

# The Village School Voice!

April-May 2012 Village School Parent-School Association News

## A Message From The Principal

*Mr. Brian Schillaci*

It is a wonderful feeling to be writing this "springtime" edition of my Village School newsletter article! Although we are cruising towards the final marking period of the school year, there is still a lot going on at Village School. Field trips are being finalized, plans are being put in place to get our rain gardens in bloom again, and we have a fantastic fundraising Carnival that our PSA is preparing for the children. NJPASS testing is in process for our 2nd graders, and they are doing a wonderful job on their first ever standardized test. Our 3rd graders have the NJASK test coming up in May. 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. There will be additional parent information about the NJASK sent home shortly. We may be heading towards the tail end of the school year, but the fun and learning is far from over!

Bus safety and behavior is extremely important to all schools. We all understand the bus ride is 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. We appreciate all your help and support in helping to make this happen for our students.

Some other exciting things going on at Village School include our grade level shows. Our 2nd graders did an amazing job performing for their peers and families. Our 3rd graders will have that same opportunity on March 29th (student performance) and

March 30th (family performance). Last, but absolutely not least, our 1st graders will be showing off their talents on May 3rd (school performance) and May 4th (parent performance). 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 23rd 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. There will be more information to follow in the coming weeks.

As always, I thank you for your continued support as we work together to benefit the children at Village School. Enjoy the start of a great spring season, and best wishes for quality time together during the upcoming vacation!

## IMPORTANT DATES

April 2	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Marking Period
April 4	Half Day
April 5-13	School Closed Spring Recess
April 17	PSA Meeting 9:30 A.M.
April 20	Picture Day
April 23-27	Earth Week Activities Book Fair
May 7-10	NJ ASK Testing
May 3	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Musical Student Viewing
May 4	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade Musical Parent Viewing 10:10 & 2:05
May 8	PSA Meeting 9:30 A.M.
May 10-11	Plant Sale
May 18	Half Day Carnival
May 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Orientation to Indian Hill
May 22	Kindergarten Preview Day 9:30-11:00
May 24	Half Day Field Day
May 25-28	No School Memorial Day Weekend



THE NEXT BUS SAFETY DRILL IS  
SCHEDULED FOR WEDNESDAY APRIL 18TH



# President's Report

*Suzanne Niro*

Village School is seeing so many successful events brought to you by the PSA. We have taken every step to keep the FUN in fundraising! As you know, not all events are fundraisers and yet we still manage to have many events that are fun. Our Skate Night was another great success as usual, with over 200 people participating. Our very own Barbara Duncan, Superintendent of Holmdel School District, even stopped by to check out the excitement. A special thank you to Asma Nasar for coming by to help despite the fact that she has moved on to Indian Hill School. Seems like we have so much fun the parents keep coming back! What will we do when we lose all of these good parents as their children move on???

We are looking forward to our Plant Sale coming up May 10th and 11th. Keri Todisco has new things in store for this event so keep your eyes open for more news. As always, you are welcome to come in and help your child select flowers for all the special Mom's, grandma's, or anyone celebrating Mother's Day in their lives. Volunteers are also needed for this event.

The Carnival Committee, led by Dina D'Ambrosi, is well on their way in planning a really great Carnival with many new features. Stay tuned for "buy it now" ticket pricing that can't be beat so be sure to buy in advance!

We are now at a time of the year that we are looking to fill many positions on the Executive and Appointed Board as our senior parents move on to Indian Hill. Our fundraising continues and our need for good parents that want to be a part of giving back to the school is greater than ever. Please consider giving some of your spare time and helping us with one of these many events. Your help is always welcome and very much needed, so come play a part in making your child smile!

If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at [PSAPresident@live.com](mailto:PSAPresident@live.com) or (732) 233-7474.

