

The Village School Voice!

February – March 2013 Village School Parent-School Association News

IMPORTANT DATES

February 6	End of Marking Period
February 7	Pre-K Information Session 6:30 – 7:30
February 12	PSA Meeting 9:30 A.M.
February 15	Half Day
February 18	No School – Presidents' Day
February 20	Report Cards Distributed
February 22	Village Idol 5:00 & 7:00
Feb 26-28	Kindergarten Registration
March 8	Bingo Night Grades K-1
March 12	PSA Meeting 9:30 A.M.
March 15	Bingo Night Grades 2-3 & Grade 2 Spring Show
March 22	Half Day
March 25-29	No School – Spring Break
April 1	School In Session

A Message From The Principal – Mr. Brian Schillaci

We are off to a great start in 2013! 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!

The most important item in our minds is always the safety of our students and staff. We have a safety team established at Village School. We have met on different occasions through the year to discuss ways to help keep everyone as safe as possible. As there are decisions moving forward, I will continue to keep our school community updated on any changes that may impact our families. One area to review is our drop-off circle at the main entrance. Please be mindful of the fact that drop-offs begin at 9:00. That is when we have staff inside and/or outside the building to receive our students. It is also important to be mindful of the fact that the drop-off circle is a “drop and go” opportunity. Students should be able to exit cars quickly...curbside. If a child needs assistance with several items that may take some time to get out of the car, please park and walk your child into the school so we don't have a back-up in the drop-off circle. Additionally, cars should not be passing each other in the drop-off circle. That creates a very dangerous situation for everyone. We thank you in advance for your patience in heading out of the circle one by one, in order to keep our students and families as safe as possible.

We are just wrapping up our second marking period, and it is important to remember 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 homework needs to be completed.

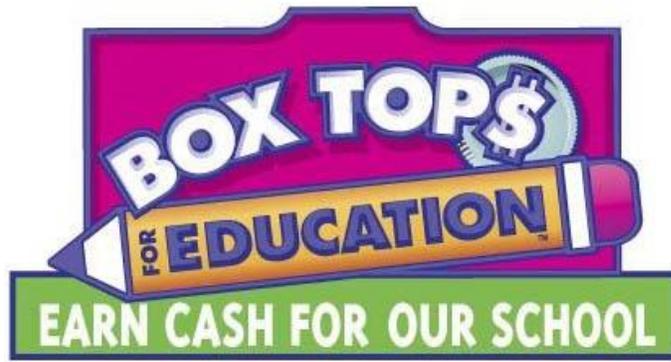
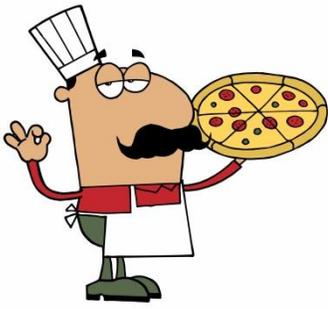
- **Give them a break.** Just as we have lunch, recess, and other opportunities during the day for the kids to relax, it is important they have these opportunities at home as well. Small breaks while working on assignments can give them the endurance they need to get through a night of homework.
- **Plan out a study space with few distractions.** This coincides with setting up a daily routine. There should be a specific area where children can work on their assignments. Those areas should be distraction free (if possible) and should have all necessary materials a child may need to get their homework completed. This will allow them to remain focused, with less need to be up and about looking for items they may need for individual assignments.

Hopefully, these tips become useful tools as we continue through the school year. As the second half of the year becomes more challenging, some planned out strategies will be a benefit for our students' success.

Please mark your calendars with the following dates:

- Pre-K Information Session---Thursday, February 7th from 6:30-7:30. Please check our website for additional information.
- Village Idol Fundraiser---Friday, February 22nd. There are two shows available...5:00 and 7:00. Please visit the PSA website for information about purchasing tickets. All proceeds from this wonderful event will be used to assist neighboring schools impacted by Hurricane Sandy.
- Kindergarten Registration---Tuesday, February 26th-Thursday, February 28th from 9:30-11:00. Please check our website for additional information.

As mentioned earlier, we are off to a great start in 2013. 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!



Collect Box Tops to Win a Pizza Pajama Party

Collect Box Tops from participating products.

