

# COLD SPRING HARBOR



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A REPORT ON OUR SCHOOLS

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## EdTech Showcase First Time Event....

Think Tech Fair or Tech Expo.... this first time event showcased the rapidly evolving methods of teaching and learning in the 21st century classroom. Staying current with technical advances in education is vital to student achievement and success. Students and teachers exhibited their tech savvy at over 30 exhibits demonstrating eBook publishing, creating PSA's, iPads in the elementary school, Hawk Talk Student Video Broadcasting, Virtual Enterprise, Digital Art and iMovies, Robotics, Twitter in World Language, Rocket Propulsion, eSpark, and more. The event was held the evening of April 24th directed by John Contess, Director of Technology and supported by the CSH Educational Foundation. A special thanks also to Art Department Chairperson, Andria McLaughlin, for her creative genius with exhibit banners and promotion. The event was open to the entire community. It was an amazing turnout, and parents saw firsthand that the classroom is a very different place than the days of chalkboards! □



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Haley Mitchell, (4th grade, Lloyd Harbor), holds up an app called "Numberrun" she discovered while searching at home one night, and presented it to her teacher for use in the classroom.





**Spring Pep Rally:** A new tradition has begun, as students and Principal, Mr. Matuk, decided it would fun to hold a Pep-Rally in the spring, rather than only in the fall. The spring sports teams lit up the gym, with home-made banners and excitement led by our cheerleading squads. The school participated in spirit week with a few new themes including beach day, work-out day, and the favorite pajama day. A little friendly competition between grades ensued, with scooter races and tug-of-war. The pep-band and chorus filled the Ralph with music and school spirit.



**Colonial Day:** The 4th graders journeyed through their quest of Colonial Day in March, both at West Side and Lloyd Harbor. They began with a visit to the Lloyd Neck historic home of the Joseph Lloyd Manor House on Lloyd Lane – learning its history during Colonial times. They also participated in cross-stitching, and held their annual colonial-dance demonstration for parents, learned barn building, rope making, and early medicine skills on Colonial Day. They will attend a performance in May at the Engemann Theater in Northport, of The Call for Independence. They will also be taking their annual field trip to visit Philadelphia on June 20th. Photographed here, are students in Ms. Diehl’s class displaying their hand-made tin-lanterns, and preparing for a tug of war contest with rope, after performing many traditional colonial dances for their parents.

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**Varsity Boys and Girls Lacrosse Talent Show:** The annual “Stick With Us” Talent Show fundraiser was held on March 8th in the PAC. Students and coaches did a wide array of skits, dances and comedy. Here the coaches got into the act by showing us the art of taking a “selfie!”

## Public Library Hosts Expert Drug Panel



### Start the Conversation... Save a Life

It was a packed house at CSH Library, with over 200 pre-registered guests, coming together to understand and help battle the prescription drug crisis facing our nation today.

This life-saving program on substance abuse and awareness was held on March 27th. The event was free and open to the community, with the goal of helping both parents and children “Start the Conversation” and put an emotional support system in place. It was hosted by an amazing panel of experts and educators, including; Mr. Chris Homer, Health Education Teacher CSHHS (and adjunct professor at Adelphi & Hofstra University), Mr. Steven Pinto, Director of The Life Center, Huntington, Mr. Steven Chassman, Clinical Director LICADD, and Dr. Brian Durkin, Anesthesiologist specializing in pain management at Stony Brook University Medical Center, and Legislator, Dr. William Spencer. Library Director, Helen Crosson, formed a partnership and planning committee over a year ago after they met at the Leadership Huntington Foundation. Joining the committee was also Librarian, Kate Fais, who was instrumental in pulling together resource materials. In attendance and in support of this night, were many members of CSH School District Administration, The Board of Education, and local clergy. There is a lot to learn and many things we as parents/students can put into action.

