

# COS COB SCHOOL

## WEEK AT A GLANCE OCTOBER 17 - 21

### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

It was wonderful seeing so many of you at our Open House last night. My staff and I were delighted to present our programs to you, and hope it was an informative evening for you. As mentioned last night, applications for grade 4 & 5 student ambassadors will go home with students today. A special thank you to the PTA for providing a delicious dinner to our staff, which they thoroughly enjoyed prior to their classroom presentations.

On Tuesday, October 18 at 8:30 A.M. in the Learning Commons, I will be presenting on the *Smarter Balanced Assessment "SBA"*, *STAR assessment*, and the *school strategic improvement plan (SIP)*. I hope that you will be able to join me, and am confident it will be an informative meeting.

We will be sending home information on our Veterans Day Celebration, which will be held on *Friday, November 11, 2016*. If you have a veteran, or special friend who you would like to invite please be sure to watch for more information, which will follow next week in a parent link.

In preparation for our Veteran's Day Celebration, we will be conducting our *annual month-long clothing drive* for those Veterans residing at the New Haven Veteran's Hospital.

Please join in showing our love and support to these dedicated men and women who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. Each year, the Veteran's Hospital is thrilled and thankful to accept our donations of new clothing and all that left over Halloween candy!

Boxes will be left in the main hallway, and again this project will go through November 11, 2016. Please consider donating the following items:

#### Men and Women:

Fleece XL – 3XL sweatpants, sweatshirts and flannel shirts  
Wool hats for those undergoing cancer treatment  
Socks, Underwear  
Flannel Pajamas, bathrobes and Slippers

Hope you all have a wonderful weekend.

Gene

### Halloween Parade

**Monday, October 31 2:30 p.m.**

- ☞ Students will be parading around the school perimeter giving parents and friends an opportunity to take pictures.
- ☞ Children participating should bring his/her costume to school in a separate bag.
- ☞ Weapons of any kind or items that could pose harm to others are NOT permitted.
- ☞ Children may NOT wear costumes that include masks, "scary," or violent elements.



## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday, October 17

### Tuesday, October 18

Adv. Band Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

PTA Meeting, 8:30 a.m. in the Learning Commons

Fluoride Parent Volunteer Mtg.,  
8:30 a.m. - cafeteria

### Wednesday, October 19

Advanced Orchestra Rehearsal,  
7:50 a.m.

**EARLY RELEASE DAY –  
1:15 P.M. DISMISSAL**

### Thursday, October 20

Chorus Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

Kindergarten & Grade 1  
Fire Prevention

### Friday, October 21

Thank you to Christine Surette  
for curating and hanging the  
2016-127 Cos Cob Art Gallery.



## FROM THE COMMUNITY

Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD)  
Training – Interacting with  
Individuals In Emergency  
Situations

(as featured on NBC's Today Show).

Sunday, October 23 at the YMCA  
of Greenwich, 1:00 p.m.- free of  
charge to all! To RSVP, or for  
more info, please contact Betsy  
Culeman at 203-869-1630 or  
[bculeman@gwymca.org](mailto:bculeman@gwymca.org)

Greenwich Reads Together along  
with the Greenwich Alliance for  
Education CHILDREN'S BOOK  
DRIVE. Please donate books  
appropriate for children ages 1-  
13. Collection bin is located at  
Cos Cob Library. Books should  
be in good condition - no  
reference books.

**Curiosity Concerts** features  
Karim Nagi, presenting a show of  
music and dance of the Arabian  
world, October 15, 2-3 p.m. at the  
YWCA. Details & registration for  
this complementary family event  
at [Karim Nagi](#).

**Old Greenwich School Pumpkin  
Patch**, Saturday, October 15 from  
11 a.m.-4 p.m. Details at [46<sup>th</sup>  
Annual OGS Pumpkin Patch](#)

**OGRCC Sailboat Regatta** at  
Binney Park on Sunday, October  
16 from 1-3:30 p.m. Come watch  
or sail with us! See [Model  
Sailboat Regatta](#) for more  
information.

