



# Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- September 16, 2016



Dear Parents,

Thank you for attending Back to School Night last night! Your involvement and commitment to your child's education has a powerful impact on his/her success in school. We look forward to working with you this year and supporting your efforts to help your child grow and develop as a confident, independent young learner. Through our partnership with the GPFA, SEPTA, and FOCUS, we will be offering workshops throughout the year about child development, positive discipline, and how to support your child's developing skills in all areas.

Amazing academic, social, and emotional growth happens in kindergarten and first grade! You can help build your child's **confidence** by recognizing all of his/her **efforts** in school. Research shows it is more important to praise effort and perseverance than achievement! We also know the importance of teaching children to manage their own materials and be responsible for completing tasks independently. You can support your child's developing **independence** by allowing him/her to take responsibility for tasks at home. It is also important to model and support your child as s/he begins to **make decisions and choices**—another important skill. Here are some ideas to consider:

- ✓ Have your child unpack his/her backpack when s/he gets home from school. Establish a routine for where papers go, how to set up for reading and HW assignments, and emptying the lunchbox.
- ✓ Involve your child in making decisions about lunch and snack. Look at the school menu together and talk about the choices. If lunch will be packed, plan the "menu" the night before.
- ✓ Lay out clothes for the next day. Allow your child to make simple choices from a set of options you are prepared to accept.
- ✓ Let your child participate in simple household chores, such as setting the table, unpacking groceries, and putting away his/her toys.
- ✓ When homework involves a choice of activities, help your child review and consider them. Talk about the benefits and drawbacks of each choice and allow your child to make his/her own decision.

As adults, we know that it takes more time for children to do things or decide things for themselves than it does for us to go ahead and *do* or *decide* for them. However, if we keep the goals of independence and confidence in mind, we realize that teaching and then expecting children to make decisions and complete tasks on their own is well worth our time and effort. By **gradually** releasing responsibility to children and praising their efforts, we help them develop the capacity to make good choices and complete tasks independently---both of which are skills that are essential to their success in school...and life!

On another note, we will be saying farewell to our wonderful school secretary, Mrs. Barbara Grieco, next week. Mrs. Grieco will assume the position of secretary to the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Dr. Lydia Bellino. Mrs. Grieco has been an integral member of the Goosehill Primary School staff for many, many years. I know she has assisted every family at one time or another since your first days here! Thankfully, Mrs. Grieco will just be around the corner in the District Office, and we will be able to call on her anytime for her wisdom and assistance, or just to say hello. We wish her all the best in her new and exciting venture!

We look forward to seeing your family at the picnic this afternoon! Have a wonderful weekend!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein



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## Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

The children are being engaged in developing **charters** in their classrooms. A charter is a document that expresses the goals and rules of a community. Students are being asked to contribute their ideas in response to guiding questions: *How do you want to feel in school? What will you do to ensure that all members of our school feel that way? What we will do if someone "breaks" our charter?* The children have a sense of ownership and commitment to the tenets of the charter because they contribute to it.

## Notes from the GPFA

### Important Dates

**September 23-** SEPTA Workshop    **September 30-** Half Day of School. Noon dismissal

**October 3-4** – Rosh Hashanah. School is closed.    **October 5-** GPFA Meeting at 9:30am

**October 5-** Lunch/Recess Training 10:30am. If you would like to volunteer for lunch/recess you will need to be present at this training. If you cannot make this training, it will be offered again at another time.

### GPFA Picnic

We hope to see everyone at the Welcome Back Picnic tonight! Bounce houses, pizza, a DJ and more. \$20 per family—siblings welcome.

### GPFA Tea

Thanks to everyone who made it to the Tea this week—we had a great turnout! Thank you to Mr. Fenter, Mrs. Herschlein and all the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers who came as well. If you did not get a chance to sign up for committees and would like to, please email [gpfacsh@gmail.com](mailto:gpfacsh@gmail.com). Directories were distributed to all who paid dues. If you need to pay dues, send a check in an envelope in your child's backpack labeled "GPFA". The Directory will be sent back in your child's backpack.

**Photo Day** Thanks to Sandra Reilly, Andrea Streater Geraldine Ficara, Jen Sirris, and Katie Zarboutis for making Photo Day a success. Island Photography will be sending an email with a link and a password to all parents when the photos are ready to view online. All orders will be placed online. Retakes -October 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Lunch/Recess Training**-October 5th at 10:30am (immediately following the GPFA meeting). If you would like to volunteer for lunch/recess you will need to be present at this training. If you cannot make this training, it will be offered again at another time.

**Boxtops** Game on, parents!! Time to get your competitive juices flowing! Which class can win an extra recess? Hopefully, you've all been clipping your Boxtops & Labels for Education. Now's your chance for glory! Send them in with your child's name and teacher's name. The class with the most wins! Contest ends 10/21.

