



School  
Improvement  
Team

## Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes-April 28, 2017



Dear Parents,

Our School Improvement Team (SIT) has made important contributions to our school this year. Our theme for the year was **Connections**, which included home and community connections as well as student-to-student connections.

Thanks to the hard work of the team, we now have an updated **Parent Handbook** posted on the Goosehill website. Please take a look for *all the information you may want to know* about our school and procedures. ☺ While you are visiting the website, I hope you enjoy seeing the photos of our students, which are updated periodically. You can also access the presentations I have given for parents, including the most recent one on reading comprehension. The presentations can be accessed using the *Information for Parents Quick Link* on the left side of the page.

Our School Improvement Team was also responsible for planning and organizing our **Pennies for Puppies Drive**. Our goal was to engage our students in a community service project. The children are thoroughly enjoying earning money at home to donate to the collection jug. As you know, we purchased over \$750.00 worth of supplies for Little Shelter. Our collection will continue through the month of May.

Goosehill University was a resounding success! The children loved learning from parents and community members about their passions and interests. This was a very special day! Thank you to our SIT members for their hard work in planning such a terrific learning experience for the children. (see photos on our website!)

Finally, SIT planned for a letter-writing project for our students. Current Goosehill kindergarten and first graders will write letters to the incoming students, welcoming them to their new classrooms.

This is the time of year when we ask for volunteers to serve on next year's SIT. The SIT meets once a month from 3:15 – 4:00. Sometimes SIT members do things outside of the meeting to support our projects, such as research ideas, contact community members, or shop for supplies. Being on SIT is a terrific way to bring ideas and support special events at our school. If you would like to serve on next year's SIT, please print the Self-Nomination Form (in today's attachments) and send it to school. We will forward it to the Central Parents Council (CPC) for you.

Today is Arbor Day. It was a perfect day to continue our Earth Day celebrations! Thank you to Mrs. DeSimone, who chaired the GPFA Green Committee, and for organizing all of our parent volunteers for the Earth Day recess games for the kindergarten children. They had so much fun! Thank you to Mrs. Worden and Mrs. Olson, who co-chaired the GPFA School Beautification Committee, and for organizing the planting of flowers around our school. The first graders felt a sense of pride as they planted flowers for all to enjoy.



As you can see, there are many ways parents support our school. The teachers, staff, and I are grateful for all you do to assist and enhance our school community!

Enjoy the weekend!

Lynn Herschlein

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**Important Dates**

**May 3- GPFA Meeting 9:30- Thank You Breakfast.**

Our Superintendent, Mr. Fenter, will also discuss the proposed 2017-18 School District Budget.

**May 4- CPC Meeting**

**May 13- Goosehill Plant Sale- Buy plants for Mother’s Day! 9:00-2:00 at Goosehill**

**May 21- West Side 25<sup>th</sup> Annual 5K & 1 Mile Run**

**GPFA Updates**

**Proposed 2017-18 GPFA Board**

We'd like to thank the nominating committee for their time and dedication in assembling the proposed 2017-18 GPFA board. Special thanks to committee chairperson Tara Dircks, as well as committee members Claudia Marino, Kristen Choi, Stacy Neri, Bessi Mavronicolas and Kate Vivalo. The nominating committee is excited to announce the proposed board for the 2017-18 school year!

- ❖ **Co-Presidents:** Meghan Gallagher & Janine Mullen
- ❖ **Vice Presidents:** Andrea Streater, Nancy Worden & Amanda Light
- ❖ **Secretary:** Michele Gulitti
- ❖ **Treasurer:** Laura Newman
- ❖ **Communications Coordinator:** Claudine Caracciolo
- ❖ **Ambassador/Class Parent Coordinator:** Kaitlin Eisenegger

**Box Tops are Back!**

It's time again to start clipping and collecting those Boxtops. The class who collects the most will get an extra recess. Remember to send them in your child’s backpack with their teacher’s name on the envelope. The deadline is **May 19th**. Good luck!!

**GPFA Meeting**

The next GPFA meeting will be held on **Wednesday, May 3rd at 9:30am** in the Community Room. Mr. Fenter and Dr. Bernhard will discuss the proposed 2017-18 School District Budget. We will also have our **Thank You Breakfast** to thank all of our committee members and class parents.

**Pennies for Puppies, Dimes for Doggies**

Just a reminder to encourage your child to do good deeds or chores to earn pennies and dimes for donation to help the animals at The Little Shelter Animal Shelter. Have your child bring their coins to school and add them to the school jar. The empty baggies will be sent home for refilling! Any coins are fine—pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters!

**Outdoor Activities this Weekend-** Here are two local festivals this weekend your family might enjoy:

**Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery Spring Festival-** Saturday, 10:30-4:30. Celebrate the warmer weather with music, food, bouncy castle and petting zoo.

**Planting Fields Arboretum Arbor Day Family Festival-** Saturday and Sunday, 11-5. Bring the family for a weekend of fun-filled activities like face painting, caricaturists and a petting zoo. The festival is designed to educate guests about how to protect the environment.

