



## COS COB SCHOOL

### WEEK AT A GLANCE -- APRIL 23 - 27

#### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

##### Monday, April 23

Beg. Band Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

Adv. Orch. Rehearsal,  
7:50 a.m. (stage)

Brownie Troop 50472 Mtg.  
Room 205 at 3:15 p.m.

##### Tuesday, April 24

Adv. Band Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

**Grs. 2-3 Symphony Concert  
at CMS, 9:00 a.m.**

**Audubon Field Trip-1/DD &  
1/KC**

##### Wednesday, April 25

Adv. Orch. Rehearsal,  
7:50 a.m.

#### **EARLY RELEASE DAY, 1:15 DISMISSAL**

K-5 Math Parent Workshop,  
6-7:30 p.m. at North Minus

##### Thursday, April 26

Chorus Rehearsal, 8 a.m.

##### Friday, April 27

Beg. Orch. Rehearsal, 7:50 a.m.  
Ambassadors Mtg., 8 a.m.

**Audubon Field Trip-1/DD &  
1/KC**

##### Saturday, April 28

Cos Cob Community TAG  
SALE – 11:00 a.m. – 4 p.m.  
Early Bird TAG SALE hours &  
fee: 10-11 a.m. \$25 per family



#### FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable spring break. Following April break, the remainder of the year seems to fly by, so please be sure to read the WAG each week as there are lots of upcoming events that you won't want to miss. Keep your eyes open for volunteering opportunities at the May Fair, which will be held on May 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>.

Shortly, our teachers will begin the process of planning for next year's class placements. Careful consideration goes into preparing class lists, and vital components are considered in order to ensure that each student is placed in an appropriate educational setting.

To that end, parents are given an opportunity to express any issues or concerns regarding their child that they feel are important for the classroom teacher, and the administration to be aware of during this process. Due to the anticipated number of classroom sections for next year, there may be some teachers that will be moving to another grade level. If you feel that would impact your child's next year placement, please be sure to indicate that in your email.

#### **A reminder that parents are not allowed to request individual teachers.**

While many factors are taken into consideration during this process, ultimately it will be the teacher and administrator's final decision for student placement. All requests must be sent by email directly to my Administrative Assistant, Sheila and not to individual teachers, as we need to keep one central spreadsheet. Sheila can be reached at: [Sheila.Babyak@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Sheila.Babyak@greenwich.k12.ct.us)

Please be assured that all information shared will be held in strict confidence by the school administration.

Because this is a very time consuming and careful process, we request all emails be sent to Sheila no later than **Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**. Late requests will not be honored, and after class lists have been made and finalized, there will be no changes. Also, if your child is not returning to Cos Cob School for the 2018-2019 school year, please email Kathy Wigand at: [Kathy.Wiegand@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:Kathy.Wiegand@greenwich.k12.ct.us)

Cos Cob School is pleased to announce an Earth Month partnership with the GPS Green Schools Committee and GPS Food Service Department to launch the reusable tray pilot program. On Monday students picked up for the first time the reusable red rectangular plastic food trays. The trays, lined with wax paper, provide enough space to easily hold all their food. When finished students line up and go to the newly setup recycling station, first encountering a compost station for fruits and vegetables, then moving to the liquids station where all leftover liquids were poured into buckets, recycling buckets come next and all remaining items end up in the trash.

Already there is a substantial reduction in waste at CCS. The custodians previously were emptying 5-6 trash bins and 4 recycling bins a day with 2-3 daily custodial pickups. Day one of the new program provided only 1 full trash bin and 2 full recycling bins, with only 1 custodial pickup at the end of the lunch sessions. The compost is taken outside to the recycling bins and when ready, the compost will be used in the courtyard garden.

The changes save the district money, reduce waste and improve the environment. We encourage parents to volunteer and help students learn which items can be recycled or composted to align with the Green Schools program. How much can we reduce, reuse and recycle together? Come check it out!

Hopefully this weekend we will see some sunshine and get a chance to enjoy some outside activities. Have a great weekend.

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## FROM THE COMMUNITY

View the [April Parks & Rec newsletter](#) for info on Town programs and other events.

Join for a free [Early Morning Bird Walk](#) at Audubon Gr., Saturday, April 21, 7-8:30am.

Bring your sensitive documents to [Paper Shredding Day](#), Saturday, April 21, 9:30am-12pm at the Island Beach parking lot. \$2 per box, max 5 boxes, see link for more details.

