

# Member Organization Reports

## April 3, 2014

### **GPA Notes:**

We had a great meeting in March. Mrs. Herschlein discussed homework as it relates to K-1<sup>st</sup> graders. It was really excellent. Mrs. Herschlein gave great insight and tips on how to deal with homework as a parent to help your child. She had added that it was helpful for her and her staff as well, as it was a topic at their staff meeting and it opened up a conversation amongst the teachers and all of their ideas on homework. It was a great discussion.

On April 1st we had author Alyssa Satin Capucilli visit our school. The students know and love her books including the *Biscuit* series. It was a great experience for them to hear her speak about how she writes her books. The kids had many questions for Mrs. Capucilli. It was a great day.

The first graders took their first "field trip" to watch the LHS Musical production of *Beauty and the Beast Jr.* They really seemed to have enjoyed it, and were so well behaved. Thanks to Mr. McKee and Mrs. Maloney who shortened the performance a bit to make it possible for our students to attend. This would be great treat for the first graders to continue to do each year.

The first graders had their second field trip to the Cold Spring Harbor Fish Hatchery yesterday. They have been learning all about habitats. This was in conjunction with the Turtles in the Classroom Program. They will visit the fish hatchery again to release their class turtles.

Finally, the busy first graders also completed their Learning Clubs. This was a five-week program, where each Friday the kids would go to a different "country". They went to China, Australia, Uruguay, Greece, and Kenya. In each country they spent time learning about the culture, foods, money and a few words in that countries language. The kids loved the passports!

The green and garden committee have ben busy planning our earth day celebrations. Some parent volunteers are going to come in and read *Miss Rumphius*, and the children are going to get some seeds or plants to bring home.

Tonight we are having the Kindergarten dance, and next Thursday, the first graders and their families will be coming.

Next week we will be having our general meeting. We have invited two teachers to come and speak about the math curriculum.

## **LHSGTG Notes:**

Lloyd Harbor had a busy March! We finally were able to have our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Magic Night on March 10<sup>th</sup> with Mr. Homer. We had 56 kids and about 30 parents in attendance. Everyone had a great time and we really felt it was a nice change from Movie Night.

The biggest event for LHS in March was the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade production of Beauty and the Beast. The children were amazing! They worked so hard and pulled off two evening performances and two daytime shows. There were so many parents who helped out which was evident by the fantastic costumes and gorgeous scenery!

On March 18<sup>th</sup> with the help of Geri Tiger the PTG hosted a Veggie/Fruit tasting day. We set up a table in the cafeteria with cauliflower, broccoli, zucchini, grapes, cantaloupe, and pineapple. The children after they had eaten their lunches were invited to taste something or everything! It was a fun way to get the children to try something new or just eat a few more fruits and vegetables.

Coming up we are all excited about Earth Week.

Earth Week is April 22 - 25 (Tuesday - Friday after Spring Break)

The theme is Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle

Reduce = trashless lunch for the 4 days of EW

Reuse = water bottle art project in the peace garden (collect 3/24 - break)

Recycle = plastic grocery bag collection contest and display (collect during EW)

We will also have an assembly featuring NY State Department of Environmental Conservation program called "Where is Away". This assembly teaches the children about where our recycling products end up. This is a hands-on demonstration that children will learn how to sort our trash.

Finally, on April 26<sup>th</sup> we will be co-hosting a Shed the Med program with CFA at the District Office parking lot. We will have two sheriffs' deputies who will safely dispose of all our unused medicines and prescriptions. This is an important project to help keep our drinking water clean and unused medicines out of the wrong hands.

## **WSSPTG Notes:**

Our Daddy and Me event took place on March 9 and thanks to the wonderful weather, we had our best turn out ever. Dads and children were treated to Bingo, Pinopoly and a delicious pasta dinner. Our 6<sup>th</sup> grade Get Together was held on March 16 at United Skates with the 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Lloyd Harbor. We had almost two thirds of our graduates participating and everyone had a great time. WSKC received two touching Thank You letters, one from the VA Hospital in Northport and the other from Birthday Wishes, the organization that coordinates the Birthday in a Box program. These are attached. The third Birthday in a Box event is currently taking place with the participation of our fourth graders and thanks to their generosity, we anticipate being able to provide at least 3 Long Island children the ability to celebrate their birthday parties with all the trimmings. Our By-Laws have been re-written and we are pleased to

### **WSSPTG Notes continued:**

announce that they were voted in. We have restructured our Board to allow for Co-President and Co-Vice President positions. Our next PTG meeting will be held next Tuesday, April 8 and our Guest speaker will be Mrs. DeRosa who will be sharing insights into the Science curriculum.

### **CFA-PTO Notes:**

The CFA had two fundraisers in March. On March 2nd, The Yankee Doodle Circus came to the field house for two shows. Both performances were well attended, and we have decided to do it again next year. The Literary Luncheon on March 26th was a huge success. The speaker, Josh Marshall, gave a lecture on the history of blogging in journalism and its affects on today's media. We had a record number of attendees, and the raffles were amazing. The money raised will support the CAC of the jr/sr high for next year. Of note, 2 clay pots made by the students during a CAC event were auctioned off - and brought in great bids.

NYSSMA was at the high school last Friday and Saturday. Students volunteered to help the musicians register and find their way around the school.

The Jr. High musical, 42nd Street, was performed last weekend. It was wonderful - especially the fact that the whole cast learned to tap for multiple numbers!! Amazing.

Lastly, the Jr. High has a dodge ball tournament on Friday from 6-9 in the gym. Students are signing up in teams of 5 with creative costumes. The cost is \$10 in advance or at the door.

At the CFA meeting on Tuesday, Mrs. Cambria gave an overview of the scheduling of classes for next year and a change in the accelerated/honors program. Also, Lt. David Sheehan of the Suffolk County Police spoke on drug testing and the Shed the Med program. Please remember to bring all your old medication to the district offices on April 26th from 11-1. The officers will take them and despise of them via incineration.

**Arts Booster Club Notes:**

**1. SHOE RECYCLING PROGRAM**

This week we are packing up the shoes donated to the Arts Booster Club by people in our district. Thank you all for your participation. We collected hundreds of pairs of shoes from families in our schools and the Community!

2. The **Arts Booster Club Senior Award Application** is now available on Naviance. Copies are also available in the Guidance Office. We encourage graduating students that are involved in the arts to apply.

3. Friday, April 25th, 2014, **HS Fashion & Film Rock the Runway**, at 7PM in the PAC

**SEPTA Notes:** see separate sheet

**FOCUS Notes:** see separate sheet

**Cultural Arts Committee Notes:** see separate sheet

**Seahawks Booster Notes:** see separate sheet