

**THE VILLAGE  
SCHOOL VOICE**

**October & November  
2014**



| <b>October</b>                     |                        | <b>November</b>                   |                          |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 8 <sup>th</sup> & 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Picture Day            | 6 <sup>th</sup> & 7 <sup>th</sup> | School Closed            |
| 11 <sup>th</sup>                   | Trunk or Treat         | 11 <sup>th</sup>                  | PSA Meeting (9:15 a.m)   |
| 13 <sup>th</sup>                   | No School              | 19 <sup>th</sup>                  | Waste Free Wednesday     |
| 14 <sup>th</sup>                   | PSA Meeting (9:15 a.m) | 20 <sup>th</sup>                  | School Store             |
| 15 <sup>th</sup>                   | Waste Free Wednesday   | 21 <sup>st</sup>                  | Half Day (4hr Session)   |
| 20 <sup>th</sup> -24 <sup>th</sup> | Red Ribbon Week        | 24 <sup>th</sup>                  | Half Day (4hr Session)   |
| 23 <sup>rd</sup>                   | School Store           | 25 <sup>th</sup>                  | Half Day (4hr Session)   |
|                                    |                        | 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | Half Day (4hr Session)   |
|                                    |                        | 27 <sup>th</sup>                  | No School (Thanksgiving) |
|                                    |                        | 28 <sup>th</sup>                  | No School                |



# Mr. Brian Schillaci

Welcome back everyone! We are so happy to see our wonderful returning students and families, a fantastic group of new students and families, and our amazing staff! We are very excited to lead Village School forward with all of you for the 2014-15 school year. Our entire school community has been outstanding in getting us off to a great start!

Our three hopes for the children this school year---Safety, Learning, and Fun!

Our Back-to-School Nights were a wonderful time to meet so many of our Village School families. Your commitment, collaboration, and participation is truly appreciated and a big piece of why our students are so successful. The connection built between teachers, parents, and students is key for children to achieve in all aspects of school. We encourage our entire community to continue making these connections throughout the year. By working together as a team, our students will be the ones who reap the rewards.

Village School will be a busy place again this year with a lot going on for our students! Our Character Education Committee is up and running again. The goal of our committee is to continue developing strategies, in order to help our children learn and grow into responsible young citizens. The staff members on the committee are excited and dedicated to making sure we offer opportunities for our students in individual classrooms, as well as providing opportunities for school wide initiatives. One of these initiatives is a continued emphasis on "Bucket Filling". Based on the book, **Have You Filled a Bucket Today?**, we have continued to teach our children the importance of making good decisions. With the same idea of promoting great feelings and school spirit, we are also continuing with our Spirit Committee. The committee has put some ideas on the table at this point to promote school spirit; most specifically Spirit Days when staff and students are asked to wear Holmdel blue and white. Keep your eyes open for more spirit events, as we head through the school year. Additionally, we will continue to promote and transition to the Common Core and new PARCC assessments. There is additional information about both of these items on the district website, and you will definitely want to visit Mrs. MacConnell's page. Mrs. MacConnell is our K-6 technology coach, and brings so many wonderful opportunities to our staff, students, and families. Please review the information below to login to her page, and more specifically, enjoy the chance for your children to work with Typing Pal. Our 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> graders have been given log in information for this program. Typing will continue to be a more and more important skill, as we continue to move forward with our technology readiness for the PARCC assessments. We know you join us in continuing the goal of providing the best for all of our students.

Go to [mrsmacconnell.com](http://mrsmacconnell.com)

- Click on Students
- Click on Typing Pal - This will take you to our Village/Indian Hill Typing Pal account
- Username is your child's FirstnameLastname (No Spaces - If the first name and last name is longer than 20 characters, only put in the first 20 characters)
- Password is - village

I would like to thank everyone again for the wonderful support during the first few weeks of school. We are off to a great start, and I look forward to a wonderful year. I wish you the best, as we begin this journey together for a fantastic 2014-15 Village School experience!

## A message from Assistant Principal Mrs. Jessica Vierschilling

Welcome back to school, everyone, and I hope this message finds you comfortably settled into all of the routines and structures that go along with each new school year!

