

**THE VILLAGE  
SCHOOL  
VOICE**

**February & March 2014**



<b>February</b>		<b>March</b>	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Pre-K Information Session  Kindergarten Wrap Around Information Session	1 <sup>st</sup>	Skate Night
11 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting	11 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup>	Half Day	14 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade Show
17 <sup>th</sup>	No School President's Day	19 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Free Wednesday
19 <sup>th</sup> - 21 <sup>st</sup>	Kindergarten Registration	20 <sup>th</sup>	School Store
19 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Free Wednesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	Half Day
20 <sup>th</sup>	School Store		
21 <sup>st</sup>	PSA Bingo Grades K-1		
24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>	Read Across America		
28 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Bingo Grades 2-3		



# Mr. Brian Schillaci

Thank you for such a great start to 2014. With so many wonderful things ahead of us, we will definitely need all the energy we can get!

The most important item in our minds is always the safety of our students and staff. As you know, there have been a lot of changes put into place over the last several years to enhance safety procedures here in the district. Our Safety Committee which includes staff, administrators, and a representative from the Holmdel police department, continues to meet on a regular basis to discuss these changes and any other items we feel may assist us here at Village School. During our recent meetings we discussed the newest change to all of the buildings in the district.....**Visitors to the buildings will only be able to access the main office area when they enter the school.**

What will this look like for us at Village School?

- The set of doors beyond the main office, and the set of doors heading to the new gym, will be locked during the day. They will only be accessed with swipe cards.
- **Visitors will need to leave their license in the office to receive a visitor swipe card** if they are here to visit a classroom, volunteer in the library/computer lab, etc. The office will also be notified about specific classroom activities (writers' celebrations, presentations, plays, etc.), so we can arrange to swipe in a group during these events if necessary.

**These changes will begin Monday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** No doubt this will be a shift for us here at the building. And no doubt there may be glitches in this initial plan that we have not anticipated until it is in practice. With that said, we will keep everyone posted if there are any necessary adjustments. As always, thanks for your help and cooperation. We truly appreciate everyone looking out for the safety of all our students, families, and staff here at Village School!

Another new piece of news for our Village School families. We are pleased to announce the Kindergarten Wrap Around Program, sponsored by Holmdel Township Board of Education. This program will serve as a complementary experience for our students who attend our general Kindergarten program. Although reinforcement of fundamental academic skills in reading, writing, and mathematics will take place, these areas will not be the fundamental and primary purpose of the program. Emphasis will be placed on the social, emotional, and psychological aspects allowing our students to extend the learning that they obtain in Kindergarten. The Kindergarten Wrap Around Program will have a representative at an Information Session February 6, 2014 from 2:15-3:15 P.M. in the new gym at Village School. For further information, please refer to the Holmdel website.

**Please mark your calendars with the following upcoming dates:**

- Pre-K Information Session---Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-10:30 in the new gym. Please check our website for additional information.
- Kindergarten Wrap Around Program Information Session---Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:15-3:15 in the new gym. Please check our website for additional information.
- Kindergarten Registration---Wednesday, February 19<sup>th</sup>-Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-11:00. Please check our website for additional information.

As mentioned earlier, we are off to a great start in 2014. It has been a pleasure working with everyone to ensure the best for our students. No doubt this will continue to be a wonderful year for our Village School community!



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

## Volunteering

### Having Fun and Creating Memories

We're in the middle of the school year and the PSA is in full swing with events and activities for our children. We have enjoyed many fun events such as Scavenger Hunt Night, Red Ribbon Week and Holiday Shoppe but there are still so many more activities planned for our Village School students and you have the opportunity to be a part of these fun times.

Getting involved at Village School is an opportunity for your family to create lasting memorable experiences that our children will remember for a lifetime. These first years of your child's school experiences are a time when they look to their parents for guidance and support and it is the best time for you to be involved in their activities. The time that you give will be both fun and memorable for your entire family. Some volunteer opportunities don't even require you leaving your home.