The Town of Greenwich invites families to [Exotic Pet Awareness Day](#), Saturday, April 21, 10:30-11:30am at the Animal Control Facility, 393 North Street, Greenwich.

Come for the annual [Kite Flying Festival](#) at Greenwich Point, Saturday, April 21 at 11am. Bring your kite to enter a raffle and try to win a ribbon!

Learn about **World Fish Migration Day** and attend an [Open House](#) at the Mianus River Fishway, 125 River Road Extension, Cos Cob, on Saturday, April 21, 2-4pm.

[Celebrate Earth Day](#) on Sunday, April 22, by beautifying our community. The Friends of Gr. Point asks families and groups to give some TLC to Tod's Point (at your convenience) and send before and after photos to [info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org](mailto:info@friendsofgreenwichpoint.org)

Cos Cob Library hosts [Read to Otis & Cinder](#), Monday, April 23, 4-5pm. Sign-up for a spot by calling 203-622-6883 before it's too late.

The YMCA celebrates [Healthy Kids Day](#) with a free pool party open to the community on Sunday, April 29, 5-7pm.

Interested in starting a **Girl Scout Troop** or registering your daughter for the fall? Parents are invited to an informational session on Wednesday, May 2, 6:30-7:30pm in the Cafeteria.

The North Mianus Pow Wow will be held Friday, May 4, 4-10pm, and Saturday, May 5, 12-10pm at North Mianus School. Carnival rides, games and food – fun for the whole family!

## FROM THE PTA

The **Cos Cob Community Tag Sale** is next weekend! Bring your donations to the Cafeteria Thursday, April 26, 3-7pm, and Friday, April 27, 3-9pm. Early bird shopping from 10-11am on Saturday, April 28 (\$25 per family) followed by free public admission from 11am-4pm. Your donations will find new life and go toward the Cos Cob School Anniversary Celebration. Housewares, clothing, small furniture, electronics, jewelry, artwork, books, movies, games, sports equipment, toys AND MORE - YOU NAME IT, WE NEED IT! See our [flyer](#) for more information – donate, shop or do both.

Please also consider volunteering at the sale - visit the [Cos Cob Community Tag Sale Sign-Up](#) to provide assistance at this sure-to-be fantastic event.

Our teachers *Lift Us Up*, so let's show them how much they mean to us with this year's **Teacher Appreciation Week!** Activities and recognitions are quickly approaching, running from April 30-May 4. [Sign-up](#) to participate and show your appreciation. A full schedule is attached.

Exciting things are happening in the **Cafeteria**... From the Golden Spoon rewards system to our new recycling center and composting program facilitated by the Green Schools Committee, we want to share these with you! Join us by volunteering for an hour and share lunch with your child. Pick your day and time at: [Cafeteria Sign-Up](#).

It's not too late to pre-order a **Yearbook!** LAST CHANCE order deadline has been extended to **Monday, April 30** and will not re-open. Purchase your child's copy at <https://www.coffeepond.com/> with password ccs2018

Mother's Day is around the corner, so treat yourself to a little rest and relaxation at our next What's Cooking: **Bath & Body Workshop**. Join on Thursday, May 4, 7-9pm, as Jenna Cho guides and demos a group in creating natural soaps, bath bombs and bug spray at the home of Nicole Egret. Tickets are \$40 and available at [What's Cooking: Bath & Body!](#)

1<sup>st</sup> grade goes to the Audubon, Tuesday, April 24 and Friday, April 27, for a **Pond Study** and an up-close microscopic view of pond creatures. Thank you to Stephanie Whelan, science rep for the Curriculum Enrichment Committee, for coordinating this field trip right in our backyard!

The Curriculum Enrichment Committee brings best-selling children's author [Dan Gutman](#) to visit grades 2-4 on Friday, May 4. See the attached flyer for advance book purchase details or visit the PTA website.

Thank you for all the responses we received on the **Traffic, Parking and Safety Concerns Survey**. Feedback will be circulated very soon in follow up communications.

The Bridgeport Sound Tigers are offering a **SPECIAL PRE-SEASON DEAL**. Kick off the hockey season and watch the Islanders vs. Rangers on Saturday, September 22 at 7pm, and with your pre-purchased ticket you will receive a voucher good for any Sound Tigers game during the 2018-19 season. Visit [Sound Tigers Pre-Season Tickets](#).

