

## Cold Spring Harbor Central School District

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**Dear Community Member:** 

One of the tenets of Cold Spring Harbor's educational philosophy is to "provide humanizing experiences to enable students to live in harmony with themselves and to function as respectful, responsive and responsible members of the local, national and global communities."\* Toward this goal, the Cold Spring Harbor school community is proud to sponsor a *Special Olympics Track and Field event* at Cold Spring Harbor Jr/ Sr High School on Sunday, May 23, 2010. We believe that this day has the potential of inspiring our students regarding the strength of the human spirit as well as an opportunity to shape values about the appreciation of diversity. This event also serves as a wonderful opportunity for everyone in Cold Spring Harbor to come together and experience the incredible power of community service and shared vision.

We need your help! The success of a Special Olympics event hinges on the commitment of its volunteers. There are tasks for every interest - from planning Opening Ceremonies, to creating an Olympic Village, to organizing the sporting competitions. Please plan to attend our first community planning meeting which is scheduled for Wednesday, January 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the Performing Arts Center at the Jr/ Sr High School to find out more about how you can be a part of the Special Olympics. Mr. Tim Flynn, Director of Program for Special Olympics New York – Long Island Region, will deliver an informative presentation about the Special Olympics as well as provide an overview about opportunities for your involvement.

We look forward to seeing you at the meeting to answer any questions and to beginning the process of creating a shared experience that will enrich our history as a community.

Sincerely,

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Superintendent of Schools

Jay Matuk, Co-Chair

Principal, Cold Spring Harbor Jr./Sr. H.S.

\*Cold Spring Harbor Policy # 0000 "Educational Philosophy"