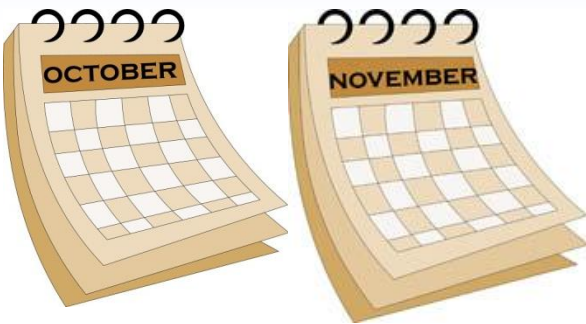


The Village School Voice!

October - November 2012 Village School Parent-School Association News



A Message From The Principal

Brian Schillaci

Village School is an amazing place, and we have had a wonderful start to the year. There has been a lot going on that I would like to share with our entire Village School community!

Our Character Education Committee is up and running again. The goal of our committee is to continue developing strategies, in order to help our children learn and grow into responsible young citizens. The staff members on the committee are excited and dedicated to making sure we offer opportunities for our students in individual classrooms, as well as providing opportunities for school wide initiatives. One of these initiatives is a continued emphasis on "Bucket Filling". Based on the book, **Have You Filled a Bucket Today?**, we have continued to teach our children the importance of making good decisions. Each classroom was very fortunate to receive a copy of this book, compliments of the Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance. We thank them for their continued support of our character building programs at Village School. With the same idea of promoting great feelings here at school, we have also continued with our Spirit Committee. The committee has put some ideas on the table at this point to promote school spirit; most specifically Spirit Days when staff and students are asked to wear Holmdel blue and white. Keep your eyes open for more spirit ideas, as we head through the school year. Village School is also continuing professional development opportunities for our staff around Readers' and Writers' Workshop. Our teachers will have the chance to meet one-on-one with a trainer to discuss literacy initiatives here in the district. Additionally, our staff members have the opportunity to see these strategies modeled in classrooms with our very own Village School students. The feedback from staff and students has been wonderful to this point, and we look forward to continuing this commitment to our literacy programs. We will also be having an information session for our families on **Thursday, October 11th at 6:30.** We will be meeting in the new gym to discuss a few new initiatives here in the building:

- Writing Workshop supported by SchoolWide Writing Fundamentals and Grammar Conventions
- Word Study using Words Their Way
- Vocabulary using Building Vocabulary by Teacher Created Materials

We look forward to seeing you at this event, and many others throughout

IMPORTANT DATES

October 8	No School – Columbus Day
October 9	PSA Meeting – 9:30 A.M.
October 11	Writer's Workshop – 6:30 P.M.
October 15-19	Red Ribbon Week
October 18	Ladie's Night Out
November 6	No School - Election Day
November 8-9	No School – NJEA Convention
November 13	PSA Meeting – 9:30 A.M. Evening Teacher's Conferences
November 16-21	Half Day
November 16-20	Teacher's Conferences
November 22-23	No School –Thanksgiving
November 26-30	Holiday Shoppe

President's Report

Dina D'Ambrosi

I hope everyone is off to a great start. School is well on its way and hopefully everyone is settled into a routine. We had a very successful 1st School Store, fun Kindergarten Night at Chuck E. Cheese and a great family fun night to welcome everyone back at Olympic Night. I would like to send a very special thank you to Nila Luccarelli, Jennifer Campillay and Michelle Prager from the School Store Committee and all the volunteers, Lori Umbrino for Kindergarten Night and Darlene Kiss for facilitating The Special Events Committee at Olympic Night.

The PSA has a lot of great events planned for October and November that you will not want to miss. Here are the many ways to stay informed at Village School to make sure that you do not miss out on upcoming activities:

PSA Communication Emails: If you chose to remain on our email listing, you receive emails coming from PSACommunications@gmail.com. These emails announce upcoming events such as Ladies Night Out, School Store, upcoming PSA meetings and much more. If you are registering for events that require registration or purchases the emails will have a link button that you can click on to bring you directly to the registration. Our emails are a great way for you to see what is happening and register for activities at your convenience.

