

The Village School Voice!

June 2013 Village School Parent-School Association News

IMPORTANT DATES

June 7	Field Day Half Day
June 11	PSA Meeting
June 14	3 rd Grade Social
June 20	Holmdel Day at Barnes and Noble
June 24-25	School In Session
June 26	Last Day of School Half Day

A Message From The Principal – Mr. Brian Schillaci

With just four weeks to go we are closing in on the end of another amazing journey. We have achieved so much together throughout the course of the 2012-13 school year. The whole Village community has worked hard to help our children enjoy success. We should all be very proud of the wonderful school we have supported as a team!

When we look back over the course of the year, we often look for those great success stories. This year those success stories came out of our school community stepping up to some serious challenges. There were national tragedies this year that tested us in a lot of different ways but Village School always rallied together to comfort those in need, as well as each other, during these difficult times. We also endured a local challenge to our very own Jersey Shore. With all of the hurting that continues in our neighboring towns, I could not be more proud of the way Village School came together. There were so many outreach opportunities from the “Giving Tree” to our “Book Drive” to an amazing collaborative effort for “Village Idol”. Thank you to everyone who had a hand in turning some of the greatest challenges for 2012-13 into some of our greatest successes as a school community.

With summer just around the corner it is important for everyone to relax and enjoy. But, with that said, the 2013-14 school year will be here sooner than you know it. Parents often ask what they can do to help their children continue the growth and success they have experienced during the school year. Reading is key for all children. Take the time to make reading part of a day at the beach or a piece of your family vacation. A child’s love of reading will go a long way in helping them develop into life-long learners. Reading is addressed in every area of our curriculum, so working on various strategies with your child will benefit them as they move forward. Writing is also a major focus in all curriculum areas. Encouraging your children to express themselves through writing is a wonderful way to keep them fresh over the summer months. Keeping a journal, or writing letters/e-mails to a friend or family member, is a nice way to enhance their skills. Additionally, continued practice with math skills will make for a much smoother transition in September. We ask our students to use problem solving skills, in order to be strong mathematical thinkers. I encourage you to work with your children to gain a deeper understanding of mathematical concepts, which will help them prepare for the challenges ahead. Finally, the most important thing you can do as parents is simply be involved with your children. Whatever your kids are into this summer, make that a priority for yourselves as well. There is nothing more important than family spending time together. Laugh, relax, and enjoy!

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to all who make Village School so special. Thank you to an amazing staff for their dedication to teaching our students. Thank you to the parents for all their support in working with us to do what is right for our kids. And, most importantly, thank you to the children for always putting their best foot forward in striving for success. Best wishes to our entire Village School family for a wonderful summer vacation!





CONGRATULATIONS



At the April PSA Meeting, elections were held for the open positions on the PSA executive board for the 2013-2014 school year. Voted in were Michelle Sottile as Vice President of Membership, Michelle Prager as Corresponding & Recording Secretary, Jennifer Ryan as treasurer, and Vincent Daniele as Vice President of Communications. I had a chance to speak with both the outgoing and incoming executive board members and ask them each a few questions

Good morning everyone. Let me start by saying congratulations to the new board members. Also, to all the outgoing board members thank you for all your hard work and dedication to Village School. My first question is to the outgoing board. What is your most memorable moment as being part of the executive board?

Purvi Shaw (PS): I wish I could pick one! The entire time I had the privilege of being treasurer has been memorable. The experience of being so intimately involved at all the events and getting to know so many people has really made me appreciate the wonderful town we live in and all of the families that make up our school district, especially those at Village!

Lynn Saporito (LS): I'd have to say that being a part of the Village Idol Fundraiser was one of my most memorable moments on the Executive Board. It always feels rewarding to help raise funds for the school, but it was even more gratifying to be a part of something that not only brought our local community together, but also raised quite a bit of money for our neighboring towns that were so affected by Hurricane Sandy.

Darlene Kiss (DK) Being on the Executive Board gave me the chance to be at more than usual activities at Village. There have been so many memorable moments to choose from but to sum it up would be that I was allowed to be an integral part of my children's life. I got to see firsthand them choosing their plants at Plant Sale, being part of family movies in the multipurpose room, up close for concerts, watching them fall down and picking them right back up at Field Day. The memories at Village will last a lifetime. At this age my child loved to see me in the hallways or on the field for Carnival.

It really sounds like you had a great time during your tenure on the board. With that, I have to ask the incoming board members, what are you most looking forward to about being on the executive board?

Jennifer Ryan (JR): Our family has been very fortunate with our experience at Village School, so I just want to give back in some small way to express our appreciation.

