

**THE VILLAGE
SCHOOL
VOICE**

**October/November
2013**



OCTOBER		NOVEMBER	
8 th	PSA Meeting	5 th	No School - Election Day
16 th	Half Day	7 th -8 th	No School - NJEA Convention
17 th	Ladies Night Out	12 th	PSA Meeting
21 st - 25 th	Red Ribbon Week	20 th	Waste Free Wednesday
24 th	School Store	21 st - 26 th	Teachers Conferences
31 st	Halloween Parade	21 st - 26 th	Teachers Conferences
		21 st	School Store
		22 nd	Half Day
		25 th - 27 th	Half Day
		28 th - 29 th	No School - Thanksgiving

Mr. Brian Schillaci

Welcome back everyone! We are so happy to see our wonderful returning students and families, a fantastic group of new students and families, and our amazing staff! I am very excited to lead Village School forward with you for the 2013-14 school year. The staff, students, and families have been outstanding in getting us off to a great start. Everyone has been outstanding in helping us enjoy a very smooth school opening!

Remember our three hopes for the children this school year---Safety, Learning, and Fun!

Our Back-to-School Nights were a wonderful time to meet so many of our Village School families. Your commitment, collaboration, and participation is truly appreciated and a big piece of why our students are so successful. The connection built between teachers, parents, and students is key for children to achieve in all aspects of school. We encourage our entire school community to continue making these connections throughout the year. By working together as a team, our students will be the ones who reap the rewards.

Village School will be a busy place again this year with a lot going on for our students! 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. With the same idea of promoting great feelings and school spirit, we are also continuing 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 events, as we head through the school year. Additionally, as was mentioned at Back to School Nights, we will continue to focus on the Common Core this year. We continue to align and work successfully to meet expectations of the standards for all of our students at Village School. As a reminder, there is additional information about the Common Core available under the curriculum section of the district website. We know you join us in continuing the goal of providing the best for all of our students.

I would like to thank everyone again for the wonderful support you have shown us over the first few weeks of school. We are off to a great start, and I look forward to a wonderful year. I wish you the best, as we begin this journey together for a fantastic 2013-14 Village School experience!



From The Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling

Welcome to the 2013-2014 School Year!

There is much buzz around Village School coming from our students, their parents, and our staff about what a great year we are having already. I know how difficult it can be to shake off the last grains of sand from summer and hunker down to meet the demands of a busy back to school routine. I hope that right about now your family is settling in and embracing all of the excitement and energy that a new school year brings. No doubt there are many adjustments occurring as your child meets new friends, teachers, schedules, and challenges.

I encourage you to be open to all of the newness, and take time each day for your child to reflect on and share positive aspects of their day. In addition to setting routines that establish good habits for homework, it is also important to set time aside each day for your child to talk about school. You will long reap the benefits of these habits established early on in your child's educational journey!

Here at school, we have been working very hard to establish clear expectations and routines, while promoting safety and fun. October is National Anti-Bullying month. At Village, we will focus our attention on the concept of RESPECT, then expand the idea to include our bucket filling philosophy. You will hear a tremendous amount about this from your child throughout the year. Briefly, it means that every person walks around with an imaginary bucket that gets filled when we show or are shown kindness, compassion, and friendship.

I look forward to sharing more information about our character education programs over the course of the year. In the near future, we will be focusing on child centered ways to celebrate and promote our students' exemplary behavior during less structured times of the day, like on the bus and at lunch/recess.

In the meantime, I always find that a little humor goes a long way...Here are some school-related jokes that I hope your family will enjoy!

Q. Why did the boy eat his homework?

A. Because the teacher said it was a piece of cake.

Q. When is a blue school book not a blue school book?

A. When it is read!

Q. What happened when the teacher tied all the kids' shoe laces together?

A. They had a class trip!

Q. What did one math book say to the other math book?

A. "I've got problems."

Q. What did one calculator say to the other calculator?

A. "You can count on me!"

Q. Why did the clock in the cafeteria always run slow?

A. Every lunch it went back four seconds!



Enjoy all of the adventures this year will bring! I am so looking forward to working with you all.

Fondly,
Jessica Vierschilling
Assistant Principal

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT *by* DINA D'AMBROSI

School is well on its way and hopefully everyone is off to a great start. We had so many successful activities in September. A special thank you to the chairs for making these events so special – Debbie Brew for the first Market Day of the year, Jennifer Campillay, for School Store, Susan Hammer for the teacher's luncheon, Lori Umbrino for Chuck E. Cheese/Kindergarten Night, Vanessa Merhi for Waste Free Wednesday, Darlene Field for the assembly and Laura Lavell for planning the Scavenger Hunt Welcome Back Night. Also thank you to all the many volunteers who volunteer to help; without you, these events would never take place.