PSA Bulletin Board: As you enter the main entrance of Village School, PSA posts information regarding our upcoming activities, Box Top sheets, and other notices.

Holmdelparents.org: You can go directly to this website to find out anything regarding PSA. Once you are in the website, you can click on the Village School section to register for membership, review upcoming events or to contact board members.

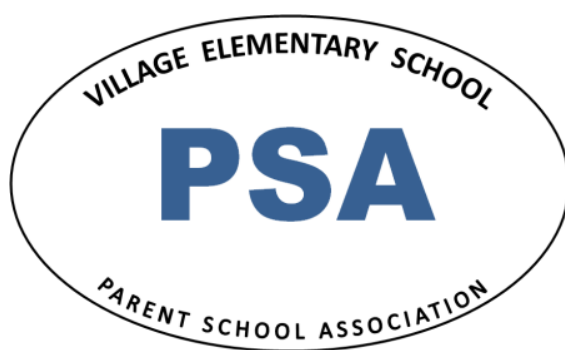
Facebook Page: When you are in Holmdelparents.org and have clicked on Village School, we have a "find us on Facebook" button. Facebook is an additional way to receive updates and notices from PSA.

E-alerts from Mr. Schillaci: These emails are intended for parents at Village School with important updates on school wide activities, notices and reminders.

Kid Mail: Every once in a while, PSA will send notices in your children's backpacks for announcements that PSA would like to ensure you receive. Your child's teacher will put the announcements in their backpacks. PSA does not send out many notices through kid mail but some announcements are time sensitive that we want to ensure you don't miss.

Volunteering: Not only keep you informed but is also a great way to be involved in the school and with your children. We always welcome anyone who would like to get involved. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dina D'Ambrosi at PSAPresident@live.com or Darlene Kiss at PSALiaison@live.com.

As you can see there are many ways to keep informed and we welcome your feedback, ideas and involvement. Thank you all for making Village School such a great place for our kids to learn and I wish you continued success this school year.



www.HolmdelParents.org

BASKETS, BASKETS, BASKETS!!!

Village School PSA

11th Annual Ladies Night Out

Basket Forms

Due Date: October 11, 2012

Ladies Night Out is Village School's biggest fundraiser and greatest opportunity to raise money for the school. One of the best sources of revenue comes from the gift baskets that are raffled off to a lucky winner.

Our goal is to raffle Auction Baskets with a minimum value of \$50.00 and Grand Prize Baskets with a minimum of \$200.00. There are many ways in which you could help. One way is to get some friends together and donate a group basket, a bus stop basket, class basket, etc. If you would rather, you could make a monetary donation and we will create a basket in your name. Gift certificates in any amount are also welcome.

If you would like to donate a gift Basket or a Grand Prize item, please send in the form below in an envelope marked:

"LNO/Baskets Attn: Debbie Brew".

Thank you for your continued support.

Debbie Brew

732-772-1744

PSAFundraising1@live.com

Lori Umbrino

732-533-5123

PSAFundraising2@live.com

Yes, I would like to donate an Auction Basket or Grand Prize Item!