Here are some ways you can get involved:

**Bingo Nights:** Helping with registration, pizza and passing out prizes.

**Historians:** Taking pictures during school events and layout design for the Memory Book.

**Earth Day Activities:** Fun activities in the cafeteria that teach our children how we can take care of our planet.

**Plant Sale:** Helping our children buy plants, Mother's Day & Father's Day gifts.

**Carnival:** Running the games, rides and food stand.

**Bus Safety:** Reviewing safety procedures our children on the bus.

**School Store:** Assisting our children with their purchases.

If you are interested in getting involved, creating memories with your kids and their friends while having fun at the same time, contact me at [PSApresident1@gmail.com](mailto:PSApresident1@gmail.com). I welcome the opportunity of having you become a part of our volunteer team.

These early years at Village School will be memorable ones that both you and your entire family will cherish and we look forward to you being an important part of our children's educational experiences by volunteering your time.





**SAVE THE DATE!!**

**Bingo coming soon!**

**PK/K/1 - February 21, 2014**

**2/3 - February 28, 2014**

**6-6:30 Pizza**

**6:30-8:00 Bingo!**

Space is available on a first come, first serve basis for PSA Members.

Tickets will go on sale 2/3 for PSA Members.

Tickets: \$5.00 per person and \$8.00 per pie.

*If you purchase tickets & have not yet paid your \$10 PSA Membership dues,  
you will be contacted & placed on a waiting list.*

Questions ????? Contact:

Debbie Brew [PSAFundraising1@gmail.com](mailto:PSAFundraising1@gmail.com) or

Lori Umbrino [PSAFundraising2@gmail.com](mailto:PSAFundraising2@gmail.com)

This is not a drop off event or a fundraiser

It's an opportunity to have a fun family night together!

**LOTS OF GREAT PRIZES!!!**



## ART & CHESS SPRING SESSIONS

Keep an eye out for information about the  
spring sessions of chess and art.

The new sessions will begin in April







## Market Day.

If you haven't tried Market Day yet, now is a great time! They have added lots of new items this month and it's all delicious! We have had great reviews and lots of reorders! I suggest trying the break and bake cookies, cakes, pies and appetizers to start. You will surely taste the great quality and want more. It's great to have something to pop in the microwave or oven when a guest drops by.



Some suggestions: Buffalo Chicken Sticks, Chicken Cordon Bleu bites, Margherita Flatbread, 3 cheese stuffed dipper, lemon cooler cookie dough, snickerdoodle cookie dough, apple cake just to name a few!

Guides are on their way home to you but there is much more offered online at [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com). Use Village School code #29708 when placing your order. A new service Market Day is offering is letting you pick up your order at your most convenient location. Market Day is offered at Indian Hill and Satz school also. If you put in our Village School Code, you can pick up your order at one of the other schools on their scheduled delivery date, if that is easier for you. You just have to select that pick up location when placing your order. See schedule below.

Any questions, Please contact Debbie Brew [PSAFundraising1@gmail.com](mailto:PSAFundraising1@gmail.com)

Thank you for supporting Village School!



<b>Place order using Village School code #29708 &amp; you may use these deadlines &amp; pickups and Village will still get credit!</b>	
Village paper due: 2/13	Village Delivery: Thursday, 2/20
Village online due: 2/14	Between 3&4 New Gym
Indian Hill online due: 2/6	Indian Hill Delivery: Wed, 2/12
	Between 3&4 Cafetorium
Satz online due: 2/12	Satz Delivery: Tuesday 2/18
	3:00 cafeteria Door #39





**We are often asked, “What does the PSA do for Village school?”.**

**Therefore we thought this would be a good time to explain some of the things we do.**

- 1. The PSA pays for all of the field trips our children attend.**
- 2. We provide the cultural assemblies that serve to educate our children on character development, reading/writing skills and cultural arts.**
- 3. Every year the PSA provides classroom essentials including classroom rugs, projectors, educational software and more...**
- 4. We run Family Fun events that strengthen our relationships as well as creating a lifetime of memories with our children.**



Hey Hon, can you tell me where to find out about upcoming events at Village School?