**Special Education PTA (SEPTA)** Wondering how to best help your child with homework? Confused by The Common Core? Dreading the homework power struggle? We have the workshop for you! On **September 23rd at 9:30 AM** in district office come learn strategies you can apply right away. We will be giving a general overview of the Special Education process and terminology. Parents are welcome to send questions ahead to: [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com). Upcoming SEPTA workshops will also include: 1) Helping your child manage stress and overcome the 'blues' and knowing when to get additional support. 2) Optimizing your child's diet/nutrition. To become a member of SEPTA, please complete the attached SEPTA form and return to your child's teacher OR send to ATTN: SEPTA, CSH District Office, 75 Goose Hill Road. SEPTA welcomes all families, friends, teachers and administrators as members.

**Finally, Save the Date - Sunday, November 6th** - SEPTA Family Movie Event - private screening of the TROLLS movie.

# Cold Spring Harbor

# SEPTA

(Special Education Parent-Teacher Association)

The Cold Spring Harbor Special Education Parent Teacher Association is a district-wide organization dedicated to support parents/caregivers of students who have learning needs and require the support of district-wide services.

SEPTA provides parents and teachers of special education students with the ability to obtain information, discuss issues, and improve academic and social experiences of our special education students.

Membership is open to all parents, teachers and administrators. We gladly welcome and appreciate your support.

**Membership provides support to:**

- SEPTA Senior Award(s)
- Parent Workshops
- Homework Support / Homework Club
- Teacher Wish Lists

SEPTA dues are \$20 annually.

Dues may be paid by cash, check or via [paypal.me/CSHSepta](http://paypal.me/CSHSepta).

Checks can be written out to CSH SEPTA.

Please email us with any questions at [cshsepta@yahoo.com](mailto:cshsepta@yahoo.com).

*Homework and Friendship Club are an additional fee.*

We thank you for your continued support!!

Tara Belfi (Co-President), Nicole Prizzi (Co-President), Lauryn Koke (Vice President),  
Kristine Jacobson (Secretary), Anne Scott (Treasurer)

Forms and payment can be sent to the main office via your child's' teachers OR  
To the attention of the SEPTA Mailbox in CSH District office

**CSH SEPTA Membership Form**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ email: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Childs name: \_\_\_\_\_ School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



Dues: \$20.00

Please make checks payable to: **CSH SEPTA** OR make pay via **Paypal.me/CSHSepta**

# Cold Spring Harbor Library Announces...

Free interactive on-line Homework Help through **Brainfuse!**

All patrons have access to this resource. Visit the Library Home page at [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org) and click on homework help. Log in to Brainfuse with your library card barcode located on the back of the card.

The following services are offered for children and teens through Brainfuse:

- **Homework Help:** Interact with LIVE tutors in math, science, reading/writing, social studies, etc.
- **Skills-Building:** Brush up or catch up on a subject or skill with a LIVE tutor.
- **24-Hour Writing Lab:** Submit essays and other forms of writing for constructive feedback within one business day.
- **24/7 Homework Question Center:** Submit homework questions to be answered within one business day.
- **Foreign Language Center/Spanish Speaking Support:** Live help for your Spanish Homework.
- **Live academic assistance is available from Monday -Sunday 2:00 - 11:00 pm EST.**

Ask a librarian about these FREE services or visit our website at [www.cshlibrary.org](http://www.cshlibrary.org)

Cold Spring Harbor Library  
95 Harbor Road  
Cold Spring Harbor, NY 11724



# CUB SCOUT PACK

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# REGISTRATION NIGHT

Friday ~ September 23, 2016 @ 7:30 PM

Jefferson Primary Gymnasium ~ 253 Oakwood Rd, Huntington

**OPEN TO ALL 1<sup>ST</sup> 2<sup>ND</sup> 3<sup>RD</sup> 4<sup>TH</sup> and 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE BOYS**

### ANNUAL DUES

**\$110 - Includes 2016-2017 Class B Scout T-Shirt**

*Class A Uniform required but not included*

*Can be purchased at Huntington Campsite Sport Shop*

**Fun activities included with dues:** Pinewood Derby, Camping, Fishing, Biking, Citizenship, Volunteerism, Hiking, Parades, Awards, Advancement and much, much more!

**Additional at cost activities (cost based on participation)**

Museum Sleepover and some field trips

**CUBMASTER:** Joseph Leavy

**EMAIL:** Cubscouts310@aol.com

**WEBSITE:** www.pack310huntington.com

*Please email if interested but cannot attend meeting*

*Flexible payments options may be available – Inquire with Cubmaster*