Name & Phone _____

Auction Gift Basket/Item: _____

Grand Prize Item: _____

Please accept my monetary donation to create or enhance a basket\$ _____

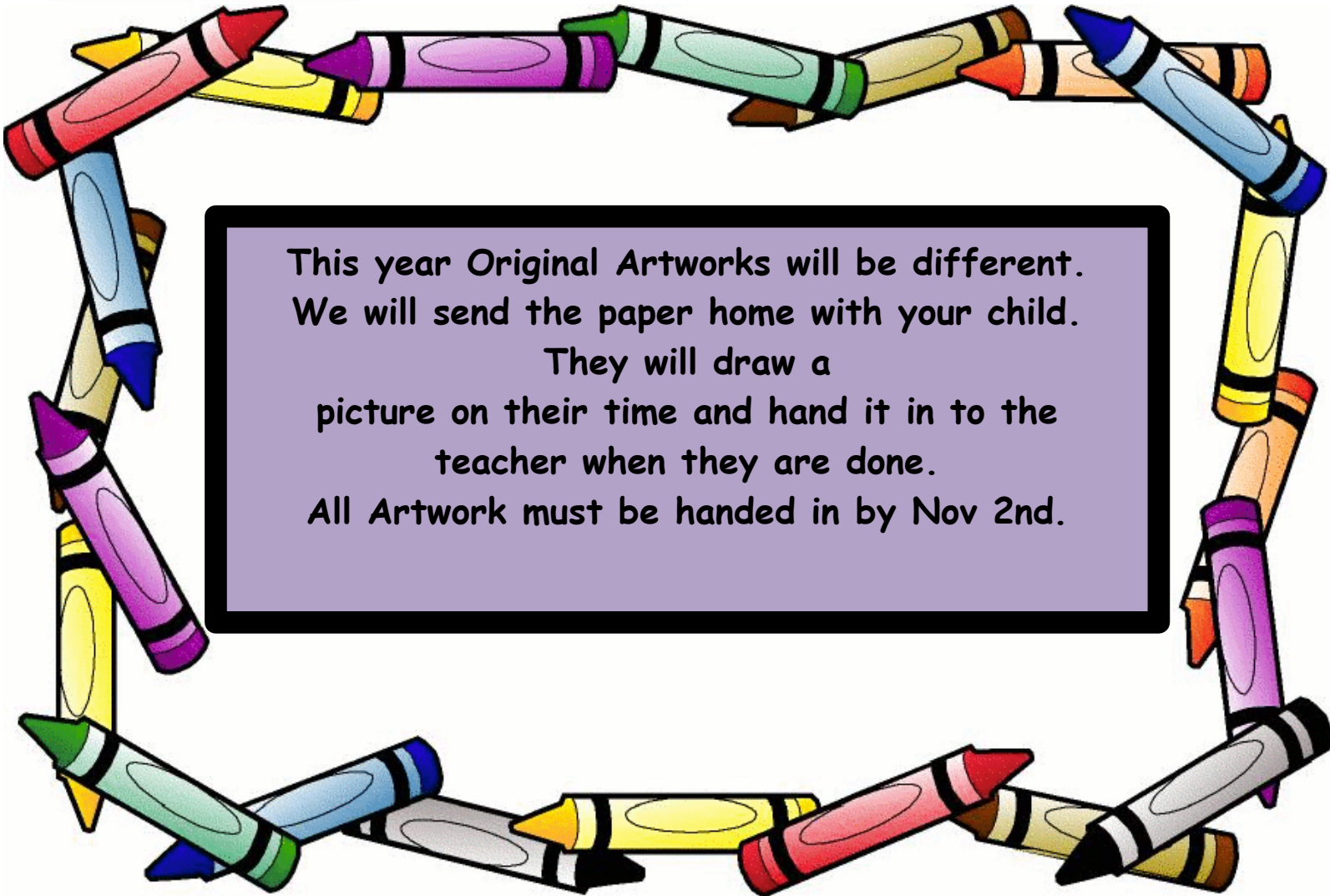


Every month at the PSA meeting a raffle is held for all those in attendance. September's winner was Sabrina Corliss. She won a beautiful scented candle and a gift card. Our next meetings are October 9th and November 13th at 9:30 A.M. at Village School. Join us for lots of useful information, light refreshments and your chance to win!

I keep forgetting to send in my form to join the PSA.



No problem. Just click this link ["JOIN THE PSA"](#) and you can sign up right now. It's only \$5 per family and membership entitles you to discounts on upcoming PSA events.