Glue or tape 25 non-expired Box Tops to this official Village School collection sheet.

Send in your completed sheet from January 14 through February 15, 2013



expiration date

expiration date

Please Remember!

If you want all of your Box Tops to count...

- NO expired Box Tops.
- At least one of the expiration dates must remain intact after cutting, and the box top must be mostly whole.
- NO Labels For Education on this sheet. (Although we continue to collect Labels for Education, they should not be affixed to this sheet and will not count towards this contest.)



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Name: _____

Grade: K-am K-pm 1st 2nd 3rd
(circle one)

Teacher's Name: _____

any questions? email Sandra & Nicole PSABoxTops@live.com
this fundraiser is not endorsed by the Holmdel Township Board of Education



PAJAMA PARTY





WELCOME



A Message From Our New Assistant Principal

Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling

Hello, Village School! I have been on board since December 10th, and am thrilled to be a part of this wonderful community. In that time, I have gotten to know the incredibly dedicated faculty and staff, and have been working very hard to get to know each and every one of the Village School students. I have made a significant dent, and will persevere until the job is done! Please, families, help me get to know you, too, by introducing yourselves whenever you are visiting school. I am eager to get to know those responsible for all of these incredible kids!

Upon entering Village School, one can't help but notice the emphasis placed on character education. Its positive messages decorate the building; students begin each day with explicit character education lessons in their classrooms; the concept of "bucket filling" is common practice throughout the building; opportunities to model respect and problem solving are not overlooked. Village School is a place where good behavior and kindness are valued. To that end, I am pleased to tell you about the good "bee-havior" program we have begun to encourage exemplary behavior during lunch and recess.

There are two components to the program. The first is an individual component, awarded on a daily basis. A student (or students if there is more than one!) is recognized for doing the right thing. That can include walking quietly in the hallway, being helpful to a friend, speaking courteously to others, or working hard on a behavior that is challenging; anything that makes their lunch supervisor (the adult lunch aide in charge of their class) take notice in a positive way. The individual is rewarded with their choice of a Holmdel Hornets pin or a "Good Conduct" sticker. Their exemplary behavior is described to the lunchroom and they receive a big round of applause for their efforts. The second component is a group component, awarded to one outstandingly wonderful class. This award is given on a weekly basis. The selected class is the one that is best able to demonstrate good behavior, as a group, on a consistent basis throughout the week. It is selected by the lunch supervisor who feels, "My class was a pleasure this week!" The winning class is presented with a certificate and a special book-reading visit in their classroom from me!

This program is one of the many ways students are encouraged to make good choices at school. It is my pleasure and privilege to interact with the students in this positive way. I look forward to keeping you informed about this program and others here at Village School throughout the year. Thank you again for sharing your children with us, and don't be a stranger when you see me around – be sure to say hello!



WELCOME!



Village Idol



Join us for Village School's version of American Idol starring...
YOUR VILLAGE TEACHERS AND STAFF!!

At Village School
Friday, February 22nd
5PM & 7PM Shows
Tickets on Sale Now!

Go to: www.holmdelparents.org to reserve your
tickets

\$8/person

Tickets **Must** be Purchased In Advance

Hurry –Reserve Now before we sell out!

All proceeds to benefit neighboring schools affected by
Hurricane Sandy



President's Report

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 Olympic 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 Week: Fun activities in the cafeteria.

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 PSAPresident@live.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 you time.

Best Wishes,

Dina D'Ambrosi
PSA President
Village School



Village Read Across America Presents....

Oh, The Places You'll GO With Reading Book Drive

Help Bring New or Slightly Loved Books to Schools
Affected by Hurricane Sandy!

**Book Drive will run from January 21 to February
14**

All books will be collected from Classrooms

The CLASS that
collects the most
books will receive a
Popcorn Party and
Movie on the Library

The GRADE that
collects the most
books will receive an
awesome Dr. Seuss
book mark!

Watch the Balloon rise by the Main Office to our goal of 1,000
books!



Winners will be announced at the Read Across America Assembly!



3rd Grade T-Shirts

Third graders will be receiving a special t-shirt to wear on Field Day from the PSA in remembrance of their years at Village School. A list of all 3rd graders' names will be printed on the back of the t-shirt.

