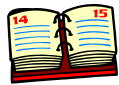


# The Village School Voice!

November / December 2009 ∴ Village School Parent - School Association News



## Mark your calendar!

November 26,27	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Thanksgiving Recess
November 28	Alumni Flag Football Game, 11 a.m., Bob Roggy Stadium
December 1 – 4	Holiday Shoppe, VS
December 7	HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library
December 8	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
December 8	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
December 11	Winter Concert, Grade 2, 9:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m., VS
December 16	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
December 18	Heritage Day Concert, Grade 3, 9:45 & 1:45 p.m., VS
December 23	HALF DAY SESSION, All Schools
Dec. 24 – Jan. 1	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Winter Recess
January 4	HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library
January 12	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
January 12	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
January 13	Bus Safety Drill, 2 of 3
January 13	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
January 21	School Store, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
January 18	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Martin Luther King Junior Day
January 19	Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library
January 20	ARISE Mtg., 7:15 p.m., IH Music B
January 26	End of Marking Period 2
January 27	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
January 29	Family Bingo Night, 6 p.m., VS

## News from the Principal

*Elizabeth C. Giacobbe*

It is hard to believe that it is towards the end of November already; we have just completed the first marking period and we are beginning preparations for the holiday season here at Village School. As Thanksgiving approaches I often reflect about the things that I am thankful for, as I am sure many of us do. Each day I reflect on how fortunate I am to work in such an amazing school with such a wonderful faculty and staff, with some of the best, brightest, and sweetest students, with an administrative team that is innovative and supportive, and with some of the most compassionate and supportive parents I have ever had the pleasure of working with! I would like to extend my sincere wishes to every family in the Village School Community for a wonderful, restful, and healthy holiday season.



## President's Report

*Andria Wojtunik*



Greetings to all as we reach the end of the first marking period and the beginning of the holiday season.

The PSA has much to be thankful for this year. Our annual Ladies Night Out was fun for all (see the pictures!) and we raised over \$10,000. A huge THANK YOU goes out to Cathy D'Orazio and Laurie Tascione for chairing the event, Maria Curreri for handling reservations, Linda Lautenberg for handling pre-ticket sales and Judith

Richards for putting together the event program. We also extend our appreciation to Red Bank Gastroenterology for sponsoring the very energetic DJs! And we can't forget to thank the very generous local businesses, Holmdel families, and Village School staff who donated gift basket auction items and who attended the event.

A nod of appreciation goes out to Teresa Rampulla who stepped up to take charge of the Kids Art fall fundraiser. Who doesn't love to see their child's artwork displayed on a notecard?

The restocking of the classroom go boxes and go bags should be complete by now. Next year Ms Giacobbe has agreed to ask the teachers to inventory their go boxes and go bags before Back to School Night and use a sharing tree to have parents restock any items needing replacement. In this way the go boxes and go bags will be restocked and complete by the end of September of each school year.

The following proposed gifts from the PSA to Village School were presented and accepted by the Board of Education at their November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting:

K	Pro Digital Sound Field Systems (5)	\$9,807.69
K-3	Word Family pocket chart, Word Tracks Word Building Games, Vowel Cards	81.92
K-2	Fountas and Pinnal Stopwatches/calculators (31 total)	850.80
2 <sup>nd</sup> G	Window shades for all classrooms	5,146.70
3 <sup>rd</sup> G	Reading Bags for Reader's Workshop	583.20
All grades	- Read-along books for library and/or literacy room	603.68
	Bulletin board cut-outs	922.20
3 <sup>rd</sup> G	Primary Teaching Easels (11)	3,012.68
Physical Education	— Parachute, Cricket Set and Training volleyballs	416.35
Spanish	— Voice Saver	154.00
Nurse Flannelly	— Hygiene DVD "Take Care of Your Skin, Hair and Nails"	87.95
Guidance	— Mrs. Barbara Conflict Management Skills Program	737.00
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$22,404.17</b>

The PSA will now go ahead and purchase these items for Village School.

As soon as the Village School e-mail distribution list is complete, the Village Voice newsletters will be sent out electronically by e-mail. The PSA wishes you and your family a healthy and happy holiday season!

## Give Kids a Smile



Over the years the American Dental Association has worked to ensure that all children have access to dental care. The first Friday in February is national Give Kids A Smile! Day. Over 1,000 dentists, dental assistants and dental hygienists are expected to volunteer for this event. Children 12 and under are eligible for free dental services. Services provided range from preventative care to emergency services. They will also receive tips on oral hygiene. More information can be found at [www.njda.org/gkas](http://www.njda.org/gkas). If this is a program that you wish your child to participate in, please go to this website. All necessary information can be found on this website. Participating dentists and locations where services will be provided will be posted on the website in mid-December.

## Bus Safety

Thanks to all of the volunteers who participated in the first bus safety drill this school year on Wed. Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. It was a great success on all buses and in the kindergarten AM classrooms. Our next bus safety drill will take place on Wed. Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see even more volunteers joining us then. Please contact Chimin Hu-Hampel ([chiminhu@gmail.com](mailto:chiminhu@gmail.com)).