# CARNIVAL



**The Carnival is coming to Village  
School!**

**May 18<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 8:00PM**

**Rides, Food, Attractions & Games**

**Karaoke, Photo Booth, Trackless  
Train, Rock Wall, Spin-to-Win, Pie  
Throwing at the Principal**

**And much, much more...**

**Look for Emails for  
Pre-Event Savings!**



## TECH CORNER

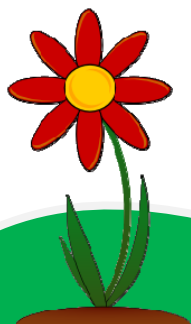
Keep up with the PSA, and all of the other school Parent Associations, on our new website: [www.HolmdelParents.org](http://www.HolmdelParents.org)

**BOOKMARK THE SITE TODAY!!!**

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"Like" the PSA on Facebook! Here's a link to the Village School Parent School Association Facebook page. Click "like" so that you can automatically get important updates on what's going on with the PSA in your Facebook News Feed!

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**The Mother's Day Plant Sale will take place this year on Thursday, May 10th and Friday, May 11th. Schedules for the students and plant availability will be available shortly.**



## EARTH WEEK, APRIL 23-27

The Go Green Committee is looking forward to a fun and educational Earth Week celebration at Village!

This year's Earth Week highlights will include a daily "green tip" from Mr. Schillaci, an assembly presented by Michele Van Allen and, of course, No Garbage Lunch Day.

On Tuesday, April 24th, the kids will learn about how they can make a difference at our "Kids Going Green" assembly.

On Wednesday, April 25th, each grade will compete to see who can generate the least garbage during lunch. There will be a prize for the winning grade. The kids love the "friendly competition" of No Garbage Lunch Day, so be sure to have your canteens and re-useable containers ready!

On Friday, April 27th, it's "Green Shirt Day." Please have your child wear green in recognition of Arbor Day.

And now...a word from : **the Lorax:**

Oh, how proud, how proud you will be...

When you bring a lunch that is GARBAGE FREE.

Don't pack lunch in a bag, but a lunchbox instead!

When you do this, you are really using your head!

A reusable sandwich container! That's the way to go!

No more ziplocs and foil; that will save you some dough!

No plastic forks and spoons, REAL silverware!

That will sure show the Earth that YOU care!

Get a reusable water bottle, to fill with your favorite drink,

Take it home and wash it, so it will not stink !!

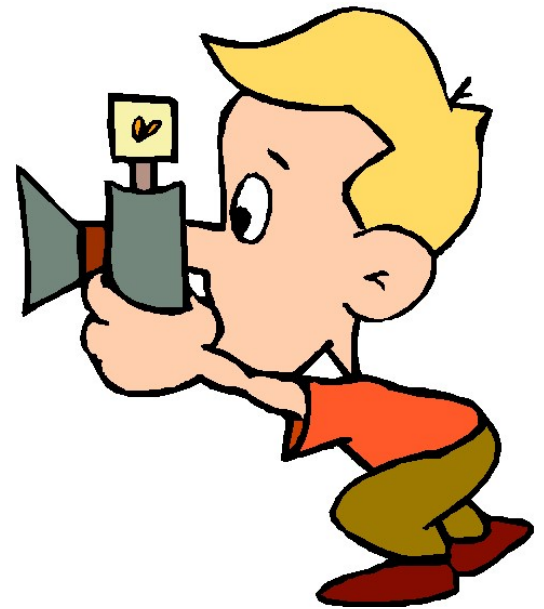
Plastic water bottles go to the landfill, and there they

Sit, on top of a hill !! SO.....

Love your planet, keep it clean !! You'll feel so GOOD, to be so **GREEN!** --Tara Brunner, Go Green Comm.



Keep sending photographs of your children from Village School related events this school year. Include pictures from spring concerts, class parties, even as far back as the first day of school. E-mail your pictures to [psahistorian@live.com](mailto:psahistorian@live.com). Make sure your child appears in the PSA's Annual Memory Book; send your pictures today.



## COMING SOON!!!

Supply box orders will be done on the SchoolKidz website in early May. Save time, money and enjoy your summer. Orders will be taken from parents whose children are entering 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade in September. An e-mail will be sent soon explaining how to order.

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and send to school!



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