* This is **NOT** a fundraiser for the school. The t-shirt is **FREE!**

Please complete and return this form to your child's teacher by Wednesday, March 20, 2013, attention 3rd grade t-shirts.

Print Name _____

(Print your child's name as you want it to appear on the back of the t-shirt. We will capitalize only the first letter of each name. If this section is not filled in, your child's name will appear on the t-shirt as it does on the Village School Registration Form and your child will receive an adult small.)

Teacher _____ Phone _____

Size (circle one)

Youth Large (14-16)

Adult Small

Adult Medium

There will be **NO** exchanges. Please return this form on time because there will be no extended order period.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call Ruth Davis at 732-264-1592 or Darlene Kiss at 908-770-4769.

The PSA wishes the Village School Class of 2013 the best of luck!

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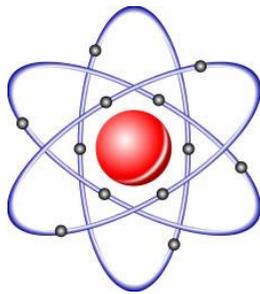
**Just a
Reminder
SCHOOL STORE**

FEBRUARY 21st

March 14th

April 18th

May 16th



On Tuesday, January 15th students enjoyed the Mad Science assembly "Up, Up and Away".

The audience was enthralled with the experiments about air. Several students had the opportunity to participate in the presentations that included creating a hot air balloon, a giant vortex generator and a hovercraft. Finally, everyone was thrilled with the Big Sneeze demonstrations of "dinosaur snot" and colorful streamers.



Congratulations!



A Special Congratulations to three Village School parents. Ana Vander Woude and Dennis Pavlik were elected President and Vice President of the Holmdel Board of Education on January 9, 2013.

At this meeting Joe Hammer, elected in November 2012, was sworn in as the newest member of the Board.

We wish all three of these board members good luck in their new positions.

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B-I-N-G-O!!

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**Please note the date change for
Family Fun Bingo Nights below:**

March 8th: Bingo for K/1

March 15th: Bingo for 2/3

**Watch for email from PSA including all
the exciting details**

Coming soon!





Due to Super Storm Sandy there are two important changes to the school calendar.

1. February 15th is now a half Day instead of a day off.
2. April 1st is no longer a day off. School will be in session that day



Congratulations to Mary Rice the winner of the PSA attendance raffle at the January meeting. She won a set of scrolled glass candle holders with votive candles that were donated by Market Day



Holiday Shoppe Update



For a week in November Vicki DiBlasi and Lori Umbrino ran the annual Holiday Shoppe. The students look forward to this event every year and this year's great selection had them super excited. For weeks leading up to the event Lori and Vicki worked tirelessly to make sure the tables would be stocked and the volunteer parents would be assembled.



When asked about her favorite part about running the Holiday Shoppe Vicki said "My favorite part of Holiday shop was greeting the children every morning. Since I was there before the school buses it was wonderful getting to see their smiling faces as they walked in to the building. The holiday shop is truly a wonderful way to get into the spirit of the holidays for both myself as well as the children. "



When asked about the hardships she dealt with Vicki responded "As always the most challenging part is trying to have the shop adequately staffed. We rely so much on our volunteers that if we aren't able to have enough help at a certain time it impacts the children's experience. We handhold each of our preschoolers while they shop and try to have one mom per two students for our first and second graders. By the time the third grade comes they want nothing to do with us. That was pretty heartbreaking for me this year since I have been holiday shopping with these children since they were kindergartners. But once again with the help of the most wonderful group of mom volunteers who in some cases dedicated their entire week to helping the children shop for their loved ones made this year's holiday shop a fabulous success and a wonderful opening to the holiday season."



Vicki and Lori's amazing team work paid off because through their efforts they raised over \$2000 for Village School.





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 2/15 for delivery 2/21

So far, this fundraiser has earned over

\$2,220.00 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 and dumplings, buffalo chicken sticks, green bean munchables and so much more!



GETTING TO KNOW YOUR PSA EXECUTIVE BOARD

The PSA Executive Board is made up of parents just like you and me. This section of the newsletter is dedicated to learn more about the people that run the PSA. For this month two people were interviewed, Lynn Saporito and Lori Umbrino. Below is the result of those interviews.