Michelle Sottile (MS): I am excited about being a part of an incredible team of parents who work well together. It showed this past year in their many accomplishments.

Michelle Prager (MP): am really looking forward to coming back on the executive board because I get to work with some great people many of whom I've worked with before and I feel we made a fabulous team. Everyone is hard working and dedicated because in the end we know that everything we do is for the sake of the children.

Vincent Daniele (VD): I am most looking forward to working with a great group of people to continue the PSA's efforts to improve the school experience for our children.

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Well, I believe all the incoming members have some big shoes to fill. But I think with the support of the rest of the executive board I think you'll all do fine. Being as we're all together what advise can you outgoing members give to your new counterparts?

PS: As you're entering all those numbers on the spreadsheets late at night, with eyes squinting, just remember my words from my previous answer.

LS: I would just tell them two things - hone your time management skills and have fun with it.

DK: Unfortunately, my position is being eradicated so there is no one to take over my spot. But if someone was taking it over I would tell them to take it slow and breath. Dina will be there to help you through every problem and situation. Never let it take you over and bring you down. Have fun like the kids are!!!

This is all very good advice and I'm sure our new board members are going to use it all. Now, newbies before you have to go scrub the cafeteria floor with toothbrushes answer me one more question. What are you most nervous about being on the executive board next year?

JR: I just don't want to let anyone down. Purvi did a fantastic job and she'll be a tough act to follow!

MS: I am the most nervous about balancing time between schools

MP: I am not too nervous since I did fill in for Sue G and I know that she takes the best minutes. She paved the way for me so I should be fine.

VD: I am most nervous about messing up. Lynn did an amazing job in this position and I know I have very big shoes to fill.

Well thank you all for taking the time to sit and answer a few questions. Here come Dina, Debbie and Lori with the instructions on how to wash their cars properly.

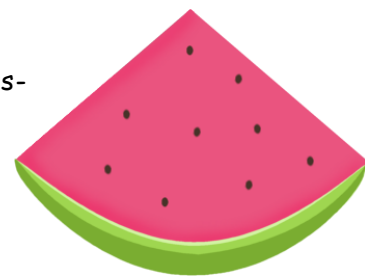
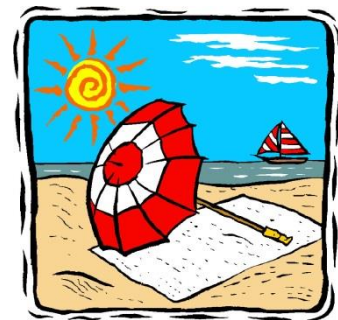
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Greetings From The Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling

Reflecting on this amazing year at:

- V**ery warm and wonderful welcome to Village School from my very first day and on!
- I**mpressed constantly with the community's ability to fill each others' buckets in so many ways!
- L**oving families contributed to the Village experience with their incredible support and participation in school activities!
- L**ightbulbs went off each and every day as our young learners celebrated their ever-growing knowledge: "Guess what I learned today, Mrs. Vierschilling?!"
- A**ssemblies entertained, educated, and brought us together many times over the school year. I can't wait for next year's presentations and performances!
- G**oing Green was an awesome way I was able to get involved with important school activities to help our students learn about caring for the environment.
- E**ach lunch period afforded the students an opportunity to receive a "good conduct" award. Recognizing our kids in this way was a definite personal highlight!
- S**electing special books to read to classrooms presented with the "good lunchtime behavior" certificate was another most enjoyable way to interact with the children!
- C**alling students to my office was always an opportunity to teach about important problem solving skills; skills that help kids to make positive choices in lots of different situations!
- H**elping to create the new bus initiatives for our students made arrival, dismissal, and the bus-riding experience a more positive one for all involved! We'll keep working on it next year!
- O**pen to your input always, I encourage you to get in touch to share ways I can ever enhance your child's time here at Village!
- O**ur school will undoubtedly take the trophy at next year's Battle of the Faculty event! I had so much fun seeing our families come together to show their Village School spirit!
- L**ooking forward to many more fantastic years in Holmdel!



My sincerest wishes that you have a wonderful rest of the school year. Enjoy the summer vacation with friends and family!

Fondly,
Jessica Vierschilling



The President's Report –Dina D'Ambrosi

The school year has come and gone so there's nothin' left to do but smile, smile, smile!

It's been a great year with too many memorable events to list in a newsletter (or Vin will cut me off). Thank you to everyone who volunteered. Your time, energy and effort makes Village School a very special place for our children. Without your help, the PSA and school could never accomplish all the events and programs we offer.

