop>

GPFA Meeting The March GPFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 15th at 9:30am** in the Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will be presenting about reading comprehension and ways parents can support their children's skill development at home. Hope to see you there!

Save the Date! Kindergarten and First Grade Dances The Kindergarten and First grade dances are coming up! The Kindergarten dance will be held on **Thursday, March 16th from 6-7pm**. All kindergarten students (and their families) are welcome to join us to enjoy a fun night at school. Students can wear comfortable clothing or be dressed to impress. Siblings welcome, \$10 per family. The first grade dance will be held the following week on **Thursday, March 23rd from 6-7pm**. *Don't forget your cameras! There will be photo backdrops and props for some great photo ops for your children and friends!*

FOCUS Welcomes Back: Jennifer Hartstein Come join us for the presentation by Dr. Jennifer Hartstein, "How Is Social Media Affecting Your Child's Self Esteem?". The workshop will be held on **Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00am** in the District Office Community Room at Goosehill.

Original Works Fundraiser

Help support Goosehill while preserving some cherished artwork created by your very own child! Your little Picassos have been hard at work! Be on the lookout next week for a packet containing your child's artwork, an order form and catalog from Original Works. Your child's masterpiece can be duplicated onto any number of wonderful keepsakes; keychains, placemats, ornaments and more - get your Mother's Day shopping done early!



Welcomes Back:

Dr. Jennifer Hartstein

How Is Social Media Affecting
Your Child's Self Esteem?

Join Us For This Workshop

Wednesday, March 22 at 9:00am



*Psychological Contributor for
NBC Today Show & The Dr. Oz Show*

District Office Community Room
75 Goosehill Road

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

Leprechaun Treasure Box
Tuesday, March 14 @ 4:30
For children in grades 3-5
Paint and decorate a special box to keep your St. Patrick's Day treasures and treats.

Little Scientists
Thursday, March 16 @ 2 pm
For children in preschool
Shaving cream art
Friday, March 17 @ 2 pm
For children of all ages

Adventures in Art:
Monday, March 13 @ 4:30
For children in Grades K-6
Explore the sculpture of modern artists like Pablo Picasso and Robert Rauschenberg, then build your own found object art from recycled materials.

Registration required. 

Irish Pirates
Wednesday, March 15 @ 4:30
For children in Grades K-6
Children can sail the Seven Seas to learn all about the Irish pirates of yore, and make their own Jolly Roger flag to take home along with other fun pirate crafts!

Registration required. 

TEEN & IN BETWEEN FOR KIDS IS GRADES 5-7

MAKER MONDAY: SLIME

Monday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm
Make lots of slime using different recipes and compare your results!



Yoga!

Thursday, March 13 @ 7:00 pm
Do you need to relax? Take a breather at our FREE yoga class.

For more information about any Kids or Teen Programs, contact a Youth Services Librarian at

Programs and Services from the Information Services Department



Author Talk: *The Heart of a Champion:*
A Basketball Coach's Memoir of a Championship Team
Tuesday, March 21 at 7pm

Former St. Anthony's High School basketball coach, Dr. Gus Alfieri, will discuss his book, *The Heart of a Champion*; his memories of Kenny Atkinson, coach of the Brooklyn Nets; and, of course, March Madness! Coach Alfieri's memoir chronicles the rise of this local team to it number one ranking in New York State. Books available for purchase and signing. Free and open to adults & young adults ages 16+.

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.

2017 Registration is Open!

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

Offering 1& 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.

\$180/one week -members \$240/one week non-members

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

Session IJuly 10 to July 21

Session II.....July 24 to August 4

PASSPORT TO THE PAST -2017 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 / Week: _____

Amex/ Mastercard/ Visa/ Discover Credit Card: _____

Exp. Date: _____ Security Code: _____

Make checks payable to: *Huntington Historical Society*

Mail to: 209 Main St., Huntington, NY 11743

Registration Fee: _____

(Optional \$60.00) Society Membership: _____

Total: _____

For information call 631 427-7045 ext 404.

The Huntington Historical Society is a private, non-profit organization.

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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 March 15, 2017, at 5:00 p.m. at the Francis Roberts Community Center. The Board of Education will consider a motion to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss legal and personnel matters appropriate for Executive Session.



William Bernhard, District Clerk