



Goosehill Primary School

Weekly Notes- May 6, 2016



Dear Parents,

I hope you enjoyed the Spring Break with your children. They returned to school happy, refreshed, and ready to learn! I thought I'd share a little more about Diversity Day (held the day before Spring Break) in this week's notes. I hope this will help you engage your child in a discussion of all s/he learned from our presenters.

Our goal of a schoolwide focus on diversity was designed to support our students' developing attitudes and behaviors related to having and showing respect for all people. We share the goal expressed in the 2009 bestselling parenting book, **NurtureShock** (Bronson & Merryman): *"We want our children to be unintimidated by differences and have the social skills to integrate in a diverse world."*



Diversity Day was designed by our School Improvement Team. It was a wonderful experience for our students! Here is an overview of the workshops your child experienced that day:

- 1) **Mrs. Strzelichowski** (Alexandra's mom) presented a workshop on **Poland**. The children learned where Poland is in the world and that many Polish people (and children) live in the USA. They enjoyed Polish folk dolls and learned about Polish culture and traditions. They played games and learned to count to ten, and say "Hello", "How are you?" and "Thank you" in Polish. They also sang a song naming body parts in the language. *Thank you Mrs. Strzelichowski, for a fun, engaging, and informative workshop!*
- 2) **Dr. Luisa and Master Bart from Atomic Tae Kwon Do in Huntington** taught the children about the history of Tae Kwon Do. They emphasized focus, concentration, and respecting one's body and mind. The children also learned about what the Chinese call "chi", or inner strength, which helps a person accomplish his/her goals. *Thank you Dr. Luisa and Master Bart for donating your time to engage our children in such fun and meaningful activities.*
- 3) **Cold Spring Harbor High School Students Giavanna Ferrandino, Marche DuMaurier, Dev Bhatia, Denver Dukes, Katie Vasquez, and Robert Monti** talked with the children about being proud of your individuality and the importance of pursuing your passions, even if they are different from those of your peers. The children were captivated by the students' energy, enthusiasm, and message of respect for the diversity in our world. *Thank you Ms. Velez, CSHHS Social Worker, for arranging for the students to be a part of Diversity Day. Thank you, especially, to Gia, Marche, Dev, Denver, Katie, and Robert. You really made an impact on our students!*
- 4) **Linda Jones visited Goosehill with her guide dog, Charlie**. Linda taught the children about visual impairment and how she uses her other senses to compensate. She explained how guide dogs are trained, and how Buddy helps her walk around her neighborhood and even cross the street! *Thank you, Linda, for sharing your experiences with the children and showing them a wonderful example of how a person can overcome challenges with grace and dignity. *Thank you to Mrs. Prizzi for arranging Linda's visit and the GPFA for making a donation to the Guide Dog Foundation on Linda's behalf.*
- 5) **Miss Malu (GH Teacher aide) and her daughter Melissa**, taught the children some Spanish and shared Latin Music with them. The children had a lot of fun learning Latin dance moves! *Thank you, Miss Malu and Melissa, for teaching the children about Latin culture... and for a great dance session!*
- 6) In the **music workshop**, the children sang songs celebrating diversity. In the **art workshop**, the children drew their hands using a multitude of colors and designs to create a school bulletin board celebrating differences. In the **Physical Education workshop**, the children played a game that had them "travelling" to each of the seven continents. What fun the children had! *Thank you to Mrs. Kotzky, Mrs. Johnson, and Mr. Malone for creating such engaging lessons to support our theme!*

Our school and community support and enrich our students' education in so many ways. Thank you to our SIT members and to all of our workshop presenters for providing such a terrific experience for our students.

On behalf of the entire staff of Goosehill Primary School, I would also like to extend our gratitude to the GPFA, all of our parents, and especially Mrs. Tepper, Mrs. Rampi, and the luncheon committee, for a wonderfully delicious (and fun!) **Staff Appreciation Luncheon** yesterday. Your continued support and ongoing expressions of appreciation mean so much to us.

Happy Mother's Day!



Warm regards,
Mrs. Herschlein

Don't forget about the Plant Sale tomorrow at Goosehill Primary School!

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Welcome first graders! Sedona (1-K) and Sienna (1-D) Springer
Lincoln Cha (1-V)

Parent Book Club---NOTE DATE CORRECTION! How to Raise an Adult: Break Free of the Overparenting Trap and Prepare Your Kid for Success. **Wednesday, May 18th** at 10:00. Please join us!

First Grade Research In the library and in their classrooms, first graders are using **PebbleGo**, an award winning PreK-grade 3 database for reading and research. Here is the login information so that your child can access the database from home: www.pebblego.com User name: GHPS password: school

DATES TO REMEMBER

May 26th Spirit Day- Wear School Colors or GH apparel!
June 2nd Field Day

May 30th Memorial Day-No School
June 17th First Grade Moving Up Day

GPFA UPDATES

Plant Sale- Be sure to stop by the Goosehill Plant Sale this **Saturday, May 7th** from 9am-4pm (or until supplies last). Pick up a Mother's Day gift or some plants for yourself! There will also be a bake sale, a visit from the CSH Fire Department as well as a raffle basket from Huntington Stand Up Paddle. Raffle tickets are \$5. Bring the kids, stop by for some fun and help support our school! Rain or shine.

Box Tops- End of the Year Box Top Competition!! We are holding a two week class box top competition from May 16- May 27th. End the year with some box top pride!! Make sure to mark your teacher's name on the envelopes. Winners to be announced Monday, May 30th.

Teacher Appreciation- This week Goosehill celebrated our wonderful faculty with a beautiful "Kentucky Derby" themed luncheon organized by Edra Tepper and Michelle Rampi. Thanks to Edra and Michelle for all of their hard work! Also many thanks to those who volunteered their time and brought in goodies for our deserving staff: Lisa Canty, Lisa Smith, Cat Bauer, Jordan Smith, Jenny Tsoumpas, Christine Desimone, Michelle McKean. Kim Testa, Jill Seiman- Mayer, Kristine Jacobson, Barbara Callaghan, Tara Dircks, Sandra Reilly, Julie Starrett, Laurie Corallo, Jennifer Petrakis & Erin Talamas. And most of all thank you to the entire Goosehill staff for their endless patience, kindness and expertise!

Heckscher Family Hour- Sunday, May 22nd, 1pm. Families with children 5 - 10 years old can experience an interactive tour and art-making activities in the Heckscher Museum of Art's latest exhibition, "Master of Illusion: The Magical Art of Gary Erbe." Call [631-351-3250](tel:631-351-3250) to register.