Thank you also to all those dedicated PSA Appointed Board members who tirelessly facilitate the educational programs, after school activities, school store, Holiday Shoppe, spiritwear and all the other events and happenings around the school. Your leadership makes these programs successful and memorable to all.

The Village School staff has been unbelievable in supporting the PSA throughout the year. Whether it was showing up at our events after school hours, setting up and cleaning for events or scheduling our meetings, classes or anything else, you all were always reliable and helpful. This was also a very special year because of Hurricane Sandy and your collaborative efforts reached beyond our school to help those in need affected by the storm. The Hurricane Sandy fundraising efforts will make a large impact on Memorial School for a very long time.

I would like to thank the executive board for your support, wisdom and friendship throughout the year. Regardless of good or bad times, we all stuck together and celebrated the great moments while supporting each other through the challenges. I will miss you all very much and am happy that some of you still have time at Village School. I am looking forward to seeing you next year at events and in the hallways and classrooms. I could not ask for a better team of volunteers.

I would like to thank the PSA Executive Board for their dedication to our children, the school and the district. Their determination teaches our children that it is not always about doing what has always been done but doing the right thing, even when it means going against all odds. Our collaborative decision making made transitioning ideas into realities seem easy and I will miss the camaraderie we shared throughout the year. Best wishes to Darlene Kiss and Purvi Shah who are moving on to Indian Hill. Suzanne Gestrich and Lynn Saporito, I will miss you on the Executive Board but am happy that we will continue to work together again next year.

Suzanne Gestrich: Your extraordinarily accurate and detailed notes during our meetings helped us stay organized and able to refer back whenever we needed clarification from our meetings. Thank you also for organizing our special lunch meetings and pitching in whenever there wasn't enough help. I will miss you on the Executive Board but am thankful that we will be working together at Village School again next year.

Darlene Kiss: What can I say? You are probably the hardest working unpaid person in Holmdel. Your dedication is above and beyond. There are days that I would see you at 5 different events, all of which you were helping a lending hand for whatever organization needed it. Thank you for everything you have done throughout the year. I will miss seeing you next year but look forward to hopefully working with you again at Indian Hill.

Lynn Saporito: You are the most grounded friend I have ever had the pleasure to meet. There are no words that express the respect I have for your judgment and you are the first person I think of when I need an objective perspective with a difficult situation. While I will miss you terribly on the Executive Board next year, I am so happy that we can still share another year at Village School.

Purvi Shah: Thank goodness you were around. Without you, we would be in financial ruin since some of us can barely balance our checkbooks. Your ability to handle the finances and keep accurate records is incredible. You are the most honest person I have ever enjoyed working with and I am so lucky that you were there throughout the year to confide in with sensitive financial and legal questions that arose. You will be seriously missed next year but am looking forward to seeing you at Indian Hill.

Lori Umbrino: Your creativity and fun personality took the PSA fundraising to another level and we will all remember that amazing candy bar from Ladies Night Out for a long time. I am looking forward to working with you again and cannot imagine what you and Debbie have in store to make next year as great as this year was.

Debbie Brew: This was clearly the most challenging part of the June newsletter to write. You are such a close friend; there isn't enough time to write everything I would like to say. Thank you for a phenomenal year on the PSA. Most importantly, a heartfelt thank you for the wisdom I have gained through your jokes and our laughter. I am so thankful that you are in my life so we may travel together, making a difference in our children's lives.

I wish you all a very fun and restful summer break. "Enjoy life, this is not a dress rehearsal."



Market Day.



Don't forget to place your Market Day order! Guides coming out this week but you don't have to wait.. Go to www.MarketDay.com and place your order using Village Code #29708.


Deadline is 6/7 for delivery 6/13. Order some delicious dishes for summer entertaining! We will have one more delivery in July.

Our first year with this new fundraiser has earned almost \$3,000.00 for

Village School!

THANK YOU ALL





While you're enjoying your fun in the sun
don't forget to check the

VILLAGE SCHOOL PSA
FACEBOOK

Page for important information
concerning the start of the 2013-
2014 school year.



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The Village School PSA will be running a school store for the **kindergarten** classes **ONLY** on Thursday, June 6th. We will have many great items ranging in price from 10¢ - \$3.00. This will also be a great way for your kindergarteners to become familiar with the School Store, which takes place once a month for grades 1-3.

Each kindergarten class, AM and PM, will have fifteen minutes to shop. There will be staff on hand to assist the children. If your child wishes to purchase anything from the Village School Store, please note it is cash only! It is best to send the money in with your child in a marked envelope.

Please contact Jennifer Campillay at PSASchoolstore@live.com with any questions. Thank you!

