

Dear Parents,

As you prepare for your **parent-teacher conference**, think about ways you can strengthen the partnership with your child’s teacher by sharing your insights about your child and setting goals together.

- Let your child’s teacher know about the positive experiences your child is having. This gives her insight into what “works” for your child.
- Share your observations about your child’s progress. Express any concerns you may have. Remember that the teacher has a broad perspective about children’s development. Listen to what she has to say about your child’s progress in relation to grade level expectations. Ask about what you can do to support her plan to help your child develop necessary behaviors and skills.
- Be aware that the teacher may need to communicate a concern about your child’s interactions in school. Remember, teachers are in a unique position to observe your child in a social setting outside of your influence. Consider the conference to be a problem-solving discussion. No one expects children to be perfect. Our goal is that all children continue to learn and grow---academically and socially.
- **After the conference, please let your child know how proud you are of his/her efforts.** Celebrate all s/he has learned! Children need to feel competent and appreciated. Let your child know that all learners set goals for improvement and that you are there to support him/her---and so is his/her teacher.

We appreciate your involvement in your child’s education. It makes a big difference!

Warm regards,
 Lynn Herschlein



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Important Dates

- March 22** -FOCUS Welcomes Back: Jennifer Hartstein 9:00 in District Office
***March 24, 31-** Half Days of School (Parent-Teacher Conferences) Noon dismissal
March 23- First Grade Dance 6-7 p.m
March 24- Original Arts Fundraiser forms due
***April 7-** Half Day of School
April 8- GPFA Meeting- topic: class placement



Dismissal We continue to have a number of changes to dismissal plans and need to ask your support. To ensure that dismissal is orderly and safe for all children, your child’s daily dismissal plan should be as consistent as possible. If a change is absolutely necessary, a note must be sent to the classroom teacher in your child’s backpack in the morning. **We respectfully request that you avoid calling the Main Office to make a change to your child’s dismissal plan once the school day has begun.** When such a change is made after the children have started their day, it causes confusion and disrupts instructional time. Therefore, please understand that **mid-day dismissal changes can only be accommodated in emergency situations.** We appreciate your cooperation as we work to ensure the safety and security of all children.

School Improvement Team (SIT) Please continue to help your child earn coins to contribute to our **Pennies For Puppies** drive. Please also consider providing a workshop for our students at our first **Goosehill University on April 7th 8:30-11:30**. We are seeking volunteers to share their favorite topic, hobby, or interest. The goal is for our students to see all of us as lifelong learners. Please call or email Mrs. Herschlein with your ideas: lherschlein@csh.k12.ny.us. So far we have dog and puppy care, art interpretation, camping, Spanish, cartooning, cheerleading/dance, and exercise and fitness.

Thank you! Thank you to Mrs. Avidano and Mrs. Choi for organizing a fun dance night for the children. Thank you, Mrs. Ranaldo, for leading the children in their dance moves!



GPFA Updates

First Grade Dance The First Grade Dance will be held on **Thursday, March 23rd from 6-7pm**. All first grade 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. *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 Community Room.

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! You have received 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! Forms will be due on **March 24th**.

GPFA Meeting The next GPFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, April 8th at 9:30am** in the Community Room. Mrs. Herschlein will be discussing the class placement process. Hope to see you there!

FOCUS (Families of the Community United through Schools) is a district-wide organization that involves families, schools and the community. Its purpose is to promote the skills and environment necessary for children to make healthy and responsible decisions. This is accomplished through parent education and discussion on issues that are important to the community. Through information, education, and collaboration we seek areas in the school community that can be improved upon. Our panels have included authors, professors, school administration, teachers, counselors and parents.

FOCUS meets once a month. Members of **FOCUS** will be able to meet with principal/administration at start of the year to create an agenda for the school year and help with transition meetings at the end of the year. If you are interested in getting involved with **FOCUS** please contact Nicole Prizzi @ nrotunda@gmail.com OR **516-238-6692** (cell).

SEPTA If you are looking for an opportunity to become more active in the Cold Spring Harbor School District, the Special Education Parent Teacher Association is seeking volunteers. This parent group represents the children and families across all the schools K-12 in the Cold Spring Harbor School District and provides an opportunity to work with other parents, educators and administrators in the district. If you are interested in getting involved please contact us at: cshsepta@yahoo.com

Boxtop Results We know you've all been waiting with bated breath for these results (blame the broken shoulders for the delay). Here they are - the Boxtops winners: Mrs. Cooper's Class and Mrs. Katz's Class!! Congratulations and enjoy that extra recess! The final numbers were...Mrs. Ranaldo - 26, Mrs. Gross - 64, Mrs. Fran - 73, Mrs. Adams - 82, Mrs. Cooper - 245! Mrs. Villa - 44, Mrs. GC - 70, Mrs. Riggles - 117, Mrs. DeRop - 218, Mrs. Katz - 292!!!! Keep clipping - we'll have another contest during the month of April. Which class will claim victory? Will we reach our goal of 50 Boxtops per child? Will Bessi ever win??? We...shall...see...



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

West Side Apparel

<http://www.sync-sports.com/west-side>



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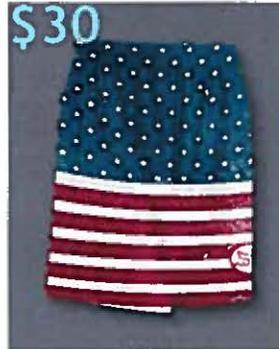
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Jacket converts to Blanket



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Fleece Vest



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Terry Cloth Tank



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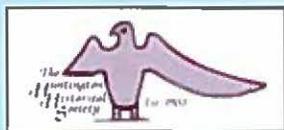


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PLEASE SUPPORT THE PTG AND GET YOUR SPIRIT WEAR
ORDERS ARE DUE APRIL 1ST
ORDERS CAN BE PLACED ON-LINE AT THE ABOVE LINK
QUESTIONS KNTESTA@AOL.COM



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.