

The Village School Voice!

February-March 2012 .: Village School Parent-School Association News

A Message From The Principal

Mr. Brian Schillaci

We are off to a great start in 2012! The staff and students came back refreshed from the holiday vacation and have rolled nicely into a new calendar year. With so many wonderful things ahead of us, we will definitely need all the energy we can get!

We just wrapped up our second marking period, and I always find it important for some helpful hints when it comes to study habits around this time.

- **Set a time to get rolling after school.** It is important for children to establish routines for when they will begin homework. No doubt kids are busy today, but a routine should be established so they are clear on when they need to hit the books.
- **Give them a break.** Just as we have lunch, recess, and other opportunities during the day for the kids to take a breather, it is important they have these opportunities at home as well. Small breaks while working on assignments can give them the energy boost they will need to get through a night of homework.
- **Plan out a study space with few distractions.** This is along the same lines as setting up that routine. There should be a set area where children can work on their assignments. Those areas should be distraction free (if possible) and should have any necessary materials a child may need to get their homework completed. This will allow them to remain more focused, with less need to be up and about looking for items they need from day to day.

Hopefully, you and your child find these tips useful as you continue through the school year. Moving into the second half of the year is often a challenge, and some planned out strategies may be a benefit as we all work together for success.

Please review the items mentioned below to mark on your calendars. We are hosting an information session for our Pre-K program on February 9th from 7:00-8:00. We will be sharing specifics about the program, as well as information about registration. We also have a wonderful fundraiser taking place in our school for the American Heart Association---Jump Rope For Heart. Our PE Staff has done a great job organizing this event, commencing with a number of fun activities scheduled for our children on February 10th. Lastly, we have our Kindergarten registration scheduled for February 21st, 22nd, and 23rd. For more information about all of these events, please check our school website.

As I mentioned earlier, we are off to a great start in 2012. It has been a pleasure working with everyone to ensure the best for our students. I know this will continue to be a wonderful year for our Village School community!

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3	Bingo Night
February 10	Jump Rope For Heart
February 17-20	School Closed Presidents' Weekend
February 21	PSA Meeting 7:30P.M.
February 21	Kindergarten Registration Last Name A-I 9:00 – 10:45
February 22	Kindergarten Registration Last Name J-R 9:00 – 10:45
February 23	Kindergarten Registration Last Name S-Z 9:00 – 10:45
March 13	PSA Meeting 9:30 A.M.
March 14	2 nd Grade Musical Student Viewing
March 15	2 nd Grade Musical Parent Viewing 10:10 & 2:05
March 21	Half Day
March 23	Skate Night
March 26-28	NJ PASS – Grade 2
March 29	3 rd Grade Musical Student Viewing
March 30	3 rd Grade Musical Parent Viewing 10:10 & 2:05



PSA TOP TEN

TOP TEN REASONS TO VISIT THE PSA ON WWW.HOLMDELPARENTS.ORG

1. To become a Member
2. To find out about fun upcoming events
3. To conveniently PAY for all fun upcoming events
4. To read the latest PSA Newsletter
5. To Donate to the PSA
6. To read the minutes from the last PSA Meeting
7. To get contact info for an Elected or Appointed Board member
8. To find out how you can help raise money for Village School through programs such as Box Tops
9. To read the current PSA Treasurer Report
10. To VOLUNTEER for any and all fun upcoming events such as Bingo Night, School Store, Carnival, Plant Sale, and more!



Be sure to send your pictures to psahistorian1@live.com for inclusion in the annual Memory Book gifted by the PSA each June. Send photos of winter concerts, class parties, class experiments, field trips, any photo that was taken in school during the 2011-2012 school year. Individual shots, group shots, class

President's Report

Suzanne Niro

We've reached a point in the school year where we know that our children's feet are deeply rooted in a good place. It happens every year when we're not looking. While making dinner one night my daughter runs into the kitchen and says, "Ms. Gramcko, can I have....." -- it all ends with a silly giggle knowing she accidentally called me by her teacher's name. I will admit, I did a double take in the mirror to see if that new hairstyle actually made me look that much younger and thinner -- but no, it was much more. It is then that you realize the 100 day mark is soon approaching and your child is in good hands while you are not around. They are happy to be in the safest place that we can send them and even more happy about this home away from home for a good part of their day. I take my hat off to the teachers who make all this possible, in what seems to be a short period of time. Our children's comfort level with their day, their teachers, fellow students and environment is what allows us to realize just how great Village School is for them.

While the teachers are giving their all, the PSA is still managing to give the kids a few surprises along the way to have some fun after working so hard. Thank you to Danielle Curcio, the Cultural Assemblies with Slim Goodbody and the Prismatic Light Show have been enjoyable for all. BINGO is coming back again on January 27th and February 3rd. If you haven't signed up yet, you better hurry, space is limited! Dina D'Ambrosi and Debbie Brew have been working hard and promised that there will be new surprises to make the night terrific. Stay tuned for notices announcing our yearly Skate Night which is a fun, yet chilly way, to show off your new skates and your new moves.