#### Here are some key points worth sharing:

- **Most importantly, *Start the Conversation*** with your children!
- **Remember the adage, “If you see something, say something?”** Don’t sit on information; seek help from peers, parents, a coach, a teacher, a guidance counselor.
- **Never let someone “sleep it off.”** An overdose takes many hours, and usually results in respiratory failure. If someone is passed out, or blacked out...call for help, save a life.
- **A new State Law *I-Stop*** – is a program aimed to track the over-prescribing of painkiller abuse by monitoring a patient’s drug history through a data base.
- **A bag of Heroin cost \$10 – less than a 6-pack!** Hence, this cheap high has become the drug of choice when money and availability of prescription drugs runs out.
- **Parents – ask your doctors to stop overprescribing!** Dentists and surgeons commonly give 60 pain pills when only 3 or 4 may be needed. This creates an abundance of pills left in medicine cabinets in every household. Kids know this, and they find them.
- **Clean out your medicine cabinets!** Dispose of expired and unwanted drugs safely. Drop offs are anonymous and available at all Police Precincts 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. CSH held a *Shed the Meds Day* on April 26th at the District Office parking lot, sponsored by the LHSPTG and the high school CFA-PTO. All medications were disposed of properly via incineration rather than thrown away and leaked into our water system.
- **NY State 911 Bill: *Good Samaritan Act*** was passed to help reduce the number of overdose-related deaths on Long Island and across NY State. It provides limited immunity from prosecution for possession of small amounts of drugs or alcohol for those who call for medical assistance for themselves or someone else, and encourage individuals to seek help in life-threatening situations.
- **The boom in energy drinks has skyrocketed**, and they are loaded with sugar and caffeine (which are stimulants that can trigger fast heart rate, insomnia and anxiety). Check ingredients and educate yourself. An 8oz cup of coffee has 150 mg of caffeine, whereas some energy drinks can pack up to 505mgs!
- **e-cigarettes have nicotine, and they are not regulated.** Some people have used the e-cigarette as a marijuana delivery device.

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- **CSHHS Robotics Team-** Congratulations to the Robotics team and advisors, Mr. Matt Chartan, and Mr. Matt Sneider for placing 3rd after qualifying rounds and therefore making it into the playoff rounds at the USFirst Robotics Competition at Hofstra University – an outstanding performance.
- Congratulations to Goosehill Primary Physical Education Teacher, **Rory Malone**, who was named Nassau County **Coach of the Year** for Girls Varsity Basketball.
- **LISFA-** Long Island String Festival Assoc., Congratulations go out to our elementary concert participation at Uniondale High School on March 2nd. **Timothy Louie** (6th grade Violinist) and **Erin Gallagher** (5th grade Violinist) both from West Side, were joined by **Paige Muller** (6th grade Cellist) and **Bianca Kelly** (5th grade Violinist) from Lloyd Harbor.
- **Photography Contest** Finalist: Congratulations to **Kristina Marino**, who was a finalist in the annual College and High School Photography Contest sponsored by Nikon. There were 16,000 participants! Kristina is in Ms. Hayes 7th grade Art class.
- **Geography Bee:** Congratulations to West Side's **Timothy Louie**, and to Junior High 7th grader **Luca Magariello**, who have been notified that they are semifinalists eligible to compete in the 2014 NY **National Geographic Spelling Bee** (now in its 26th year) held in Albany on April 4th. Students in grades 4th-8th competed throughout the state and the top 100 scores were invited.
- **FLES 4th Grade Poster Contest** Awards: West Side congratulated first place winner **Andrew Pultz** (second place went to **Paige Lynch**, and third place to **Alexandros Spanos**). Lloyd Harbor congratulated first place winner **Elizabeth Buirguis** (second place went to **Lilli Terry**, and third place to **Frances Donohue**).
- CSHHS was ranked in the 2014 *Washington Post* **Most Challenging High Schools** list, one of only seven Long Island schools among the top 200!

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- **CSHHS Chorus travels to Disney World:** Under the direction of Choral Director and teacher, Ms. Andrea Galeno, 23 students (grades 9-12) traveled to Disney World April 3-6 for the Disney World April 3-6 for the Disney Music Festival Choral Competition. Over seventeen public high schools and private performing arts schools entered the competition. This is the first time CSH has ever traveled out

of state for this type of competition, and Ms. Galeno was thrilled and so proud that the students received a rating of “Superior” coming in third place overall in their category (small school division class A). They also received positive feedback from some of the best University choral instructors in the US. Congratulations and well done!



- **Art Awards:** Congratulations to the winners of *Long Island's Best Young Artist Competition 2014* at The Heckscher Museum. The awards ceremony was held on April 5th for the following recipients: **Alexa Cozzoli, Danielle Lauro, Samantha Lauro, and Sarah Sachs**. For 17 years, this prestigious

opportunity is the only juried exhibition on LI that allows students to showcase their work in an art museum, as well as the artist's statement explaining the thought process and artistic journey from conception to completion. Congratulations also to all 21 finalists and their dedicated teachers.