The PSA has a lot more awesome events planned for the school year that you will not want to miss. Here are the many ways to stay informed at Village School to make sure you don't miss out on any upcoming activities:

PSA Communication Emails: If you chose to stay on our email list, you will receive emails from PSACommunications1@gmail.com. These emails announce upcoming events such as the PSA meetings, Ladies Night Out and Halloween Costume Sale. If you are registering for any events that require registration the emails will have a link button that you can click on to bring you directly to the registration page. 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 link to register for membership, upcoming events or to contact Executive 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 on important deadlines. Your child's teacher will put the announcements in their backpacks. PSA does not send out too many notices through kid mail but some announcements are time sensitive that we want to ensure you don't miss.

Volunteering: Is a great way to be involved with Village 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 psapresident1@gmail.com.

There are so many ways to keep informed and we welcome your ideas and involvement. Thank you all for making Village School such a special place for our kids to learn. I wish you great success this school year.

Stay CONNECTED



Click Below to "Like" us on Facebook so you can always stay informed about all the happenings at Village School.

[VILLAGE SCHOOL FACEBOOK](#)

You can also visit the PSA website at

WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG



facebook



LADIES NIGHT OUT



80s Dance Party!!

Thursday Oct 17th

7 – 11pm

Addison Park



Be there or Be square!

Buy your tickets now!

www.HolmdelParents.org

Basket Auction Presale packages available

Open to all of our schools...invite your
friends in Indian Hill, Satz & HHS!



Dinner, DJ, open Bar & more!



Kindergarten Meet and Greet

A big Thank you to all who turned out for this year's Kindergarten Meet and Greet. Once again it was held at Chuck E Cheese in Middletown, on September 17th. There were many families who came out to meet lots of new friends, play a few games, and enjoy some delicious pizza. They also learned a little more about Village School's PSA and some of the activities they could participate in throughout the year. As an added bonus, the PSA earned \$266.00 from sales of food, drinks, snacks, and tokens! Some were even lucky enough to be treated to a special VIP appearance by our very own Mr. Schillaci and Mrs. Vierschilling!!! All in all, it was a very successful start to what will hopefully be a great year at Village School.



No Shopping

No Shopping



Market Day

If you haven't tried ordering from Market Day yet, try it out this month!

Lots of wonderful choices and you can go to www.marketday.com and check out all they have to offer. You can select specific menus like Gluten-free, Peanut-free, all Natural and more!

If you are a new customer, don't forget to use promo code NEWFIVE when checking out to receive \$5 off your order.

Check backpacks soon for new guides but you don't have to wait, you can go on and order right now! The guides are just a sampling of all they offer.

New orders due 10/11 for delivery 10/17

Last month's sale was over \$1100.00

earning \$115.00 for Village School

Thank you all!!

Some favorites include: Cheese Pizza Eat-zzas, lasagna roll-ups, waffle sticks, chocolate chip mini pancakes, home style biscuit dough, all cookie doughs, BBQ pulled pork, chicken fries, buffalo chicken sticks, green bean munchables and so much more!

Any questions contact: Debbie Brew PSAFundraising1@gmail.com or

Lori Umbrino: PSAFundraising2@gmail.com

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Halloween Costume Sale

Please donate your gently used Halloween Costumes for collection and resale. This fundraiser supports the Go Green Committee for a water filtration system at Village School.



Costumes will be collected until **Wednesday, October 2nd**:

Inside Village School in **front** of the **Main Office** in a box labeled **"Halloween Costume Donations"**

OR

Outside door #29 at **Village School** (must be in a plastic garbage bag)

Sale Information

Date: Saturday, October 5, 2013

Time: 9:00 Am – 1:00 PM

Place: Village School All-Purpose Room (door #29)



VILLAGE SCHOOL SPIRITWEAR

Every month for SPIRIT DAY, Principal Schillaci will ask students and staff to show their Village School spirit. BEE prepared for the monthly SPIRIT DAYS with your very own Village School Spirit Wear! Youth and Adult sizes.



VILLAGE SCHOOL

Holmdel, New Jersey



If you would like to purchase any of these items, you can either: (1) ORDER ONLINE by going to <http://www.spiritwearstores.com/elementary-schools/Village>, or you can use the (2) PAPER FORM below. Paper order forms should be returned with full payment and returned to your child's homeroom teacher in an envelope labeled "PSA Spiritwear". All orders are due by 10/2. There will be no refunds or exchanges.