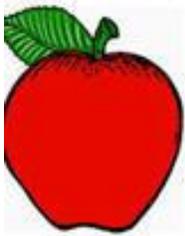
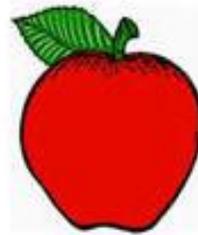
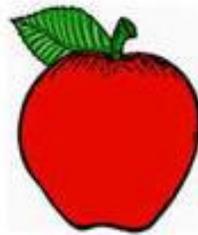
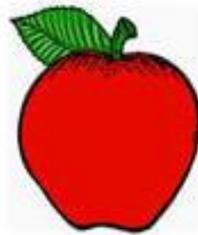
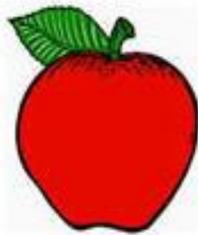
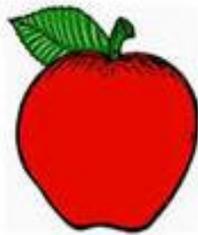
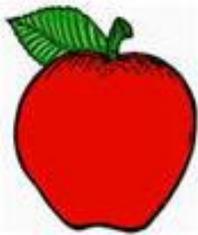
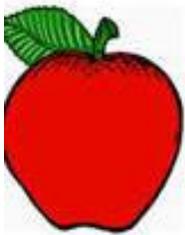
All around Village School the students are in full swing, engaged by our staff in wonderful learning experiences that challenge each child in enjoyable, creative, and memorable ways. Character Education is an important facet to the Village experience as well, and we strive to make this learning relevant at all times of the day.



During lunch and recess, we have six new friends, one for each of our six lunch periods. In first grade, there is Frankie and Frannie. In second grade, there is Sammy and Susie. In third grade, there is Theo and Thelma. Each of these little bees will encourage students to demonstrate expectations for good conduct in the hallways, in the lunchroom, and on the play-grounds. Each class has been working with their lunch supervisor to understand and practice these expectations. In October, students will begin earning good conduct awards for making excellent choices. The class who demonstrates the most good conduct each month will get to take the bee back to their classroom, where they will be provided with a special notebook to record and share with the rest of the lunchroom, highlights of their continued "Bucket Filling" behaviors.

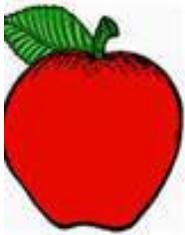
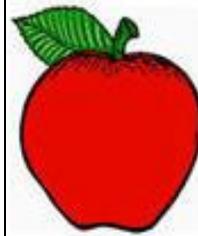
We are also looking forward to setting our students up for success in meeting expectations when riding the bus! On October 7<sup>th</sup>, all K-3 students will attend a special bus assembly to assure that all expectations are clearly communicated. Bus contracts will come home to all our families this same day. With your support, we are confident that each student can be a safe, responsible, and respectful bus rider! New this year, we will be calling on some of our 3<sup>rd</sup> grade student leaders, the "Bucket Brigade" to assist in these efforts as trained safety experts! More information to come about this as we move towards 2015!

Thank you all so much for sending your children to school eager and prepared to learn. Through continued collaborative efforts, I know that this will continue to be an awesome school year!

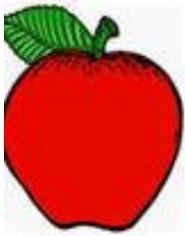
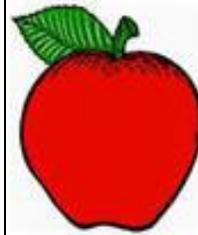


Message of PSA President, Vicky Flynn

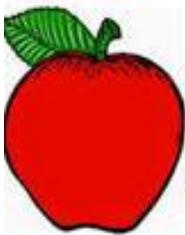
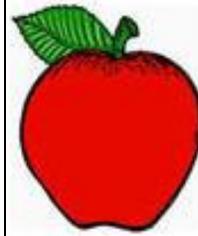
I wanted to highlight some of the wonderful events that the PSA sponsored during the first few weeks of school. Thus far, the response to these PSA events has been overwhelmingly positive, and it is directly related to the efforts of the PSA Executive Board, Appointed Board and volunteers. Thank you to you all for all the time you spent during the summer months and the first few weeks of school to make these PSA events a success.



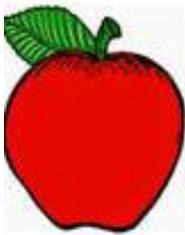
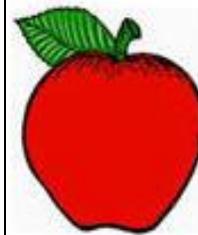
Indeed, Laura Shay and the Special Events Committee organized two well-received events in September – the Pre-K/Kindergarten Meet & Greet and the Welcome Back Fall Fest. We look forward to hosting more family fun events during the year. Congrats to Ms. Browell's class for having the most parent volunteers for these kickoff events – a pizza party is scheduled for this class in the upcoming week.