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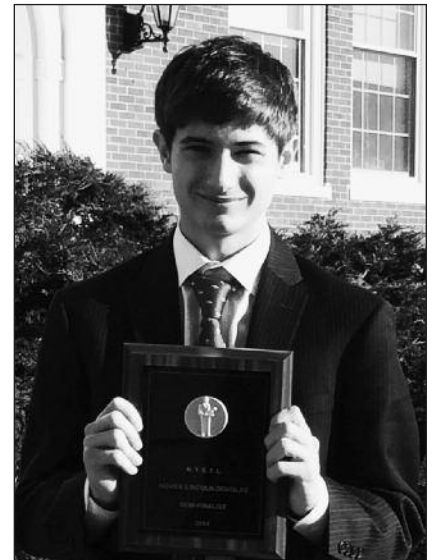


• **CSHHS Student Council gives back:** For the past three years the student council has been participating in multiple HIHI (Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative) events throughout the winter months. At the beginning of the school year they host the annual Dodge ball Tournament in order to raise money for these events. They all volunteer at the Presbyterian Church in Huntington, using their kitchen and gym, working with HIHI Central Coordinator, Evelyn Brodbeck. Each time student council brings a full dinner and dessert, rotating grades for help. They also bring a “goodie bag” filled with items like gloves, a hat, long johns,

tooth brush, razor, deodorant, etc. The students at West Side make lunch bags after school for the men for the following day that also includes breakfast. The parents at West Side along with WS Kids Care donate the food. They usually have about ten student council members at each of the HIHI nights. Student Council member, Maddie Bordeman, shared, “*We set up beds for the men to sleep in that night, set up tables for them to eat at, help check them in, serve them dinner, and also try to talk to as many of them as we can. It truly is a wonderful and very rewarding event for all involved.*”



• **Congratulations to our staff!** Cold Spring Harbor High School was nationally ranked #130 out of 19,400 schools in the 2014 *U.S. News & World Report* rankings of the best high schools in the United States. This gold ranking is given to the top 1% of schools in the nation.



• **CSHHS Speech and Debate Team** qualified thirteen students for the April 4-6, 2014 New York State Championships in Speech and Debate, held in Delhi, New York, at which several hundred students from throughout the state competed. Student qualifiers included: Constantine Markotsis, Brendan Campbell, Zach Wang, Sean Franklin, Sabrina Bergsten, Dana Krauss, Henny Schlaeger, Matt Bastis, Owen Toomey, Gus Kasper, Isaac Schuman, Aidan Coffey, and Arya Tousi. **The Novice Public Forum Team of Zach Wang and Sean Franklin won 8th place in the entire state. Gus Kasper, pictured, captured 4th place in the state in Novice Lincoln-Douglas Debate.**



**Turf Field Naming:** On April 25th the Board of Education officially named the Cold Spring Harbor High School field... “*The Lessing and Bouchard Field, Home of the Seahawks.*” In 2003, the Lessing and Bouchard families generously offered to completely finance the construction of a state-of-the-art turf field along with new bleachers and lighting for Cold Spring Harbor High School. The new field was one of the first turf fields installed on the property of a public high school on Long Island. Additionally the Lessing and Bouchard families donated the cost of the 2013 replacement of the turf field. Over the past 10 years, thousands of students have enjoyed the thrill of playing and competing on the field and it is anticipated that future generations will continue to enjoy the benefits of playing on the turf field. The Board of Education wishes to express its gratitude to the Lessing and Bouchard families for their generous and thoughtful gift.