Total Items Ordered _____

Total Amount \$ _____

Please make checks payable to:
"Village School PSA"

PLEASE PRINT

Student's Name _____

Teacher _____

Phone Number (____) _____

Grade _____

Email _____

	YS (5-8)	YM (10-12)	YJ (14-16)	YXL (18-20)	S	M	L	XL	XXL (+52)
White T-shirt (Short Sleeve) \$9									
White T-shirt (Long Sleeve) \$13									
Sports Grey Crewneck Sweatshirt \$18									
Light Pink Crewneck Sweatshirt \$18									

If you have any questions please contact Suzanne Gestrich at SGestrich@comcast.net or Lynn Saporito at LynnSaporito@hotmail.com

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Can you believe that's it's already another school year?

Seems like only yesterday we were starting summer vacation.



Tell me about it. Have you checked the [PSA'S WEBSITE](#) yet?

I just did. I can't believe all the great things they have planned for the kids this year.



Me neither. I also "liked" their [FACEBOOK PAGE](#)

Me too!



I just think it's awesome the way they keep us updated with everything at the school.

Same here. If we could just get them to put together a newsletter now.





Submit your pictures for the yearbook

Village school has partnered with www.Treering.com to create and print our yearbook this year. As always, we will be asking parents for their help, by submitting pictures of school events since September. We are currently looking for pictures from:

First Day of School

Kindergarten Meet & Greet at Chuck E Cheese

Bee A Scavenger

Red Ribbon Week

Halloween

For instructions on how to upload pictures to Treering.com please visit Village School's PSA website.

<http://www.holmdelparents.org/village-school/village-school-yearbook/>

Please contact the Historian Committee at psahistorian1@gmail.com with your questions.





Student Directory



*Deadline to be included in the 2013/2014 Holmdel Student Directory is **September 30, 2013**. We are using a brand NEW website to register, and ALL students MUST register this year even if they were included in the directory last year. Important note: this year there is a \$5.00 fee that must be paid online using a credit card when registering to cover the costs of printing.*

The NEW website is holmdelstudentdirectory.co.nr

Please email questions to kathrynkatatsis@yahoo.com



KIDZART IS COMING



KidzArt After School Art Enrichment is coming to Holmdel Village Elementary School in October! Learn to draw with KidzArt! KidzArt was developed with the philosophy that learning to draw creates confidence and we take art classes to a new level. Through engaging the imagination in a new way and creating a safe environment to take risks, students will soar with KidzArt. KidzArt introduces students to various mediums such as color marker, pencil, pastel, watercolor, charcoal, and clay. Projects never repeat, all new lessons every session and every year! KidzArt impacts children's lives by sparking their creative process in other areas as well. KidzArt reaches the artistic individual as well as those who never thought they could draw. Help your children face the future with a creative mind!

Class Details:

Grades K&1: Thursdays from 3:45-4:45 starting 10/3 for 8 weeks

Grades 2&3: Fridays from 3:45-4:45 starting 10/4 for 8 weeks

8 week session fee is \$112

Space is Limited! Register today at www.registration.kidzart.com



BASKETS, BASKETS, BASKETS!!!

Village School PSA

12th Annual Ladies Night Out

80s Dance Party!

Basket Forms

Due Date: October 10, 2013

Ladies Night Out is one of Village School's biggest fundraisers and our 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. It's a great way to promote your business too! 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@gmail.com

Lori Umbrino
732-533-5123

PSAFundraising2@gmail.com

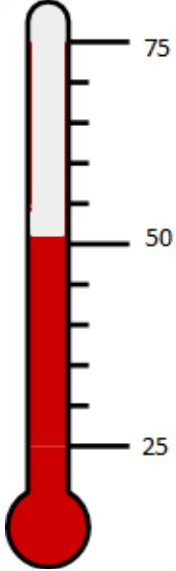
Yes, I would like to donate an Auction Basket or Grand Prize Item!