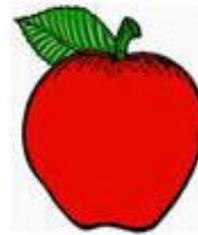
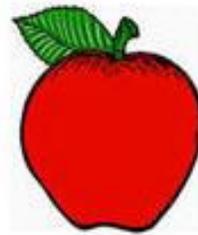
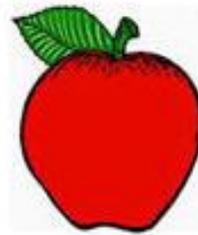
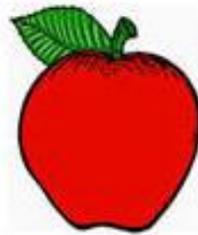
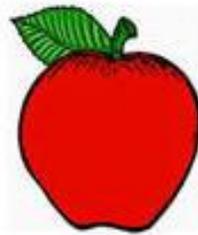
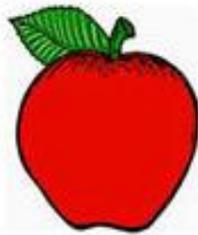
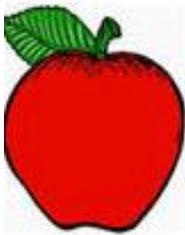
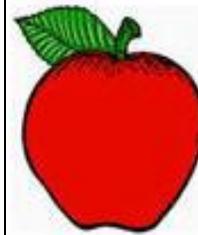
I also want to thank Katie Evans, Jenn Reddy and the other parents who volunteered to help students from the bus to their classes during the first few mornings of the school year.



The response to membership has been astounding thus far. Please consider signing up if you have not already done so. It is only \$10/family. Did you know that the PSA sponsors the assemblies and field trips for the Village School students? It is one way that your membership dollars are used to support the academic mission of the school district. On September 30, the PSA sponsored the first assembly – Arithmetickles! We hope to continue to provide these additional educational opportunities in the future for Village School families. Thank you to Laura Lavell and the Cultural Assemblies Board for getting this assembly ready to go for the beginning of the school year. I also want to thank Vanessa Merhi for organizing the PSA Chess Club, which is starting this week! I would also encourage all students to continue to send in their Boxtops. We raised approximately \$620 in September! Also, consider shopping for family meals through Market Day. I hope you will consider supporting the upcoming PSA events for October:



Ladies Night Out: This event is scheduled for October 23 at Addison Park. The theme for this event is Fire & Ice. There will be dinner, dancing and prizes. Please visit our website to purchase your tickets for this event. Also, if you can help with soliciting donations and prizes for this event, please contact Paula Blalock ([PSAFundraising1@gmail.com](mailto:PSAFundraising1@gmail.com)) or Michelle Piscopo ([PSAFundraising2@gmail.com](mailto:PSAFundraising2@gmail.com)) for more information about the event, volunteering opportunities and donations for Ladies Night Out



## PRE-SCHOOL & KINDERGARTEN MEET & GREET

### The Little Rockers Band



Thank you to all the families who attended the rocking PreK/K Meet and Greet. All of the kids smiling faces throughout the afternoon magnified the success of this event. The response of our Village School families to the PSA kickoff events has been overwhelming. We are busily working towards making our October events just as successful. Thank you in advance for your continued support.

## WELCOME BACK FALL FESTIVAL



Thank you to all the Village School families that attended the Welcome Back Fall Festival. This was a great way to kick off the school year! The family fun included pick-a-pumpkin from Farmer Schillaci's Pumpkin Patch for each child, as well as the enjoyment of donuts, snacks and apple juice.

We would like to thank Mr. Schillaci and Mrs. Vierschilling for being good sports and agreeing to be mummified!

We are also grateful to the Village School custodial staff for assistance with cleanup.