Want to help the PTA but strapped for time? We've linked up with **Amazon.com** and you can support our efforts **at no extra cost** by clicking through [here](#) when doing your online ordering. The link is also available on the PTA website front page. Nothing more required, it's that simple.

We need **Volunteers!** Several events are coming up quickly and we'd love to connect you with a meaningful project. Contact Kristen Rossi, [kristen.a.rossi@gmail.com](mailto:kristen.a.rossi@gmail.com), for more information.

Visit [coscobpta.org](http://coscobpta.org) for up-to-date information on events, volunteer opportunities, activities, Early Bird, membership AND MORE! Account setup is quick and easy.

## FROM THE PTA (cont.)

Your **PTA Membership** always makes a difference. Please click on the PTA membership link on our website, create your account and make a donation: [PTA membership form](#). It's never too late!

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

Phoebe Lindsay & Brian Zeller,  
PTA Co-Presidents 2017-2018

## FROM THE DISTRICT

The April 18 **Twice Exceptional (2E) Learners** presentation has been postponed. Additional information forthcoming on a rescheduled date.

Nominations are open for the **PTAC Essence Award**. This award recognizes up to two outstanding PTA members of the GPS system who, through exemplary achievement, have inspired others, demonstrated selfless spirit and made a significant difference in our school community (individual school or district-wide). Please take the time to nominate one of our amazing volunteers so they can be recognized for their contributions! The application is available [here](#), and at [greenwichschools.org](http://greenwichschools.org) under Community/PTAC.

GPS Summer School sign-up is ongoing at [GPS Summer School](#). High-quality educational programs combine with fun learning right at CCS!

## FROM THE NURSE



**Attention Gr. 2 Parents: Third grade is a required year for a health assessment or physical.** The required blue State of Connecticut form was given to your child on Monday to bring home. Please have the physical done as soon as possible and before December of third grade year. Thanks. Leslie VanDermeer

## NEWS FROM MRS. OXER

Homework stress is real and exhausting for parents and students alike. Spare your family the drama and fights by following this homework system designed for children with ADHD and learning disabilities.

Check out these resources and feel free to talk to your child's teachers and/or service providers with comments or questions.

The ADHD Homework System We Swear By  
<https://www.additudemag.com/slideshows/less-homework-stress/>

12 Schoolwork Shortcuts for Kids Who Hate Homework  
<https://www.additudemag.com/slideshows/adhd-homework-strategies-and-shortcuts/>

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**CHAMPS Walk** – April 22<sup>nd</sup> – 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Bruce Park (Woods Rd) Enjoy...The CHAMPS walk, face painting, games, photos, sales & more.

**STEAM Night** takes place Wednesday, May 9. Keep an eye out for details on volunteering to make this an awesome event!

The **Early Bird Club** is available every morning, 7:30-8:30am, on a drop-in/ as needed basis, or join us every day! Please review the Early Bird Quick Facts Sheet, [Early Bird Club](#), for details on registration. Contact [ccsmornings@gmail.com](mailto:ccsmornings@gmail.com) with questions.



**The May Fair is coming; the May Fair is coming!**  
**Friday, May 18th & Saturday, May 19th**  
**4 - 9 pm.**

**NEW THIS YEAR!!!** Buy **discounted ride bracelets** in advance! They will be on sale the week of May Fair in the back circle or order online **ANYTIME** before **Thursday, May 17th**. Pre-sale bracelets will **not be sold after Thursday!** Tickets will only think be available for ride purchase at the fair. Credit and debit cards will now be accepted at May Fair this year!!



Friday night **ONLY** we will have a **PIE IN THE FACE EVENT** with our favorite teachers and Principal

Contact Lindsey Babyak at [lindsey\\_babyak@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:lindsey_babyak@greenwich.k12.ct.us), Michele Prinszano at [michele\\_prinszano@greenwich.k12.ct.us](mailto:michele_prinszano@greenwich.k12.ct.us) or Missy McKenzie at [missymckenzie@gmail.com](mailto:missymckenzie@gmail.com) with questions. And keep on the lookout for emails on Prince and Princess of the May Fair raffle tickets and food tent volunteer shifts. We need lots of help to pull off the best May Fair yet!

# OUR TEACHERS LIFT US UP



## COS COB SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK 2018

APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup>— MAY 4<sup>TH</sup>

HELP US LIFT OUR TEACHERS SPIRITS — SEE THE PLAN BELOW AND BE SURE TO CHECK THE ATTACHMENT INCLUDED IN THE EMAIL TO FIND SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER.