This year Original Artworks will be different. We will send the paper home with your child. They will draw a picture on their time and hand it in to the teacher when they are done. All Artwork must be handed in by Nov 2nd.

We Want Your Pictures


Do you want to submit photos for consideration in the Village School yearbook? It's simple really... just go forth and PHOTOGRAPH! The only requirement is that the photos be of school-sanctioned events on school grounds (girl scouts and boy scout events are not considered school events). Take pictures of your children, their classmates, their friends, their teachers, and their classrooms, whatever you want! Remember, the more good quality pictures we get, the better our yearbook will look.

If you have a small number of good quality photos you want to submit... simply send an e-mail to PSAHistorian@live.com and attach your photos.... we'll do the rest. Please keep in mind that the size limit for e-mails is 20MB per e-mail. But please, feel free to send as many photos/e-mails as you wish.

If you have a large number of photos you want to share, simply upload your files to any photo sharing software you are familiar with (i.e. picasa, photobucket, flicker etc.) and share the link with us. Send the shared link to PSAHistorian@live.com. Again, we'll do the rest.



P.S. Although we appreciate everyone send in their pictures; please be aware that there is no guarantee that your photos will appear in the finished yearbook. We are simply not able to accommodate all photos, we will do our best to include as many children and as many photos as possible. Thank you.





How Do I stay informed about all the things going on at Village School?


That's Easy! There are several ways to stay up to date with the PSA.



You can go to WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG and read about all the exciting upcoming events at Village School. While you're there don't forget to bookmark the site so you can check back often for updates.



Sounds easy so far. Are there any other ways to get information?




ABSOLUTELY!




You can also "Like" The PSA on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Village-School-Parent-School-Association/192253380794117?ref=ts>

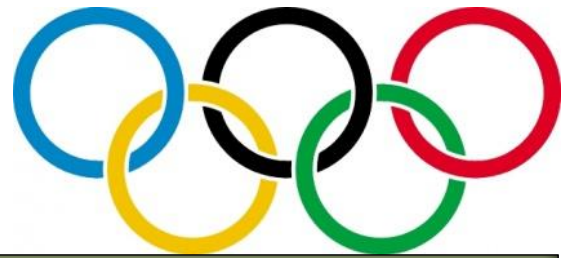


That was easy. Thanks for the tips!



No Problem. The PSA is always here to help you out.





VILLAGE OLYMPICS

On Friday, September 21, 2012, we proudly hosted the Village Olympics where the school grounds were transformed into a sports arena. Over 225 children participated in 13 different events, including a "British Bean Bag Toss" and "Greek Golf", paying tribute to the recent Olympic Games. This event was a fun way to welcome back all Village students and ignite team spirit for an exciting year ahead. The events began 2 weeks prior with a passing of a "torch", where students in first, second and third held and passed a battery-powered torch from one student to the next during lunch periods, and concluded as each participant received a "gold medal". What better way to kick off a new year and a spirit of togetherness and ultimate success!

Special thanks to Darlene Kiss for heading up the PSA Special Events Committee who worked diligently to create the event: Debbie Brew, Linda Jackman, Laura Lavell, Jennifer Londell, Mary Rice, Jenn Rainess and Lori Umbrino. We would also like to thank Luigi's, in Aberdeen for working with us to provide the pizza enjoyed by all. Thank you!



UPCOMING SCHOOL STORE DATES

October 18th

November 15th

January 24th

February 21st

March 14th

April 18th

May 16th



Kindergarten

Meet and Greet

The Kindergarten Meet and Greet was a huge success! The PSA would like to thank all those who braved the storm and came out for a wonderful event! The kids had a ball and so did their families. It was so nice to meet so many new friends. I'm sure you heard there were 2 celebrities there...Chuck E. Cheese and Mr. Schillaci! I'm not sure who the kids were happier to see! The bonus of the night was a percentage of all money spent was given back to the PSA to benefit our school....wonderful!