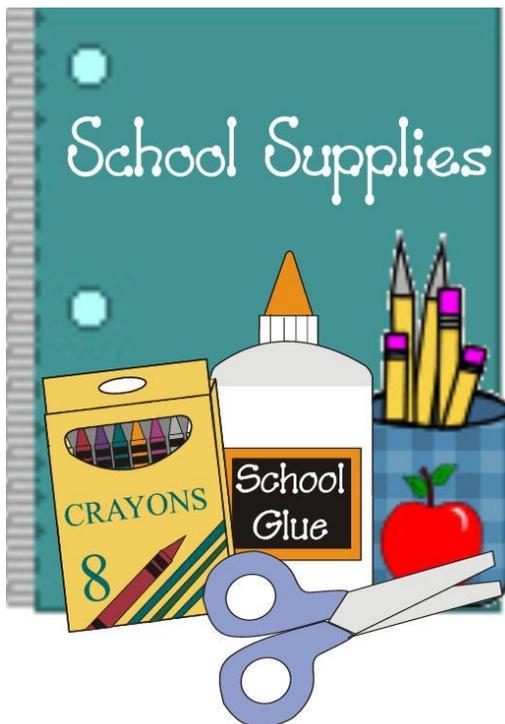


 Find us on  
**Facebook**

We would also like to thank all of our parent volunteers who unloaded over 600 pumpkins and decorated the outside of Village School to make this event one to remember!!

Ms. Browell's 1<sup>st</sup> grade class had the most parent volunteers and will be having a pizza party sponsored by the PSA.

 Find us on  
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**THE NEXT  
SCHOOL STORE  
WILL BE HELD  
ON**

**10/23/14**

**&**

**11/20/14**



## Village School Trunk or Treat

Saturday, October 11th, 2:30-4:30

Village School Parking Lot

(rain date: Saturday, October 18th)

**\$5.00 per child-**

\*Volunteer your trunk and be entered into the contest  
to  
win lots of fabulous prizes!!

Registration still available on our website

[www.holmdelparents.org](http://www.holmdelparents.org)



I wanted to thank everyone who donated their games, toys, puzzles and books. The children will be delighted to use the donations during their indoor recess.

Sincerely,

Lynn Saporito, PSA Games Committee

# Photographers Needed

The Historian Committee needs yearbook representatives to photograph our Kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade class events for the 2014/2015 school year.

A few volunteers are needed for each grade level to photograph activities and events throughout the year. Opportunities will rotate among our volunteers to ensure coverage. You will be contacted prior to each date to determine availability. The names of the volunteers for that event will then be given to the main office for entry for that event only.

We will still be asking for picture submissions quarterly so we ask that all parents take pictures to send in to the Historian Committee. Deadlines and details for parent submissions will come at a later date.

This is a wonderful opportunity to officially record and document the growth and accomplishments of the children of Village School. If you are interested, please email Tonya Romano at [PSAHistorian1@Gmail.com](mailto:PSAHistorian1@Gmail.com). Make sure to respond with your contact information including:

your name  
email address  
phone number





## ***How to Upload Pictures to TreeRing:***

If you do not have an account, please set one up using the school passcode: 1013778841231103

Once you have logged in, the screen showing will ask you to purchase your yearbook. Do not do this! The PSA will handle the purchase of all yearbooks. Simply click "Skip."

When you have accessed the account, click "4. Add Photos"

In the next screen, labeled PHOTOS you will see individual event folders. To add pictures, please click on the folder you wish to add to first. Do not click on the Add Photos button on the top right.

Once in the event folder, then click "Add Photos," and select where your photos are. Continue to follow the prompts.

### **TIPS FOR TAKING PHOTOS**

- *Photos taken on phones are not at a high enough resolution to be included in the yearbook. Please use a point-and-shoot or DSLR for best quality.*
- *Please upload your photos in a timely manner - within 1-2 weeks from the event. The yearbook staff will be completing pages throughout the year and cannot guarantee photos will be included if they are received too late.*
- *When taking photos, groups of 2-4 children is best. The photos should be close up and capture the spirit of the event.*
- *When uploading photos, please be aware the upload does take a bit of time. We ask that you try to only upload photos that are clear and bright.*
- *Please no blurry or dark photos as they can not be used.*



### SEPTEMBER WINNERS

Pre-K no submissions, no winners  
Kindergarten AM Mrs. Renfroe -146  
Kindergarten PM Mrs. Renfroe - 40  
1st Grade Mrs. Kerner - 451  
2nd Grade Mrs. Kenney - 904  
3rd Grade Mrs. Remuzzi - 1903



## Box Tops for Education Traveling Trophy Contest

- Look for pink Box Tops For Education on products & clip them
- Tape or glue them to the collection sheet
- Fill out student and teacher names on collection sheet
- Submit collection sheet to your child's teacher (it doesn't need to be filled in completely!)
- Bonus Box Tops Certificates and codes should be sent in separately. Be sure to include your child's name, teacher and grade on the envelope or baggie.
- Each month the class that submits the most box tops will get the traveling trophy for their grade.
- The trophy stays in their classroom for the whole month!
- At the end of the year, the class in each grade with the most box tops will win a pizza party!
- Who is eligible to win the trophy? Pre-K AM & PM, Kindergarten AM & PM, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades

#### Please Remember!

- No Expired Box Tops
- At least one of the expiration dates must remain intact after cutting it out
- Please make sure box tops are clean when added to the collection sheet.