### MONDAY → "LIVE IT UP"

WAKE UP READY TO CELEBRATE OUR TEACHERS THIS WEEK! THEY WILL ENJOY A DELICIOUS LUNCH SPONSERED BY FAMILIES OF COS COB SCHOOL.

STUDENTS BRING IN A SWEET TREAT FOR YOUR TEACHER!

### TUESDAY → "BATTER UP"

OUR TEACHERS WILL ENJOY A LUNCH FROM TOMATILLO AND RECEIVE A ONE OF A KIND COS COB SCHOOL HAT.

STUDENTS WEAR YOUR FAVORITE BASEBALL HAT TODAY!

### WEDNESDAY → "PICK IT UP"

COS COB SCHOOL FAMILIES WILL PUT TOGETHER AN EARLY MORNING BREAKFAST. THEN TEACHERS WILL ABLE TO PICK UP A QUICK TREAT FROM CAFÉ BON IN THE AFTERNOON.

STUDENTS WEAR YOUR TEACHER'S FAVORITE COLOR AND SEE IF THEY CAN PICK UP ON IT!

### THURSDAY → "SHAKE IT UP"

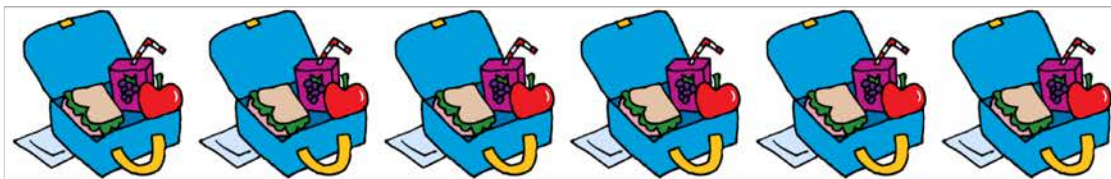
WE WILL SHAKE UP LUNCH WITH A SOBOL MAKE YOUR OWN BOWL LUNCH.

STUDENTS BRING IN A SCHOOL SUPPLY FOR YOUR TEACHER!

### FRIDAY → "RISING UP"

IN THE SPIRIT OF THE COS COB SCHOOL PHOENIX TEACHERS WILL RISE UP TO BREAKFAST FROM CAFÉ BON.

STUDENTS SHOW YOUR SCHOOL PRIDE BY WEARING COS COB SPIRIT WEAR OR STAY IN YOUR PJS FOR THE DAY!



**\*\*Exciting things are happening in the Cos Cob School Cafeteria\*\***

Parents and teachers are eating up the new vibe during lunch time. The Golden Spoon rewards system began a few months back and has made a positive impact on creating a delightful dining experience for everyone. Classes are thrilled to earn this honor each week for top behavior and manners during lunch.

**Parents are welcome to come be a part of the enhanced cafeteria experience with our lunch volunteer program. Contribute your time here to join us and see it all in action.**

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f4fa5a623aafa7-ccsmarch1>

***More exciting news. April 16<sup>th</sup> starts the CCS celebration of Earth Month with a new cafeteria recycling center, reusable lunch trays, and composting program which will save our school \$ and our environment.***

***Come help students learn which items can be recycled or composted to align with the Green Schools program. How much can we reduce, reuse and recycle together? Come check it out!***



# Bath & Body Workshop

Demo by: Jenna Cho | Host: Nicole Ehret

May 3<sup>rd</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m. | Cost: \$40 [www.coscobpta.org](http://www.coscobpta.org)



Mother's day is around the corner and we need to treat ourselves to a little rest & relaxation. With the hussle and bussle of everyday life, join us in making natural organic bath & body products. Recreate them at home with your children to give as gifts or keep for yourself.

**Melt & Pour Natural Soaps** Choose your mold to create natural beautiful soaps.



**Bath Bombs** Create natural bath bombs that will leave your skin feeling soft & nurished. This will be completely natural and will not contain commerical sulfate.

**Natural Bug Spray** You will be mixing essential oils to create a natural bug spray which you will want to have on hand this summer.



## Meet Jenna Cho

Jenna received a certificate in natural soap making /skin care in 2012 in Korea. She is a mother of two Cos Cob School graduates. She became interested in making natural products after seeking the best way to help her daughter's eczema. The more she researched, the more she discovered how powerful natural ingredients can be used to help heal yet are often ignored.