The Annual Carnival will be here before we know it!!!! Committees are being formed to make this year's Carnival one of our best yet! We already have brand new additions to kick up the fun and new ideas are whirling around every day. If you have any interest in joining the planning stage or would like to volunteer to help with one of the many areas that day, please contact Dina D'Ambrosi at dinad23@verizon.net. If you would like to volunteer to work at the Carnival Cafe, (the food area specially set up for our hungry Carnival goers), please contact me so I can set up scheduling at PSAPresident@live.com.

Becoming a member of your parent association with a small membership fee of \$5 speaks volumes in helping us do so much for the children. It might not seem like much to you but having your support through membership is one of our greatest accomplishments. (Not to mention, you will be a member of the greatest parent association in Holmdel!) If you have not become a member please consider signing up today!

Hoping everyone has had a terrific start to 2012 and the rest of the year offers you many blessings, health, happiness and prosperity!



"SANDS OF TIME"

THE HOLMDEL FOUNDATION FOR EDUCATIONAL
EXCELLENCE (HFEE)
INVITES YOU TO ATTEND OUR

SPRING DINNER DANCE

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2012

6:30 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

TRUMP NATIONAL GOLF CLUB
IN COLTS NECK

\$150 PER PERSON COCKTAIL ATTIRE

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CHILDREN OF HOLMDEL
WITH OUR BIGGEST FUNDRAISER OF THE YEAR.

- GOURMET COCKTAIL HOUR AND SIT DOWN DINNER
- ENTERTAINMENT FROM THE ACCLAIMED HOLMDEL HIGH SCHOOL JAZZ BAND AND DJ JOEY FROM "THIS IS IT ENTERTAINMENT"
- RAFFLES, PRIZES, BASKETS, LIVE AND SILENT AUCTIONS INCLUDING A LOUIS VUITTON TOTE AND A FOURSOME AT TRUMP NATIONAL

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE STARTING
MONDAY, JANUARY 16, 2012.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT OUR
WEBSITE AT WWW.HFEE.ORG



collect Box Tops to win a

Popsicle Pajama Party



Collect as many Box Tops as you can by February 16

one class in each grade will win

Here's how:



Paste or tape Box Tops to the official collection sheet which can be downloaded on holmdelparents.org (holmdelparents.org/holmdel-village-school/assets/box-tops-collection-sheet.pdf) (expired box tops do not count!)

Check the **posters in school**—and watch for updates from the **Village School PSA on Facebook**—to see how many Box Tops your class has collected!



IMPORTANT!

Write your grade and teacher's name on your collection sheet (Kindergartners, specify AM or PM)



Send your Box Tops into Village school from January 9—February 16!



Each Box Top is worth **10¢** for Village School!

Send them in to help your class win!



for a full list of participating Box Tops products, and for a PDF of the collection sheet, visit holmdelparents.org/holmdel-village-school/fundraising.php or email Sandra & Nicole PSABoxTops@live.com

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TECH CORNER

Keep up with the PSA, and all of the other school Parent Associations, on our new website: www.HolmdelParents.org

BOOKMARK THE SITE TODAY!!!

"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!

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Village-School-Parent-School-Association/192253380794117?ref=ts>



The Go Green Committee is looking for volunteers for Earth Week. It runs from April 23-27. It is a great way to be involved with your children, have fun while they learn about their environment. Any questions contact PSAGogreen@live.com



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You can also check out the list of participating retailers via the link on our website,
www.HFEE.org.

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1. Complete this ORDER FORM and mail it with a check made payable to "HFEE":
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3. Go to SHOPWITHSCRIP.COM, set up an account to shop directly.
Please use our ENROLLMENT CODE: 928C6C6626753 (Case sensitive)
Scrip also offers eCards and PrestoPay, an electronic funds transfer feature.

If you have any question, please contact Chimin Hu-Hampel @732-739-1568
or chiminhu@gmail.com.

ORDER PERIODS:

Orders Placed By 01/14 will be delivered by 01/23
Orders Placed By 02/14 will be delivered by 02/23
Orders Placed By 03/14 will be delivered by 03/23

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Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE)

Sands of Time Dinner Dance Ad Journal

March 10, 2012

**Inscribe a Pyramid with...
a message of good wishes!**

Personalized Message in the
Ad Journal
\$35 each or
3 for \$100



NAME _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ EMAIL _____

MESSAGE: *Must be 12 words or less.* (Please print clearly on back or attach separate sheet)

Payment by Check or Credit Card

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Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____

If you have any questions please contact Roseane Wriedt at raw1roe@aol.com

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