### The Life of “Pi”

**Lloyd Harbor:** On March 14th the schools typically celebrate Pi Day with a variety of activities. This year at Lloyd Harbor School, it was celebrated with a twist. Principal Valerie Massimo added the element of mystery by informing all students that her book on Pi had mysteriously disappeared? She sought the help of any student who could research the meaning of Pi and get back to her with a letter of facts and history, and how we can use Pi in real-life situations. The response was overwhelming, and the letters truly engaging! One student from each grade was presented with an award certificate for their prized letter. Here, the winners were photographed with Mrs. Massimo on Pi day, after being announced on the live morning news show *LHiPTV*. Students and staff were also blown away by another sensational “Pi” moment where the video of fellow student, William Wei, was broadcasted of him reciting over 200 numbers of the infinite number sequence of Pi, WOW! □



### Learning the 50 States

**Lloyd Harbor:** To celebrate the end of their Social Studies unit on North America, the third graders at Lloyd Harbor School created informative picture postcards. Each student used the facts that they learned about one of the fifty states and wrote a realistic fiction postcard to their family. The children published their work in the computer lab where they learned how to insert pictures and design their work so that it resembled an actual postcard. Here, Ms. Craco and Ms. Terry’s classes proudly display their work. □



### Lincoln Center Education Continues

CSH School District is fortunate to continue their collaboration with Lincoln Center Education, which includes yearlong workshops and performances at the elementary schools. This year, “The Blues” came to town. When not performing with their nine-member Grammy-nominated Heritage Blues Orchestra, guitarist and harmonica player, Bill Sims Jr., vocalist and percussionist, Chaney Sims, and guitarist and vocalist, Junior Mack, moonlight as the intimate *Heritage Blues Trio*. Just as the blues is full of joy and sorrow, the program ranges from upbeat and celebratory, to somber and reflective. Students at West Side School enjoyed the performance of the Heritage Blues Trio on November 14th, while students at Lloyd Harbor School were entertained on March 10th. The Lincoln Center Education teaching artists for the 5th grade students was Patrick McKearn (for West Side) and for the second grade students at Lloyd Harbor School it was Ms. Beata Moon. Here, Ms. Moon is giving her final workshop to 2nd graders in Ms. Conroy’s class. The students formed trios of their own and performed in front of each other. They reflected upon their knowledge of the blues, remembering that songs tell a story, many are “call and response” technique derived from work songs, some are sung a cappella, while others use instruments or hand-clapping. Well done! □



## “Biscuit” Author Visit

**Goosehill** was thrilled to welcome, Alyssa Capucilli, author of the beloved “Biscuit” series for young readers. She read from both her Biscuit and Katie Duck series to the delight of the students. They were fascinated to learn that it takes nearly two years from start to finish in the process of developing a book. She explained that every detail is so important, from every word you choose, to every color you pick for each illustration. They all got a chance to read along and sing “Tra-la-la...Quack, Quack” and bark “Woof-Woof.” Ms. Capucilli’s message.... write about what you love! □



## iPad Curriculum

**eSpark at Goosehill:** The first grade is using the iPads for the eSpark initiative, which is an iPad curriculum based on students’ needs. Each child will view videos, play games using apps, take quizzes, and record their own videos. Students work on their “quests” during learning centers. In reading, students will record themselves reading books they have been working with during guided reading. This helps them with their fluency. Students also record themselves retelling a story in a group or by themselves. They also use the app Raz-kids. Students log into their account and read, listen to, and take quizzes on “just right” books. First Grade teacher, Ms. Villa, shared, “*The iPads have also been used to inventory our class’s library. This helps both the class and me to find books by reading level.*” □



## The Book Nook

**Goosehill Primary School:** The winter weather took its toll on outdoor recess at the elementary schools this year. Indoor recess became the norm, and staff and parents came to the rescue introducing board games and innovative ideas for indoor fun. Old stand-bys like *Don’t Break the Ice*, *Hungry Hippos* and *Trouble* were donated or purchased for the children to enjoy. In thinking about providing another option for students during indoor recess, Goosehill Primary School Principal, Lynn Herschlein, envisioned a small reading space for those who would enjoy some quiet time to read or do puzzles. With the help of the GPFA’s fund raising efforts, and some speedy construction arranged by Mr. Mark Margolis and his Building & Grounds crew, a cozy nook was carved out in the extra-wide courtyard hallway (formerly the old public library space) and dubbed “The Book Nook.” It was completed during the February break, and the kids couldn’t be happier! Art teacher, Colleen Johnson, is busy designing a wall mural depicting favorites from children’s literature. Through the generosity of the Goosehill parents, bright and comfortable seating was purchased, and the Nook was filled with fabulous educational books and creative puzzles and games. Even though the kids are anxious to get back outside again, indoor recess has been a lot of fun! □

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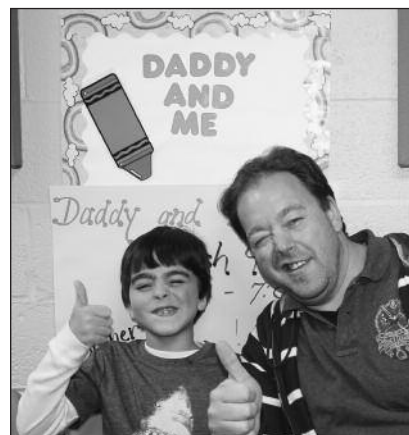
You can find them under “Our District” on the home page.