Good morning ladies. Thank you for agreeing to be my next victims, er I mean interviewees.

Lynn Saporito (LS): Did he just say victims?

Lori Umbrino (LU) I think he did.

Let's not get bogged down in labels. Let's just enjoy this pizza that Lynn is paying for and have a nice conversation. Can both of you tell me what position you hold in the PSA and how long you've been doing it.

LU: I am the Vice President of Fundraising with Deb Brew...who has become an amazing friend since we started this...we have crazy things in common and work really well together...we are like yin and yang...or more like Thelma and Louise! I've been doing this since June of this year. We started working together as an executive board this summer...it's been really fun!

LS: I am the VP of Membership & Communications and this is the second year of my term.

First let me say "thank you" to both of you for your volunteering and second I have to say that after that Thelma and Louise reference I will never get in the car with you Lori. Now that we know what you both do can you tell me why you volunteer?

LS: That's easy, for the PSA parking spot. ☺ But seriously, I like to feel connected to what is going on in our schools.

LU: I was a teacher before having kids, and I miss being in a classroom more and more each year. Volunteering lets me feel like I'm a part of the school again...without report cards and conferences!! Plus my kids really like seeing me around...I need to take advantage of that for as long as I can! And it's nice always knowing that someone is around to help out my kids if I can't be there and vice versa!!

Those are really good answers. But now we need to move on to some more personal questions. I'll start simple. How many children do you have?

LU: I have 2 kids – Mikey is 9 ½ and in 4th grade at Indian Hill and Abby is 7 ½ and in 2nd grade here at Village.

LS: I have a 6 year old daughter, Julia, here at Village and an 11 year old son, Anthony, at Indian Hill

Being as the holidays just passed can you tell me what your favorite part of the season was?

LS: My absolute favorite part of the Christmas season is picking out and then decorating our Christmas tree....while listening to 'A Very Special Christmas' and 'A Very Special Christmas 2' -- the original CDs circa 1987 and 1992 respectfully.

LU: The day after Christmas! After all the craziness of getting ready for and then celebrating Christmas, it's finally time to relax and enjoy. There is nothing to do, but sit back, have fun with my family, and eat leftovers. It's one of my favorite days of the year...(besides my birthday...but that's a whole other story!!)

Well, being as your birthday isn't until April and Lynn is buying us this delicious meal let's consider this your birthday lunch. So tell me what are you most looking forward to in 2013?

LU: As crazy as it sounds... We are taking Mikey and Abby to their first concert this summer and I can't wait for it. I love doing new things with them... I wish I got to do as many cool things when I was their ages. They are at a point where they love doing the same stuff Mike and I love like traveling, concerts, museums, etc. and it's really just an opportunity for me to do more stuff that I enjoy!!

LS: I'm really looking forward to our family vacation to Disney! This will be the first time at Disney for our daughter.

Those sound like amazing plans. If you can find any spare room I would be happy to join either of you.

LU: Um, yea that's not going to happen.

LS: Yea, you see we just changed our plans and we're not going now so... maybe next time.

Alright, a guy can take a hint. Now I'm not inviting either of you to the "All You Can Eat" rib eating contest I'm going to.

LU: Yea sure am sad I'm going to miss that.

LS: I think I'm ok with that

Alright, we seem to have gone off topic and because of that I'm going to hit you with a tough question. If you could meet any person alive or dead who would it be and why?

LS: One person I would love to meet would be Mahatma Gandhi. I did a book report on him back in grade school and have always admired his philosophy of peaceful protest, and his belief in minimalism and simple living. The world would be a much better place if we had more people like him in it.

LU: I hate these questions...☺ why can't I have favorite TV show or food like Deb got?!?! Those are easy...this takes thought...and I know Lynn said Gandhi...but I went in a VERY different direction...it would have to be Loretta Lynn!! I listened to her growing up with my grandmother and mom...and was always fascinated with her life story. I would love to just sit and talk with her.

I'm sorry for the tough questions so I'll ask you just one more. What are the 3 things you can't live without?