We continue to collect Labels for Education too! They should be submitted on a separate sheet, envelope or baggie

Any questions? E-mail Janice Petretti – [PSAboxtops1@gmail.com](mailto:PSAboxtops1@gmail.com)

# The Holmdel Creative Arts Association

**INVITES you to**

**ADVERTISE** your **BUSINESS**, or **SUPPORT** your **CHILD** in the arts, by placing his or her **picture** with a special message from you, in an ad in the **HOLMDEL CREATIVE ARTS ASSOCIATION'S 2014-2015**

**AD JOURNAL!!**



**Purchasing Ad space will HELP RAISE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE ARTS IN ALL 4 SCHOOLS!**

Advertisement in the HCAA Ad Journal reaches the homes of a large number of prospective clients, customers, and friends. It is distributed at the fall winter and spring productions at Holmdel High School, Satz, Indian Hill and Village

| <b>AD DESCRIPTION</b> | <b>COST</b> | <b>DIMENSIONS</b> |
|-----------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| ¼ page                | \$50        | 2 ¼ x 4 ½ inch    |
| ½ page                | \$90        | 3 ½ x 4 ½ inch    |
| Full page             | \$145       | 7 ¼ x 4 ½ inch    |
| Inside Front Cover    | \$225       | 7 ½ x 4 ½ inch    |
| Inside back Cover     | \$225       | 7 ½ x 4 ½ inch    |
| Back Cover            | \$350       | 7 ½ x 4 ½ inch    |

**\*OCTOBER 21<sup>ST</sup> DEADLINE\***

Your advertisement can be your business card, company logo, a "shout out", best wishes or even a picture of your child/pet/or art work. The AD Journal is printed in black and white; PDF/scanned documents show best for printing.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please use same ad as last year. Payment amount enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**For better clarity**, please e-mail your advertisement to Barbara Olinsky: [bao71@verizon.net](mailto:bao71@verizon.net)

or return this form with payment made payable to HCAA at PO Box 273 Holmdel, NJ 07733

# Holmdel Creative Arts Association Membership

## SUPPORT THE ARTS in HOLMDEL!

The HCAA, **Holmdel Creative Arts Association**, is the parent support group for the arts for all four schools in Holmdel. The HCAA advocates for the ongoing development of theater, the fine arts, graphic arts, and television production. Studies have shown that students involved in the arts have higher academic performance, increased standardized test scores, and more self-confidence. Plus it's fun!

*All children in the district benefit from the HCAA!*

This past school year we donated many gifts including high performing wireless microphones for the High School Performing Arts Center, Choral Bells for the Chorus, Ceramics supplies for the strong Art offerings at the High School, an Alto Saxophone for Indian Hill Music program and art supplies for all schools. In addition, we are very proud to recognize student accomplishments by granting scholarships to graduating seniors in the above disciplines, totaling \$1,900. We are also funding an Artist in Residence Program! Watch for more news on this in September. Our gifts totaled just under \$12,000. The HCAA also provides refreshments and gifts for theater productions and the District Art Show, and strives to shape these performances as community events.

HCAA raises funds through Membership dues, an Ad Journal, Dedication Plates on the HS auditorium seats and fundraising at the High School, Satz and Indian Hill School productions. Our meetings are the 1st Monday of the month at 9:00am at the High School upper conference room. The schedule is on the school district calendar and the school web page. Please provide your email and you'll receive reminders about meetings and events. Please join us!

### WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

*Please support your creative children by becoming an HCAA member. Choose your membership level. Members are recognized in the Ad Journal. Please consider at least a **\$10 Supporting Membership**. **THANK YOU!!***

|                                 |       |                          |      |
|---------------------------------|-------|--------------------------|------|
| <b>The Broadway Sponsor</b>     | \$100 | <b>Patron Member</b>     | \$25 |
| <b>The Off Broadway Sponsor</b> | \$50  | <b>Supporting Member</b> | \$10 |

For further information, please email Cindy Manning at [ckmanning@aol.com](mailto:ckmanning@aol.com)

**Please send your check made payable to HCAA**

**To: HCAA, P.O. BOX 273, HOLMDEL, NJ 07733**

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND TO SCHOOL.**

## HCAA MEMBERSHIP

Please Check your Level

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

Phone # \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Grades of Children \_\_\_\_\_

This program is not endorsed by the Holmdel Township Board of Education