## Beauty and the Beast

**Lloyd Harbor:** Broadway step aside! This performance, from the set design, to the costumes, to the acting and singing...was truly spectacular! Producer, Katie Maloney, simply never disappoints the audience. For nearly 40 years she has taken us on adventures, with the help of an amazing support staff of teachers and parents. This year, Mrs. Maloney relinquished the reins of Director, to Mr. Chris McKee, as she is

slowly transitioning into retirement. Chris is an outstanding pianist, and this was his first experience as Director and Music Director for the 6th graders. (He will also be running a theater workshop for the 5th graders this spring.) As the song goes, thank you letting us all "Be Your Guest." □



## Daddy & Me

The **West Side Daddy and Me** event was created three years ago to give Dads the opportunity to spend some quality time and enjoy dinner with their children surrounded by their West Side friends. On Sunday March 9th, beginning at 5:30pm, over 150 WS Dads and kids (new record of attendees) played bingo, board games, and this year a fun game of Pinopoly led by Physical Education teacher, Mr. Yost. The PTG provided a delicious pasta dinner with Greek salad from Mario's in Oyster Bay complete with yummy desserts. Everyone left the event with a smile. Thanks to Donna Vallone and her committee for organizing this wonderful event. □

## Talent Show

The 2014 **West Side Talent Show** took place at the PAC on February 28th and was an electrifying event! The night truly belonged to the kids with over 80 performers and 10 student crew members. They were all stars from the smallest 2nd graders to the graduating 6th graders. After the show all enjoyed a delicious ice cream social provided by the PTG. Thanks to Randi Weiss and Jennifer Genser for organizing such a fun event. A special thanks to Mr. Simon and the community for supporting this spectacular event which allows children of all ages to express themselves through the performing arts. □



## Live Wax Museum

**Lloyd Harbor:** Madame Tussaud surely would have welcomed these fine additions to her Wax Museums! Mrs. Cooney's third graders struck a pose on stage for their parents, representing the character they chose to study. After reading biographies from the library, and doing research in the computer lab using World Book online, students were provided with an outline and guided on how to write a book report and bibliography. The next step was writing a speech. All of the students were instructed on how to extrapolate the most important information from their report and draft a brief speech introducing "themselves." The wax figures came to life, as they do every year, in this beloved event. □

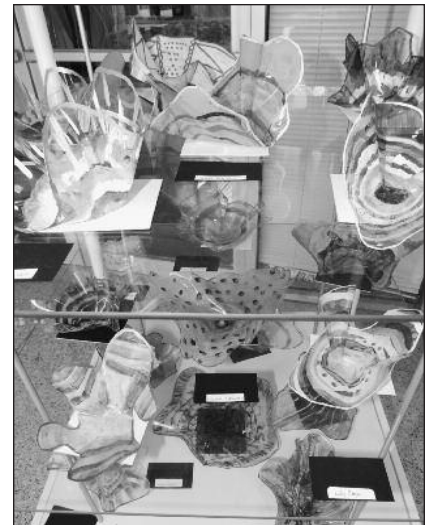






## African Masks

**West Side:** 5th grade students at West Side had a memorable and creative experience making African Masks with the artist in residency, Cliff Mendelson. The students learned about the history of African mask making as well as the process of working with clay. The masks were then painted with their art teacher, Mrs. McLaughlin, who proudly displays a few of these colorful creations with her students. □



## Blown Glass Sculptures

**Lloyd Harbor Art Teacher, Ms. Ann McLam,** has set up an incredible display case in the hallways outside her class of truly amazing “Blown Glass” sculptures. Students did an intense study of the Artist/Glass Blower, Dale Chihuly. *“Of course we couldn’t use that medium,”* said Ms. McLam, *“So, instead we used a product called dura-lar. It is a clear plastic which, when heated, retains its form. The children created organic shapes, cut them out and used a paper clip to hold them closed. Then they submerged their 2-D flat pieces of dura-lar into water kept just below a boil. As we pulled them out, they transformed into 3-D glass-like sculptures. We painted them with porcelain paint...Voila!”* It’s worth a visit to see these colorful creations. □