LU: I should say something sweet and meaningful here like my family and friends, but let's be honest... no one really wants to hear that!!! I will cave and say my family...but the other two are completely shallow...my coffee and Netflix!! I really love a good cup of coffee (and love that my kids love it too!!) and Netflix...forget it...all that trash TV right at my fingertips...24 hours a day...there is nothing better. I've just finished all 7 seasons of How I Met your Mother...

LS: Coffee (first thing in the morning and my coffee 'happy hour' at 3pm), Stacy's simply naked pita chips with Sabra supremely spicy hummus, and my family.

Thank you both so much for taking the time for this interview. It was really great getting to know more about both of you and thank you Lynn for this wonderful lunch.

LU: No problem I need to run now I hear Joey, Pacey and Dawson calling me.

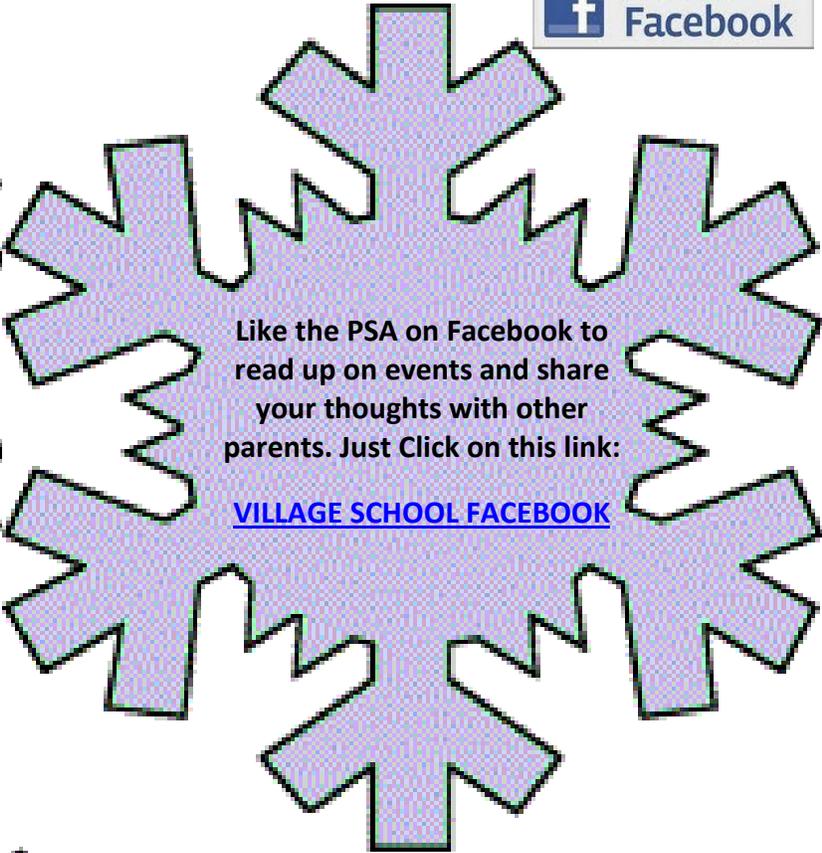
LS: Sure it was fun, wait I thought you were teasing you said lunch was on you...

I didn't catch Lynn's final words since I was running out the door and trying to avoid the waitress. I think she was just telling me to have a good day. You can meet Lori and Lynn in person on February 12th at the next PSA meeting at Village School.

DON'T BE LEFT OUT IN THE COLD
STAY INFORMED WITH THE PSA

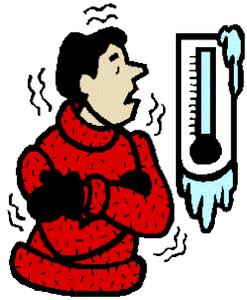


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with all the upcoming events at
Village School