**Cold Spring Harbor Central School District  
SHARED-DECISION MAKING  
SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM (SIT) SELF NOMINATION FORM SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT TEAM  
NOMINATION FORM**

We are in the process of putting together our School Improvement Team (SIT) for the 2017-2018 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 the 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 you name.
- The term of office is for one year, not to exceed a 3-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 the school you represent as of September 2017)

\_\_\_ Goosehill Primary School (4 representatives needed)

\_\_\_ Lloyd Harbor (4 representatives needed)

\_\_\_ West Side School (4 representatives needed)

\_\_\_ Cold Spring Harbor JrSr High (6 representatives needed)

3) \_\_\_ I would like to serve as a parent of a student with special needs (1 representative per school needed) \* your child must have an individualized educational plan

4) Indicate the grade your children will enter in the fall of 2017 \_\_\_\_\_

5) Please write a brief sentence or two as to why you would like to serve as a SIT parent member.

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If you have any questions about the SIT Committee, please contact your school principal.

Please return this form to the District Office (attn.: CPC Chairperson) no later than April 20th.

Cold Spring Harbor Central School District  
The Francis Roberts Community Center  
75 Goosehill Rd  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724  
Attn: CPC Chairperson

**COLD SPRING HARBOR HUNTINGTON  
SOCCER CLUB AND EXCEL SOCCER  
SUMMER CAMPS**

**JULY 17-21, 2017 & AUGUST 7-11, 2017**

**Half Day (9a-12pm)  
\$165**

**Full Day (9am-4pm)  
\$250**

**Boys and  
Girls Ages  
6-16**

Camp will be run by professional licensed trainers provided by Excel Soccer and CSHHSC DOC  
Dave McCarthy

**\*\*Multi-Camp Discount\*\***

Register for both camps and receive a \$25 discount on the total cost

**REGISTER TODAY AT:**

[cshhsc.sportssignup.com/site](http://cshhsc.sportssignup.com/site)

Contact: Megan Strout : [excelsoccer01@gmail.com](mailto:excelsoccer01@gmail.com)

**FULL TIME CAMPERS MUST BRING THEIR OWN LUNCH**

# Junior Summer Programs

Making every summer the one to remember!



Register Online Now!  
[theWaterFrontCenter.org](http://theWaterFrontCenter.org)

Meet new friends, achieve greater goals and engage in unique activities while exploring and recreating in the marine environment.

Visit our **Open House April 2nd & May 7th 1:00 - 3:00 pm**

Learn more about our amazing programs!



## Sailing

Junior Sailing Programs are designed to promote skill progression and continuity with options for every age and skill level. For children entering 3rd - 12th grades.



## Marine Discovery

Discover the marine environment and engage in aquatic research while having fun fishing, kayaking, seining, and sailing. For children entering 1st - 12th Grades.



## Racing

Sailors practice performance sailing, learn racing rules and strategy in preparation for competing at area regattas on Long Island Sound and beyond.

## Adult Sailing Programs, Charters, and Rentals

The WaterFront Center offers a variety of programs suited for sailors of all abilities and ages.

As a US Sailing accredited school, we offer the highest standard of quality instruction and facilities.

Whether you are a first time sailor or a seasoned raced, interested in dinghies, keel boats or cruising, we have an experience for you.



Kayak & SUP rentals



Public Sail Cruises



Guided Tours



Private Charters



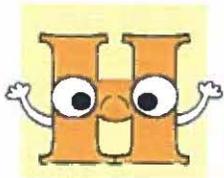
Private Lessons



Sail Boat Rentals

# The Heckscher Museum of Art

2 Prime Avenue, Huntington, NY 11743 | 631.351.3250 | Heckscher.org



## HECKSCHER FAMILY HOUR Guided Tour & Activities

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
Children ages 5 - 10 years

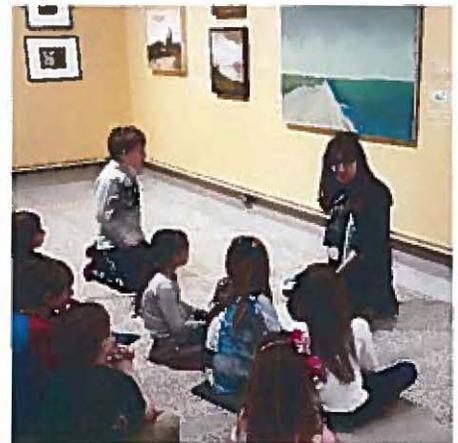
**Sunday, May 21, 2017**  
*Earth Muse: Art and the Environment*

**Sunday, September 17, 2017**  
*Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views*

Children and their families are invited to join museum educator Tami Wood for a family-friendly tour of the Museum's exhibitions. Experience the artwork through close looking, lively conversation, and hands-on gallery projects.

Registration is recommended. Space is limited.

**Members and Children Free**  
**Non-Members Museum Admission**  
**\$5 activity fee per child**



Images (Top to Bottom):

Tami Wood with students in the gallery. William Merritt Post, *A Bend in the River, n.d [detail]*. Heckscher Museum of Art; August Heckscher Collection.  
(On view in *Ebb & Flow: Seascape and Shoreline Views*)



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**97th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**  
Weekend of July 8 & 9, 2017  
Free Admission & Family Activities

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