Ladies Night Out

Ladies Night Out is coming up! Check the backpacks this week for your invitation!

The event will take place Thursday, October 18 at Sterling Gardens in Matawan, NJ from 7-11 pm. Please consider donating a basket to be auctioned off at this wonderful event or even making a donation to help sponsor the event!



GAMES, BOOKS AND PUZZLES

On Tuesday, September 18th Ruth Davis and Darlene Kiss sorted hundreds of books, games and puzzles for the Kindergarten, first, second and third grade teachers. We left these items on the stage in the multi-purpose room for each teacher to browse through. The teachers are very thankful to all the parents for their donations. Thank you parents for your donations.



SPIRIT WEAR

The Spirit Wear deadline has come and gone and a great big thank you to everyone who ordered the Spirit Wear for Village School. What a great success it was again this year!! We had a great selection this year of short sleeve, long sleeve and the pull over hoodies. This year we added the car magnet. We wanted to add a theme this year also and went with the "Bee Yourself" idea. A great big thank you to the Spirit Wear committee: Ruth Davis, Vicki DiBlasi, Darlene Kiss, Jennifer Londell and Jenna Peters.

Earn Cash for Village School



Clip & Collect



Each (non-expired) Box Top is worth **10¢** for Village School! Keep collecting all year!

- Clip Box Tops coupons from participating Box Tops for Education products.
- Send Box Tops coupons into school in an envelope or drop them at the main **office**.
- Village School gets 10¢ for each non-expired Box Top coupon.
- Visit boxtops4education.com/earn/clip/brands.aspx for a complete list of participating products

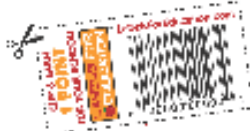


Earn eBox Tops

- Register once and shop online retailers through the BTFE Marketplace portal.
- Village School automatically gets Box Tops credited for every sale.
- Visit boxtops4education.com/earn/marketplace to get started.



Clip & Collect



- Clip UPCs from participating Labels for Education products.
- Send UPCs into school in an envelope or drop them at the main **office**.
- Village School gets points to spend on equipment & supplies through the Labels for Education catalog.
- Visit labelsforeducation.com/earn/participating-products.aspx for a complete list of participating products.



Register Shopper Cards

- Visit eLabelsforEducation.com to register your Acme and ShopRite loyalty cards. Village School automatically gets bonus points when you use your card and purchase participating LFE products.
- Visit stopandshop.com/aplus to register your Stop&Shop loyalty card. Village School automatically gets a percentage of your purchase when you use your card. You must re-register every school year.



Ink & Toner Recycling

- Place printer cartridges in plastic bags and send into school or drop at the main **office**.
- Village School gets paid for every cartridge we recycle.

Questions?

- Contact Sandra or Nicole at PSAboxtops@live.com.

Back-to-School, Back-to-Box Tops!

Collect Box Tops from participating products. **Glue or tape** them to this collection sheet. **Send in** your completed sheet. Your Box Tops **add up** to earn funds for Village School!



(don't cut out the sample ones printed on this sheet - they're not real and they don't count!)

Each (non-expired) Box top is worth **10¢** for Village School! Keep collecting all year!

Please Remember!

- NO expired Box Tops.
- At least one of the expiration dates must remain intact after cutting it out.
- We continue to collect labels for Education too! They should be submitted on a separate sheet or in a separate envelope or baggie.

any questions? email Sandra & Nicole PS&Hboxtops@live.com
the fundraiser is not endorsed by the Holland Township Board of Education