Name & Phone _____

Auction Gift Basket/Item: _____

Grand Prize Item: _____

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

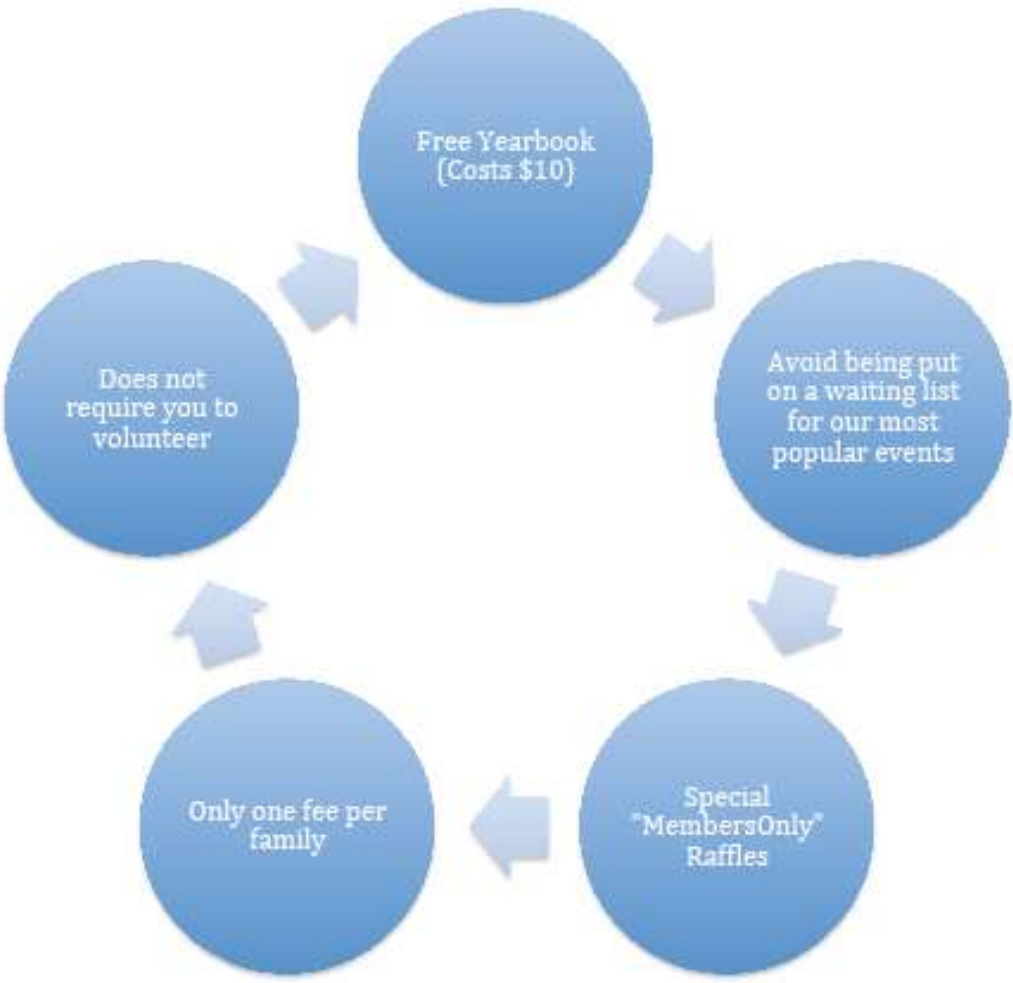


Membership is off to a great start with over 50% of families already signed up.

It's still not too late to become a member.

Anyone who registers prior to September 30th is eligible for our \$50 raffle at our next PSA meeting on October 8th.

Why You Should Be A PSA Member





“GO GREEN” COMMITTEE
2013-2014 School Year



The Village School Go-Green Committee is a parent volunteer group that works year-round to educate students and staff on the importance of living in a responsible manner so as to minimize the stress their lives put on the planet. In the past the committee has:

1. Educated students by providing assemblies on environmental issues.
2. Been instrumental in reducing the amount of trash created during school lunches through such events as our monthly Waste-Free Wednesdays.
3. Offered stainless steel canteens and reusable lunch containers to students and their families to help promote the use of tap water and reduce the amount of plastic waste in our landfills.
4. Requested and received recycling bins for use in every classroom in the school district so that everyday items can be recycled.
5. Implemented recycling for items that are not ordinarily recycled such as fruit juice pouches, individual snack wrappers, and glue sticks. The school receives money for these items, which are then up-cycled into new products such as handbags and pencil cases. Funds collected are used for green initiatives.
6. Created alliances with township environmental committees and with county and township officials in order to utilize available public funding and grants for school initiatives.
7. Held a week-long “Earth Day” celebration with events such as daily green tip announcements, the Super Waste-Free Wednesday Challenge, the Earth Day Walk and Dance, the Art Goes Green exhibit of recycled art projects, and Arbor Day tree plantings.
8. Organized a year-end collection of classroom supplies to be recycled.
9. Worked to make Holmdel Schools a model for other schools on “Going Green.”

We are currently seeking new members and members who are interested in leadership positions. If you care about environmental issues and would like to be a part of educating our children, please fill out the form below and return it to the Main Office – **Attn: PSA “Go-Green” Committee** or e-mail PSAGOGREEN1@gmail.com. Any questions?

Please contact us at PSAGOGREEN1@gmail.com

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PSA GO-GREEN COMMITTEE 2013-2014

Parent’s Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Student’s Name: _____ Grade/Teacher: _____






























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!)

					
					
					
					
		<p>Each (non-expired) Box Top is worth 10¢ for Village School! Keep collecting all year!</p> 		<p>Please Remember!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 - PSABoxTops1@gmail.com
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Have a
Great Year!!!