ANNUAL PLANT & GIFT SALE



The Village School Annual Plant
& Gift Sale was a **HUGE**
Success. Thank you to everyone
who assisted for making this a a
truly wonderful experience
AnnMarie Harrison



CARNIVAL

BIG WHIPPED CREAM SMILE

Thank you to all who came out to support Village School and attended our Carnival on May 17th! We couldn't have asked for a more beautiful day! It was wonderful to see all of the Village School families enjoying the day together. Whether it was posing in the Photo Booth, bouncing on the rides or winning prizes at the games, I saw smiles everywhere! Thanks to our talented face painter, I saw colorful smiles too!! And thanks to all the great pie throwers, I saw a **BIG WHIPPED CREAM SMILE ON PRINCIPAL SCHILLACI!**

A big thank you to the Teachers, Parents, Satz & HHS Volunteers who did a fantastic job helping with the games & rides, Hair Beading, Sand Art, etc... & HCAA students for entertaining us with their beautiful voices! Vin Daniele did an impressive job of helping deliver the delicious Dearborn food this year! There were rave reviews for the "real BBQ" and we served more than ever & will now be better prepared for "the masses" next year!

Carnival is one of the biggest fundraisers of the year and it takes months to plan with lots of help from our Carnival Committee: Vin Daniele, Darlene Kiss, Dennis Pavlik, Tammi Stanziale, Keri Todisco, Laura Bachmann, Dina D'Ambrosi, Lynn Saporito, Purvi Shah, Judie Donahue & especially Vicki DiBlasi who was in charge of all the spectacular Class Baskets!! We couldn't have had such a successful day without the help of all of them.

In closing, I would like to say that after our first full year as VP's Fundraising, Lori Umbrino & I have had an amazing time together with the PSA planning events that would benefit the school & students while insuring families would be making wonderful memories together with each other & Village friends.... And we plan on doing the same next year... **HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!**

- Debbie Brew

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

I've been using this section all year to introduce our executive board members to people who may not know them. This month's interview is a little different. I am interviewing Darlene Kiss and I don't think there is anyone in Holmdel who does not know her. She has been tirelessly volunteering her time for many years. It is with great sadness that we must bid her farewell from Village School this year. Her departure will leave a gap that will not easily be filled

Before I even begin I want to thank you very much for everything you have done for Village School in your many years here and I am very happy to have worked with you and to have gotten to know you.

Darlene Kiss (DK): Well thank you very much.

Ok. Let's get down to business here. Tell me about the position you held for the last two years.

DK: For the past two years I have been the Liaison to the Appointed Board. In this position if there are any questions from the Appointed Board I would try to answer them first before they went to the President. I have coordinated the volunteers for different activities here at Village.

How does it feel to be leaving both the Executive board and Village School?

DK: There are mixed feelings about moving onto Indian Hill. The Executive Board this year has been great to work with because we all meshed so nicely. I have also been fortunate enough to have worked with Mr. Schillaci not only here at Village but when he worked at Indian Hill a few years ago. So I will miss him. (Unless of course he wants to move back up there with me for the next 3 years) Leaving Village just means a shorted commute to the schools for me. 😊

In all your years at Village what is your best memory?

DK: There have been so many memories here at Village for the past 7 years that choosing just one would be very difficult. Working the carnival and seeing all the smiling faces, raising funds for the kids and the teachers, Village Olympics, Mother's Day activities that the wonderful teachers put together, the in class support we can give the teachers. Village will be missed for many reasons and as we get older so do our children. And as our children get older they don't rely on us as much. Village School gave me the chance to make memories with my kids that can only happen here.

How are you spending summer vacation this year?

DK: Working at Monster Mini Golf, Summer Baseball Legions, Great Adventure!! Woo hoo!!

What is a movie or tv show that you really love but don't want anyone to know about?

DK: My favorite movie is "It's a Wonderful Life" and my favorite TV Show is "Criminal Minds"

What are the three things you can't live without (and you can't give any sappy answers like, kids family or love we all know those are your first priorities.)

DK: The (3) things I can't live without are my Bible, my car and baseball

Darlene, thank you so much for your time today. Is there anything else you'd like to add?

Thank you to the faculty, office staff, parents and most off all the Executive and Appointed board. We cannot make Village School function without a caring, responsive and mature group of people.



Thank you to our Go Green Committee Village School has a beautiful cherry tree that was planted during our annual Arbor Day Ceremony!



The PSA sponsored another Teachers Appreciation Luncheon to show how much we appreciate our incredible teachers and staff at Village School! And thanks to Linda Fernand, who has planned this with her Hospitality help for over 6 years! We thank her & wish her well as she moves on to Indian Hill!