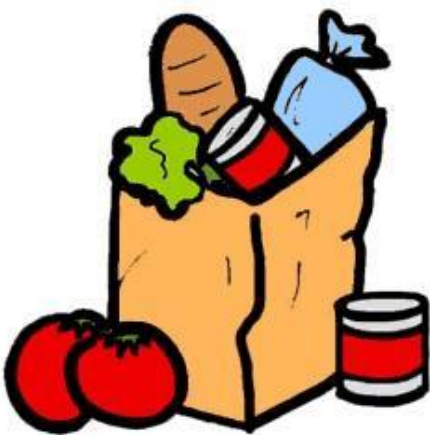


18 buses and over 800 students waiting to begin their first day of school is what Terri Ferguson had on her mind as she stood in front of Village School with her Barbie pompom in hand. It was 8:45 in the morning and Terri was waiting for the cavalcade of busses to arrive. She worked over the summer securing volunteers to help her with the task of easing our children back into the school year without too much fuss. She had a three day plan to assist the children in learning the routine that they would use for the entire school year. As the busses began to arrive, Terri marshaled her squad into position to begin the process of disembarking the students. As many parents of kindergarteners stood on the sidewalk, trying to snap pictures of their precious treasures about to begin their educational career at Village school, Terri and her volunteers began the process of guiding the children to their proper destinations. After several minutes of children swarming the sidewalks, following the volunteering parents, like ducklings following their mother, the children were all safely escorted inside of the school. Day one was a great success. Only two more days to go. On day two, with less parents snapping pictures, and the children slowly becoming seasoned veterans, all the children were off their busses and inside of the school by 9:07 A.M. Many of the volunteer parents could be overheard saying how smoothly the process went. By day 3, Terri, now lovingly referred to as Mrs. Partridge, was completely confident of the children's abilities. When the time came to shepherd the students into the school, everybody, including the children, knew their roles. Day 3 was as big of a success as the previous two days. Terri's hard work and dedication paid off. When asked why she volunteered for such a tedious duty, Terri said she does it because "it makes the kids at ease seeing smiling faces as they get off the busses." She went on to say that "it all went smoothly thanks to all the volunteers that helped her out." Next on the horizon for Terri is the first of several school bus safety drills. You can email her at Nj.fergs@comcast.net if you would like to help out with this event.





Market Day is a wonderful new fundraiser that is right around the corner too. Coming soon is this delicious fundraiser that offers wonderful meals, appetizers and desserts with specialized allergy menus. Check it out now at www.marketday.com and wait for our flyer with more info!





Linda Fernand is running her 13th luncheon for Village school and she is showing as much enthusiasm as if it was her first. She has been on the hospitality committee for 7 years and when asked why she does it her response is very refreshing. "I love seeing the appreciative faces of the teachers" is her simple and to the point response. Linda was responsible for feeding over 125 teachers and staff members at the luncheon but she handled it with the ease of preparing a simple dinner for her family. The reason for the luncheon running so smoothly according to Linda is that the "volunteers make it easy and enjoyable". She goes on to state that there is never a shortage of donated desserts to cap off the delicious spread of food. One of the other treats that Linda prepared for the luncheon was a raffle of the centerpieces on each table. Every teacher that came to the luncheon was given a raffle ticket and the winners were picked at the end. The winners for this luncheon were Megan Vinciguerra, Karen Bennett, and Jill Kimler. When Linda is not organizing and running luncheons for the teachers she can be seen at the PSA meetings making sure that all attendees are well fed.

Village School Holiday Shoppe

Village Schools annual Holiday Shoppe is back to ring in the 2012 holiday season. This year's Holiday Shoppe will take place 11/26 through 11/30. Jenny's Penguin Patch will be back again providing us with a large variety of hand picked items to meet all of our children's gift giving needs. If anyone is interested in volunteering or has any questions please contact Vicki DiBlasi @ 732 471-8404 or Victoria.popolo@verizon.net or Lori Umbrino @ 732 533-5123 or umbrinos@verizon.net As the event gets closer be sure to check Village Schools Facebook page as well as www.holmdelparents.org for more information. Paperwork will also be sent home with your child in November.