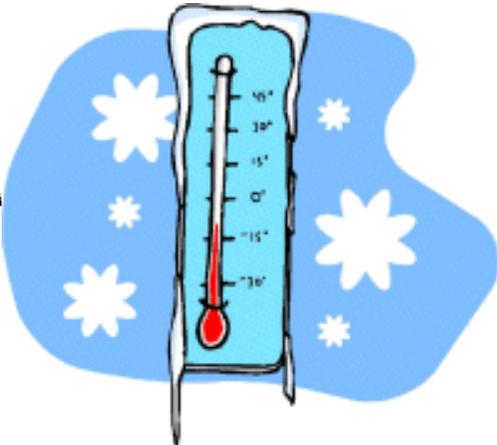


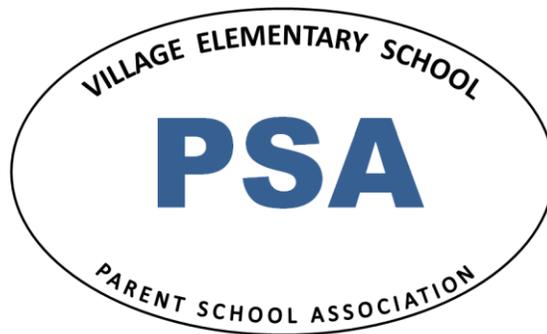
Like the PSA on Facebook to
read up on events and share
your thoughts with other
parents. Just Click on this link:

[VILLAGE SCHOOL FACEBOOK](#)



Don't miss any E-mails. Save
PSACommunications@Gmail.com
as one of your contacts and also
add it to your "safe sender" list.





www.HolmdelParents.org

PSA Executive Board Nomination Notice of Intent

January 2013

Dear PSA Member,

Serving on the PSA Executive Board is a great opportunity for you to be a leader in providing Village School with many memorable experiences for your children. As an Executive Board member, you have the opportunity to determine what kinds of activities and fundraisers our school offers that enhance the learning experience for our children.

Attached are the job descriptions for all 2013/2013 school year Executive Board positions.

We invite you to be an Executive Board candidate. You have until Thursday, **February 28, 2013** to submit your interest in becoming a candidate. Please complete the bottom portion of this "Notice of Intent", place in a sealed envelope labeled **PSA Nominating Committee** and return it in the **Executive Board Election** box provided in the main office. The Nominating Committee will contact you to confirm that your "Notice of Intent" was received.

Thank you for considering this very rewarding experience.

Best Wishes,

Dina D'Ambrosi
PSA President
Village School

NAME: _____

Child's Name and Grade Next Year: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

2013/2014 School Year

_____ VP Communications

_____ Recording & Corresponding Secretary

_____ Treasurer

_____ VP Membership

2013/2014 Open PSA Executive Board

Responsibility Descriptions

Vice President Communications

- Prepare any correspondence and publicity for the organization as needed, including meeting announcements and periodic newsletter.
- Maintain all PSA Executive and Appointed Board member email address accounts.
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- Facilitate and administer the Holmdelparents.org website and Facebook page.
- Prepare the "Back To School Packet" in advance of the new school year.
- Deliver to the successor in office, all records in his/her possession by fiscal year end.
- Submit a written report detailing responsibility and recommendations to the future board by fiscal year end.
- Responsible for all PSA email communications to all members.

Vice President of Membership

- Recruit volunteers and be responsible for all PSA membership drives.
- Facilitate non-fundraising events.
- Keep updated list of all members and assist VP of Communications with email or contact information.
- Responsible for attendance at every general meeting.
- Facilitates all membership raffles and door prize and raffle at general meetings.

Corresponding & Recording Secretary

- Take minutes at Executive Board and General Membership meetings.
- Coordinate communication with Appointed Board announcements in advance of the general PSA meetings.
- Solicit volunteers for various Appointed Board events and activities.
- Finalize minutes, obtain necessary approvals, and post minutes in a timely manner.
- Keep the files of the recording documents belonging to the organization.
- Deliver to the successor in office, all records in his/her possession by fiscal year end.

Treasurer

- Be custodian of all organization funds, and shall be authorized to disperse funds on behalf of the PSA.
- Give written monthly financial reports for review at all General Membership meetings and to the Executive Board in months with no General Membership Meeting.
- Provide a monthly cash-flow report at Executive Board Meetings.
- Prepare a year-end financial report by fiscal year end.
- Deliver to the successor in office, all records in his/her possession by fiscal year end.
- Submit a written report detailing responsibility and recommendations to the future board by fiscal year end.
- Prepare federal tax forms as required by the IRS and submit by December 15 of each year. Renew the incorporation of the PSA each year as required by the State of New Jersey.
- Facilitate an annual audit of the financial records and practices during the summer of each year.