The [Book Wizards Book Club](#) for  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> graders begins on Monday,  
October 17, 5:30-6:30 p.m. (pizza  
and beverages provided!) at the  
**Cos Cob Library**. Also, 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
graders are invited Wed., October  
19, 2-3 p.m. (early release day) for  
programming on [Circuitry with  
Irum Kahn: A STEAM Program](#).

**Greenwich Library** invites 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>  
graders for a pumpkin carving  
party on Saturday, October 29, 1-  
3p.m. Online registration starts  
October 17 at [Pumpkin Carving  
Fun!](#)

Space is still available for 3<sup>rd</sup>  
grade girls to join **Positively Me!**  
Details and registration at [JLG  
presents PositivelyMe!](#)

## FROM THE PTA

Thank you to those who participated in the **Prestige Fundraiser!** If you missed  
Monday's deadline, please send your order ASAP to [nehret1228@gmail.com](mailto:nehret1228@gmail.com).  
Orders will be delivered in 3 weeks, well in advance of the holidays.

A big thanks to Alycia Parkes for facilitating the fun and engaging  
**Trummytones** at Tuesday's Cultural Café!

What a wonderful showing at the **CCS Open House!** We hope it proved to be an  
informative evening and a great way to meet your child's teacher! And, we hope  
you took a moment to join the PTA, but if not, it's not too late to participate in  
the **PTA Membership** drive! Please support our students and the CCS  
community by visiting [PTA membership information](#).

Remember, the **CCS Directory** will only be distributed to families with a PTA  
membership. The Directory is a convenient way for parents to easily get in touch  
with other CCS families, so please join us! Look for forthcoming  
communications on distribution timing.

**Box Tops for Education** collection deadline is Wed., October 26. Send to school  
grouped in bags of 50 labeled with teachers' name. The top collecting class wins an  
ice cream party. Contact Chrissy O'Brien, [cacob20@gmail.com](mailto:cacob20@gmail.com), with questions.

Cos Cob School is fortunate to have been selected for the **Start 2 Save** program at  
the First Bank of Greenwich. Together with local merchants, the bank has  
offered a fun way to teach children about savings. Here's how it works:

- Open an account with as little as \$5, and the bank will match that first \$5, so  
your child will start with \$10 in their account (maximum of \$5 matching funds).
- Every time they visit the bank your child can spin a prize wheel & enter a raffle.
- Their money will earn interest and can be withdrawn at any time.

For each student that opens an account, the First Bank of Greenwich will donate  
\$5 to the Cos Cob School PTA. If 100 students participate, then our school will  
earn \$500! Please contact Nicole Ehret for further details [nehret1228@gmail.com](mailto:nehret1228@gmail.com).

You can reach us anytime with questions or comments at [pta.coscob@gmail.com](mailto:pta.coscob@gmail.com).

Sheila O'Donnell & Phoebe Lindsay, PTA Co-Presidents 2016-2017

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next **PTA Meeting** will be held Tuesday, October 18, 8:30-9:15 a.m. in the  
Learning Commons. Principal Schmidt will present on the Smarter Balanced  
Assessment "SBA", STAR assessments and the school strategic improvement  
plan "SIP," with a lively discussion to follow.

In lieu of the Holiday Brunch, we are excited to announce the **Polar Express  
Pajama Party** on Friday, December 9! Mark your calendar...more details to  
follow.

The Cos Cob School **Early Bird Club** is available every morning from 7:30-8:30  
a.m. Please see the Early Bird tab in the PTA section of the website, [Early Bird  
Club](#), or send a message to [ccsmornings@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmornings@gmail.com).

## FROM THE DISTRICT

The BOE presents a parent workshop on STEM Curriculum, Tuesday, October 18, 10-  
11 a.m. (K-5) and 11 a.m.-12 p.m. (6-12) at the Havemeyer Building. Visit [STEM  
Workshop](#) for details.

The BOE is seeking community engagement to guide the recruitment and selection of  
a new **Superintendent for Greenwich Public Schools**. Please share your thoughts at  
the community forum, hosted by search firm Ray and Associates, Monday, October  
17, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Town Hall or 7-8:00 p.m. at Julian Curtiss School and/or  
complete a BRIEF online survey by Wednesday, October 19: [Survey / Questionario](#).