Sure. Just check out the [PSA'S WEBSITE](#).



I've heard about that. It's supposed to have a lot of information and I can also go there to pay for events with PayPal.

That's right. Also, don't forget that they have a [FACEBOOK PAGE](#) you can check out.



*Stay*  
**CONNECTED**

I've also heard that they send out a weekly e-mail to make sure nobody misses a thing.

I think that is my favorite thing they do.



Anything else you want to ask me?

Not that I recall.

Hmmph!







The next school store will be  
held on

2/20/14 & 3/20/14



**THE BOX TOPS CLASS COMPETITION IS STILL GOING STRONG!**

**KEEP COLLECTING THROUGH FEBRUARY 21 TO HELP YOUR CLASS WIN A  
PIZZA PAJAMA PARTY!**

**EACH AND EVERY BOX TOP HELPS!**

**CHECK OUR FACEBOOK PAGE EVERY WEEK DURING THE COMPETITION FOR  
THE CLASS LEADERS.**

**TO DOWNLOAD ADDITIONAL COLLECTION SHEETS VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT  
[WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG](http://WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG)**

**OR PRINT THE 50 COUNT COLLECTION SHEET ON THE NEXT PAGE!**



# Have a lot of Box Tops to hand in? Use this 50 count sheet!

**Please remember!** • NO expired Box Tops. • NO Labels For Education on this sheet. • Please attach Bonus Box Tops certificates separately. **Thank you!**

	1		2		3		4		5
	6	Please!	7		8		9		10
	11	NO expired Box Tops! (they don't count!)	12		13		14		15
	16		17	NO Labels For Education on this sheet!	18		19		20
	21		22		23	Please attach Bonus certificates separately.	24		25
	26		27	Thank you!	28		29		30
	31		32		33		34		35
	36		37		38		39		40
	41		42		43	any questions? email Sandra at PSABoxTops1 @gmail.com	44		45
	46		47		48		49	this fundraiser is not endorsed by the Holmdel Township Board of Education	50


Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_



## PSA GO-GREEN

### Join the Village School Shoe Recycling Brigade!

Village School has partnered with  to further enhance the **GREEN EFFORT** in our school.

ShoeBox Recycling will donate money to the PSA for gently used shoes.

**A collection box is located in the Village School lobby near the main office.**

**PLEASE SEND IN YOUR USED SHOES!!**

Shoes We Accept: All paired men's, women's and kids' shoes that are still usable. Please no holes in the soles and no wet or mildewed pairs. This includes athletic shoes, dress shoes, Timberland-type work boots, sandals, heels and flats. Cleats are accepted!



Shoes We DO NOT Accept: Heavy winter boots, skates, rollerblades, flip-flops, slippers, singles, unusable and thrift store shoes

Our shoes are for reuse all around the globe, putting landfills on diets and demonstrating that worn does not mean worn out.

**Any questions, contact the PSA Go Green Committee at [psagogreen1@gmail.com](mailto:psagogreen1@gmail.com)**

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**REDUCE  REUSE  
RECYCLE**





**SPEND LUNCHTIME  
AT  
VILLAGE SCHOOL**

**WHAT WE DO**

Every Wednesday the Go Green Committee spends lunch at Village School teaching our children about the benefits of recycling

**HOW YOU CAN HELP**

You can volunteer as much or as little time as you can afford. We will teach you all the lessons that we like to pass on to the children.

You can volunteer through our website at [www.holmdelparents.org](http://www.holmdelparents.org)

or you can email Vanessa Merhi at [vanessamerhi@gmail.com](mailto:vanessamerhi@gmail.com)

LUNCHTIME RUNS FROM 11:40 -1:20





# HYAA SOFTBALL



2014



Games will be played on rotating weekday evenings and every Saturday.

There will be friendly games between local neighboring towns.

Recruiting girls grades K-8 for the  
Spring season  
Registration going on NOW!



For more information, please go to the website [HYAA.org](http://HYAA.org)

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