## Fashion & Film Rock the Runway

It was yet another fabulous night of entertainment as Fashion Art Teacher, Kristine Levy, and Media Arts Teacher, Christine Oswald, took us down the runway April 25th. Student film makers along with student fashion designers previewed their masterpieces for the audience, with 9 film screenings and an annual showcasing of design challenges including ‘Under the Sea,’ ‘Paper Wedding Dresses,’ ‘Men’s Blazers,’ ‘Museum Inspirations,’ and ‘Call of the Wild.’ The show alternated between fashion runway designs, and truly artistic film screenings, which were all beyond creative and set to music, capturing various themes such as ‘Alive,’ ‘Best Day of My Life,’ and many more. These were brilliant story depictions and documentaries. Every year the fashion show chooses a public health cause to foster awareness. Ms. Linda Sneddon was the guest speaker this year, representing the foundation in search of a cure for Cystic Fibrosis. This cause also inspired a design challenge using the colors blue and yellow – the ribbon colors of this disease. This was followed by the many gifted designers who used a variety of materials and transformed them into wearable art fashion. The crowd also had a chance to view films and art in the lobby. Starting next year, students will be creating 3-D printed jewelry design on a brand new 3-D printer... stayed tuned! □



*(left to right) Linda Sneddon, from the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Fashion Design teacher, Kristine O’Malley-Levy, Digital Filmmaking teacher, Christine Oswald, and Art Department Chair, Andria McLaughlin.*



*Lloyd Harbor student council collected toys that were sent to Tri CYA in Huntington.*



## Community Service

### *CSH continues to Give and Give...*

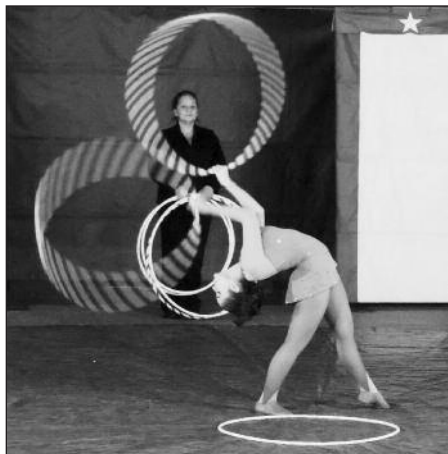
The **High School** Leadership Class sponsored many drives, including a Thanksgiving food drive, toy drive, coat & winter gear drive, and sweatshirt drive. HS student council continues to work with the homeless through HIHI (Huntington Interfaith Homeless Initiative), and West Side continues their HIHI sandwich making/deliveries after school to this wonderful organization. **West Side** collected 35 pounds of candy sent to the troops (thanks to Dana Lynch chair of West Side Cares), and student council also collected book donations as a fundraiser for relief efforts in the Philippines – *Doctors Without Borders*. West Side also sold bracelets and White Post Farm pies and cakes for a Diabetes fundraiser; they held a Baby Care Drive making 10 fleece blankets during indoor recess along with collection bins; they held a Birthday in a box drive; and wrote letters to pediatric cancer patients. Both West Side and **Lloyd Harbor** student council committees sponsored coat/winter gear drives, food & toy drives, and gift wrapping as well, along with **Goosehill's** Project Toy Drive for the Huntington Family Service League. Lloyd Harbor also collected 250 pounds of candy sent to the military through *Operation Gratitude*. Lloyd Harbor also sponsored *LHS has Heart* for Valentine's Day involving both school spirit and community outreach. Arts Booster sponsored "Soles4Souls" collecting hundreds of shoes for those in need. □

## Character Counts!

Recognizing good character in our students is a new initiative at the Jr./Sr. high school. Faculty members can recommend up to two students who best exemplify the attribute of the month. They will then be invited to a brief ceremony honoring good character. The goal is to help promote a positive school environment essential to the healthy development of young adults, and recognize role models. During the month of February, the theme was empathy and compassion. Guidance Counselor, Mrs. Pickering, said, "*Kindness is the highest form of wisdom.*" And kindness truly is contagious! Doing good, simply feels good. Congratulations to this month's 23 winning role models for displaying great character. Here, two recipients, Will Domjan and Maggie Fitzsimmons proudly display their certificates, along with Riley Jill Schwartz and Rachel Weinstein. □

