## April & May 2014







April		May	
4 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Show	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Village Idol
8 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting	5 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Book Sale
11 <sup>th</sup>	Full Day of School	8 <sup>th</sup> - 9 <sup>th</sup>	Plant Sale
14 <sup>th</sup>	Full Day Of School	12 <sup>th</sup> - 15 <sup>th</sup>	NJ ASK
15 <sup>th</sup>	No School	13 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Meeting
16 <sup>th</sup>	Full Day Of School	14 <sup>th</sup>	Waste Free Wednesday
17 <sup>th</sup> - 18 <sup>th</sup>	No School	15 <sup>th</sup>	School Store
21-25	Earth Week	16 <sup>th</sup>	Carnival
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Store	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Half Day
30 <sup>th</sup>	PSA Spring Pictures	26 <sup>th</sup>	No School



#### FROM THE PRINCIPAL

### Mr. Brian Schillaci

Hope everyone is still smiling after a challenging winter! Although we are rolling towards the final marking period of the school year, there is still a lot going on at Village. Our remaining field trips are being finalized, plans are being put in place to get our rain gardens rolling again, and our PSA is preparing another fantastic Carnival. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will be taking the NJPASS from April 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup>, giving them their first standardized test experience. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have the NJASK coming up the week of May 12<sup>th</sup>. It is important the children are well rested and have a good breakfast, prior to coming to school each day of testing. We are always proud of how well our students perform on these assessments, and no doubt they will be well prepared again this year. We are heading into the final few months of the school year, but the learning and fun is far from over at Village School!

Bus safety and behavior is extremely important. We understand the bus is typically a less structured environment for the children. With that said, we all know how dangerous things can be if there are distractions while driving. It is important to continue to reinforce with your children how important it is to follow all bus rules, in order to keep everyone safe. The school bus is an extension of the school. Therefore, we maintain the same expectations for how our students handle themselves when riding the bus. We want all of our children to have a wonderful experience at Village School from the time they are picked up in the morning to the time they are dropped off in the afternoon. To this end, we are continuing our discussions with the students about appropriate behaviors both in the building and on the school buses. We also thank our families for partnering with us to continue these discussions at home. This will give the children the benefit of hearing the same message from all of us.

Some other exciting things going on at Village School include our grade level shows. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders did an amazing job performing for their peers and families. Our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have that same opportunity to perform for their families April 4<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, our 1<sup>st</sup> graders will be showing off their talents to families on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our staff and students have been working hard to prepare a wonderful show for all. We will also have several activities taking place during the week of April 21<sup>st</sup> for our celebration of Earth Week. The "Go Green Committee" of the PSA is working hand in hand with us to bring the children a number of wonderful experiences in appreciation of our planet.

As always, thank you for your continued support as we work together to benefit the children at Village School. Best wishes for a great start to the Spring season!



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

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Spring is here! It's hard to believe that the last stretch of the year is upon us and the Village School PSA is gearing up for our year end events. Check out this edition of our newsletter to keep updated on dates to mark on your calendar.

In the meantime, we are also preparing for next year with many of our volunteers moving onto Indian Hill with their children. The PSA has many opportunities for parents who want to get involved. Here are some of the **Appointed Board**Committees that need a chairperson for next year:

ARISE Liaison: Reports on ARISE updates at the monthly PSA meetings.

Carnival: Facilitating Annual Carnival event

Historians: Creating the annual yearbook

Liaison to Drug & Alcohol Alliance: updating PSA on updates from the Alliance

Plant Sale: Annual plant sale in May

Special Events: Welcome Back night, Barnes & Noble days & Family Fun nights

Special Fundraising: After school activities & Market Day

Sunshine: Thank you & staff appreciation

Spirit wear: Village School clothing, 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Social & 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade field day t-shirts

If you are interested in any of these very fun committees to chair, I welcome you to reach out to me at <a href="mailto:psapersident1@gmail.com">psapresident1@gmail.com</a>

In the meantime, we are all looking forward to enjoying longer and warmer sunshine daydream days.







#### **Go Green Update**

A big THANK YOU to the wonderful team of volunteers who have supported recycling at Village School on our Wednesday visits to the cafeteria. The children look forward to seeing you each week and are very proud to show off their efforts to help the environment!

Volunteers are welcome each Wednesday.

Please sign up via this link:

http://www.holmdelparents.org/village-school/go-greenwednesday-volunteer-form/

Earth Week is coming, April 21-25.

Village School has a number of special events planned for Earth Week, including a "Super Waste-Free Wednesday" and an Arbor Day tree planting.

More details to follow soon!





## SAVE THE DATE!!







#### Carnival is coming to town!!

Great rides and games for all!

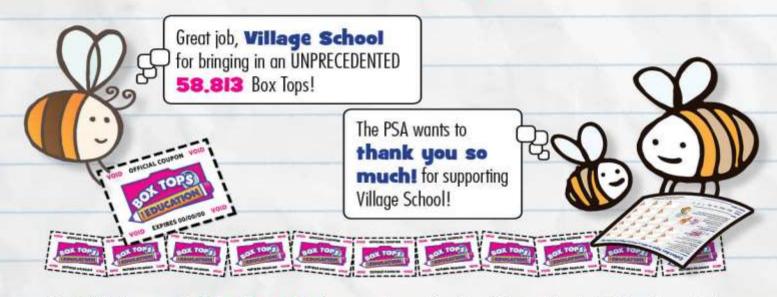
**Fantastic Grand Prizes!** 

**Delicious treats!** 

Watch for details coming soon on www.HolmdelParents.org

# A Great Big "Thank You" to ALL of our Village School Box Top Stars!

You helped Village School bring in more **Box Tops** than ever before!



Special thanks go out to Vin Daniele for managing our Box Tops PR in social and digital media outlets!

And thank you to Dina D'Ambrosi, Vicki DiBlasi, Suzanne Gestrich,

AnnMarie Harrison, Dina Perrino, Traci Price, Nicole Salzano and

Meave Woods for helping to make the Box Tops Class Competition a success!



#### Yearbook Photos Needed

Please upload your pictures of: 2nd Grade Spring Musical 1st Grade Field Trip 3rd Grade Spring Musical

The next deadline for photo submissions for the yearbook will be Tuesday April 8th.

Complete Instructions Can Be Found At Our Website at <a href="http://www.holmdelparents.org/village-school/village-school-yearbook/">http://www.holmdelparents.org/village-school/village-school-yearbook/</a>



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#### PSA'S WEBSITE

You Can Order Tickets for Upcoming
Events, View a Calendar of Upcoming
Events, and Connect With Anyone on the
Board of the PSA, as Well as Much More

Also, "Like" Our FACEBOOK PAGE to Make Sure You Don't Miss A Thing

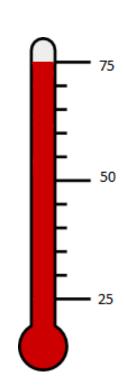




THE NEXT
SCHOOL STORE
WILL BE HELD
ON
4/24/14
&
5/15/14



The PSA is happy to report that after a membership appeal letter and priority membership for Bingo Night that 74% of Village School families have supported the PSA through their membership







THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING!



The Village School Annual Plant Sale is fast approaching. Please Mark Your Calendar For May 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>.

Be on the lookout for more details closer to the sale dates.







## Village Idol

Starring Brian Seacrest

#### SAVE THE DATE!

Friday May 2<sup>nd</sup>

**5:00** pm show

**7:00** pm show

Details to follow....

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