The HFEE sponsored a wonderful event; **BATTLE OF THE FACULTIES** where Village School came in 3rd overall but our amazing staff & teachers showed their incredible strength & perseverance when they took first place over all the other schools in the much anticipated Tug of War!!

Congrats to all!

Village Idol



DVDs of Village Idol Are On Sale Now!

Only \$15 for pre-orders (\$20 after deadline and only based on availability)

To purchase a DVD, complete the form below with your payment in an envelope labeled "Idol DVD" and return it to your child's teacher by **Friday, June 14th**. Checks can be made payable to **Village School PSA**.

All Proceeds Benefit Sandy Relief!!

Name: _____ Email Address: _____

Child's Name: _____ Child's Teacher: _____

DVD Cost \$ 15 per DVD

Total Enclosed: \$ _____

Make Checks payable to: Village School PSA

Just because you're having fun this summer doesn't mean you can't stay informed. The PSA will be working throughout the summer on fun activities for our children next year. You can stay up to date by "Liking" [VILLAGE SCHOOL FACEBOOK](#) . You can also visit [WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG](#) to stay on top of all the latest news.



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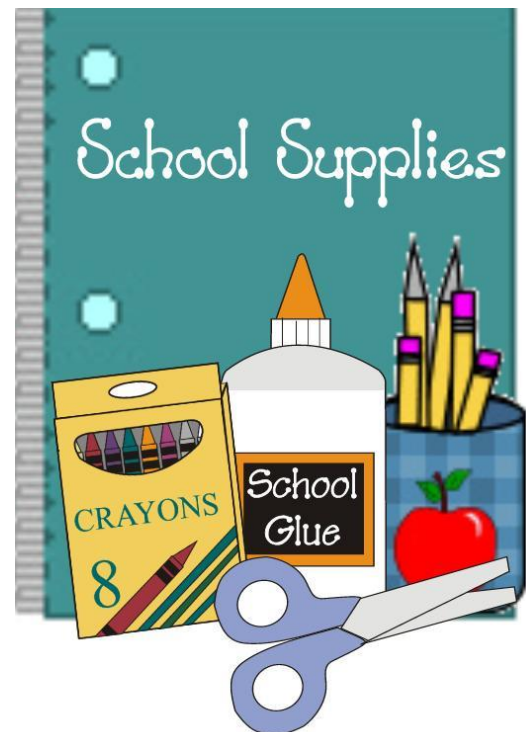
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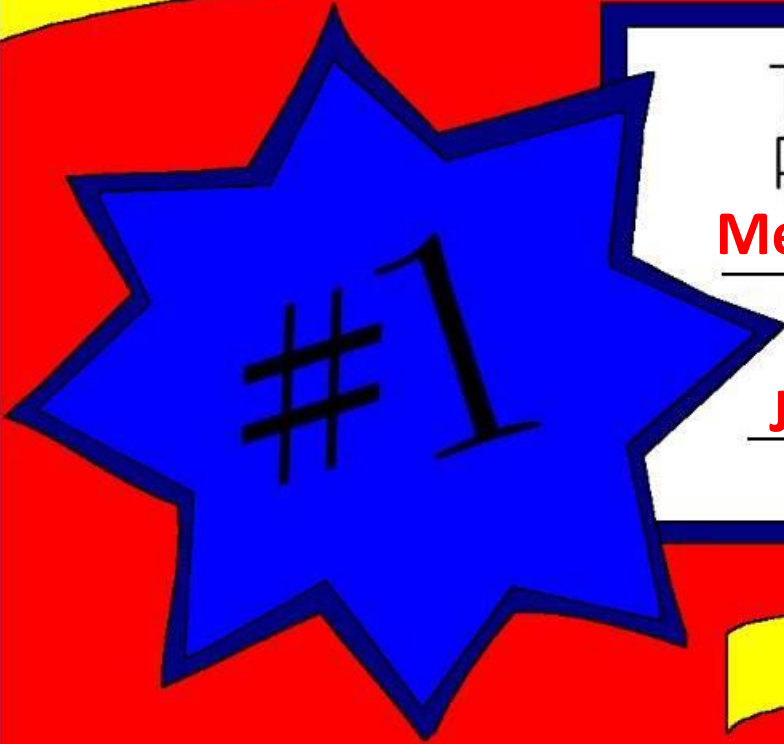
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Ms. Dinapoli &
Ms. Trahim
for being the
teacher
basket
winners at
this year's
carnival



2013 - 2014 TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Teacher of the Year



This Award Is
Presented To:

Meghan Ferone

June 1, 2013

Date

For All You Do



Teacher

of the Year



Have a
great
summer!