## The Circus was in Town!

On March 2nd The Yankee Doodle Circus was in town. Kudos to the CFA~PTO for hosting a fabulous event for the entire community. The gym was transformed into a one-ring circus with nearly 400 spectators, and the circus acts did not disappoint! Kids were dazzled by acrobats, magicians, dancing poodles and more... along with popcorn, cotton candy, balloons and smiles. What a fun day! □





## A Cappella Sensation

Direct from the NBC hit show *The Sing Off*, the Cultural Arts Committee was proud to present *Street Corner Symphony* to the students in the Junior High, as well as all high school music students. This a cappella group based out of Nashville, Tennessee is now an international sensation, recording albums and providing clinics for high schools and giving benefits for cancer. Their repertoire covers a wide range, from gospel and barbershop to rock and pop, appealing to old and young alike. They placed 2nd on season Two of NBC's *The Sing Off*, and the kids loved every minute of the performance! □



## Key Chains Inspire Message

Gabby Bailenson (11th grade) began making customized key chains for friends who were turning 16 as a gift and reminder to drive safe. She realized, "*Being able to drive is a big privilege and a big responsibility, so everyone has to be mindful of the road they take.*" Her inspiration for the key chains was "A Wish and a Prayer" symbol as a reminder to be safe. She decided it would be great to pair up with the high school club SADD (Students Against Drunk Drivers) and approached club advisor, Ms. Inella, with the idea. Soon, many requests were coming in from teachers, friends and strangers who loved them. All proceeds are donated to the CSH SADD chapter in an effort to generate awareness to the club and our school community. So please, Gabby asks, "*Be mindful of the road you take...this is a Wish-and-a-Prayer for you.*" □



## Parlez-Vous Francais?

Madame Paula Gozelski and her French club senior students traveled to the elementary schools to teach a mini French lesson. Each year the kids look forward to getting a lesson from their elder peers. Thank you to seniors Julia Schubauer, Tierney Cronin and Madison Bordeman, who visited West Side. □

## ALERT!

### TWO YEAR PROPERTY TAX FREEZE

The New York State Legislature approved a plan to provide property tax freezes for two years for residents of school districts and local governmental agencies that develop budgets that stay within the property tax cap. The state would provide eligible homeowners with a payment that is comparable to an increase in property taxes resulting from

approved school and town budgets. The first payment will be made in the Fall of 2014 for school tax increases, a second payment will be made in the Fall of 2015 for both schools and all other taxing entities such as towns or villages, and a third payment will be made in 2016 for only other taxing entities. For the 2014-2015 school year, the proposed

tax levy increase for the CSH school district was 1.89% which was below the allowable tax cap making our district residents eligible for the tax rebate. Eligible tax payers require that the income for primary residences is at or less than \$500,000 and that the property is eligible for a STAR property tax exemption.

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*It was a beautiful evening of music, as the CSHHS Chamber Orchestra played at the public library to the delight of guests. Orchestra Director, Mr. Tim Jenks, and his students performed a Concert: A Night at the Movies...featuring the works of award winning composers for the wide screen; music by Henry Mancini, Hans Zimmer, Elmer Bernstein, John Williams, and others.*

**The 22nd Annual  
West Side Run  
is May 18th**  
  
Please sign up to register  
for the 5K or one mile run!



**The New World of Blogging**

Cultural Arts hosted its 14th annual Literary Luncheon on March 26th at the Huntington Country Club. This is the main source of funds raised for the multitude of amazing arts programs brought to the Jr./Sr. High School by the Cultural Arts Committee. Guest speaker, Blogger Josh Marshall, introduced us to the new world of online journalism and blogging. Blogging is the new way of writing, and he explained the power it holds and its relationship with our children. Marshall is a Polk Award winning journalist and blogger. The NY Times Magazine calls him one of the most popular and respected sites in the blogosphere. Students came prepared, Smart-phones in hand, standing by for breaking news in the latest blog off the press! Cultural Arts fundraising enhances the District's programs. Special thanks to committee chairpersons Connie Goldman and Lauryl Palatnick who outdid themselves in making this event spectacular. □