

Member Organization Reports

January 8, 2015

WSS Notes

In December we held our Annual Holiday Boutique, the children enjoyed shopping for family members, friends and even their pets for the holidays. Our Cultural Arts Program hosted a performance of *Story Faces* on December 2nd for our 4th and 6th Graders. The children thoroughly enjoyed this new and exciting program. On December 6th and 7th our 5th and 6th grade students performed *Suessical: The Musical* at the PAC. Congratulations to all of our talented students on their hard work, dedication and truly wonderful performances. On December 10th, our staff was treated to beautiful overflowing cookie trays that were wrapped and delivered by our parents. Thank you to Dana Lynch and our dedicated West Side Kids Care Committee and parents that generously donated toys and time to wrap toys for the Helping Hands Rescue Mission Annual Holiday Children's Party. Finally, congratulations to 6th Grader JP Rush for winning the School Spelling Bee.

We have many exciting events scheduled for January. Upcoming events include Family Skate Night at Syosset Woodbury Park on January 11th, Movie Night on January 23 and a Day in Clay from Cliff Mendelson for our 5th and 6th graders courtesy of our CAC. Finally, mark your calendars for Friday, June 5th for our West Side School 225th Anniversary Celebration. Planning is underway for a special day for our students to celebrate this historic event and an evening cocktail party is being planned for our community to come together to share this special occasion.

LH Notes

November began with *Story Faces* on Nov 6th for the 5th grade, where the artist told Chinese folk tales through face painting.

On November 14th we had our 4th Annual *Lloyd Harbor Unites*. This was a great night held at the Huntington Country Club with a raffle for numerous cash prizes and fun gift certificates. With 286 tickets sold and 65% of our families participating, this was our one major fundraiser of the year. It was both a fundraising success and a lot of fun.

Right before Thanksgiving our Lloyd Harbor Physical Education teachers introduced The Turkey Trot to our students in grades 4th through 6th. The purpose of this event was to promote awareness about exercise and living a healthy lifestyle.

On November 29th the Bullying Project presented a musical theater production to our 6th graders. The show addressed the problem of bullying in school.

On December 12th many families participated in a cookie-bake to show appreciation for the entire Lloyd Harbor staff.

The 6th Graders are currently rehearsing for their March production of *Aladdin*, while the

entire school is currently involved in a spelling bee culminating with the winners of each grade competing in the finals.

On January 7th we will be welcoming back Mr. Homer who will be entertaining our 2nd graders with a magic show. This is an evening event that is run by parent volunteers.

Finally, the 4th graders will be welcoming Clay artist Cliff Mendelson at the end of this month.

GPFA Notes

We had another wonderful turnout for our Holiday Bake last month. All staff members received a beautiful tray of delicious treats. This year, the GPFA collected half of the class dues and purchased the gifts for teachers and staff members. This allowed us to provide a gift for every staff member, whereas in the past, only primary teachers and teaching assistants received gifts. It also insured that the gifts were uniform.

This month, we will be meeting with Mrs. Herschlein and representatives from playground equipment companies to finalize our gift to the school. We hope to have the new piece of equipment installed before the end of the school year.

On January 16th, the School Improvement Team is sponsoring a Healthy Choices Day. The children will rotate to several different rooms where they will learn about nutrition, safety, and exercise.

The GPFA's next events are our annual Family Fun Nights in February. This year, Kindergarteners will enjoy the Bubblemania show, and First Graders will laugh along with Ellis the Funnyman.

Arts Booster Club Notes

Thank you to Ms. Galenos and the Chamber Chorus for entertaining us with their holiday songs and for spreading good cheer at the December board meeting.

Congratulations to the students recognized at the board meeting for their recent attendance at the NYSSMA All-State Festival in Rochester. Senior-Emily Gallagher (soprano vocalist), Junior- J.T. Sepanski (clarinet) and Junior- Timothy Sherlock (bass vocalist). Congratulations to All-State alternates: Senior - Christie Collins (flutist) and Senior- Daniel Kazenoff (viola).

J.T. Sepanski received the high honor of All-Eastern and will play clarinet for their Festival this spring in Rhode Island. Congratulations to J.T. and to Mr. Gray, Dr. Felker, Ms. Galenos and Mr. Jenks.

Please join us for these upcoming events:

Jan. 21st, Wednesday, 7 PM, Jr. High Concert and Art Exhibition in the PAC

Senior High School Musical "How to Succeed In Business Without Really Trying"

Performances in the PAC:

February 6, Friday, 7 p.m.

February 7, Saturday, 7 p.m.

February 8, Sunday 2 p.m.