## Specialized Fundraising

We have 2 new easy ways to raise money for Village School:

**Tyson Project A+** - Clip and collect Tyson Project A+ labels from specially marked Tyson packages, send the labels in to school with your child, and Village School earns 24 cents per label.



**Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks** - Register your Stop&Shop bonus card online at [www.stopandshop.com/aplus](http://www.stopandshop.com/aplus) by entering the first 3 letters of your last name and your Stop&Shop bonus card number. Every time you shop with your bonus card, Village School automatically earns a percentage of your total purchase.

Don't forget that we're still collecting empty printer cartridges, old cell phones, and Boxtops and Labels For Education. We received a check for \$55.50 for recycling old cell phones, and we have \$90.59 on account for recycled printer cartridges. We'll be getting a check for roughly \$575 in December from Boxtops For Education. Keep clipping and Thank You! Questions? Contact Jane Zysk at [mamazysk@gmail.com](mailto:mamazysk@gmail.com).

## Village School Continues to Go Green



The PSA Go Green Committee is hard at work planning this year's events and activities. We are especially looking forward to celebrating the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Earth Day, which will take place on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We kicked off the school year on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup>, when our students were treated to a very special interactive recycling assembly. This assembly was provided, compliments of the Monmouth County Planning Board, in reward for our school's compliance with county recycling requirements.

### Upcoming Events:

- Earth Day Dance/Walk — Wed., April 21<sup>st</sup>
- No Garbage Lunch Day — Thurs., April 22<sup>nd</sup> — (The cafeteria will be open for those who do not wish to participate.)
- Green Tip of the Day — during morning announcements — Monday April 19<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tree Donation and planting

If anyone wishes to join the "Go Green Committee", please contact Ninfa Nolan at (732) 335-9052 or Pat Geller at (732) 946-0668. You can also email us at [gogreenvillage@yahoo.com](mailto:gogreenvillage@yahoo.com)

## HFEE News - How Your \$\$ Have Made A Difference

Since the inception of the HFEE, Village School has been the recipient of many wonderful gifts that have enriched the educational experience of our students in pre-school thru 3rd grade. Because of your support, in the past five years alone, **over \$75,000 was gifted to Village** for the purchase of many educational tools including:

- K/1 and 2/3 Literacy Rooms
- Wilson Reading Program and Writing Workshop Tool Kits
- Science Activity Centers
- ELMO Visual Presenters, Smart Boards, Mobile Computer Lab
- Computer Technology/Software upgrades
- Many creative and enriching mini-grants/classroom grants

HFEE will continue our efforts to fundraise for Village as well as for all Holmdel district schools as our mission remains unchanged. The Foundation's goal is to enhance the educational experience of each and every student in Holmdel by fostering innovative programs in the areas of Academics, Athletics, and the Arts, and providing funds for the purchase of equipment and other materials used in these programs, whether they utilize the gifts now or in their future school years.

There are numerous opportunities to support the HFEE and our gift initiative. Our Annual Giving Campaign has commenced and we hope we can count on your continued support. We added the convenient options of donating by credit card and/or donating directly online via Paypal. Your tax-deductible donation, at a level you deem appropriate, will be greatly appreciated as we kick-off our fundraising for the 2009-2010 school year. Additional opportunities to support the HFEE include our much anticipated dinner dance to be held on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at the Grand Marquis, and new creative fundraisers, which are geared towards the goal of bringing the World Language Lab to the students of Holmdel.

Our new website [www.HFEE.org](http://www.HFEE.org), is a great resource to learn more about the organization and all the ways you can support our gift initiative.

On behalf of all the HFEE trustees, we thank you for your continuous support and together we will continue to give our students every opportunity they deserve.

## Red Ribbon Week A Success

### Soaring to a Healthy Future



Red Ribbon Week at Village School, which took place October 19–23, was filled with many fun activities which reminded our children to make healthy choices in their lives.

From the rockets that lined the hallways to the 'Hand to Hand We Make a Stand' banner, our children demonstrated their commitment to being healthy. Every day the children brought in their loose change to donate to the Heroes For Cool Kids mentoring program and we are happy to announce that a total of over \$500 will be donated to the Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance. We also collected over 1,000 lbs. of food as part of the School Hunger Challenge sponsored by the Monmouth County Food Pantry. But, the activity that the children loved the most was when they had the opportunity to STOMP OUT UNHEALTHY LIVING by jumping down a hallway covered in bubble wrap. The smiles on the children's faces as they popped the bubbles was priceless.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our many parent volunteers who helped make Red Ribbon Week such a huge success.

Also, a huge thanks to Ms. Giacobbe, Dr. Ledford and the administrative and janitorial staffs for their continued cooperation and support. As always, we appreciate everyone's efforts.

## Memory Book Photos Needed!



We want to showcase **YOUR photos of school events** (e.g., Halloween, classroom parties & birthdays, etc.) in the annual Village School Memory Book. Digital photos (preferred) can be sent via e-mail to [clschachel@yahoo.com](mailto:clschachel@yahoo.com). Hard copies of photos can be sent to school with your child, in an envelope marked "Historian". Clear shots and close-ups are preferred. Please include the child or children's names, grade and a brief description of the event photographed. We'll get as many of these photos in the Memory Book as possible. Duplicates only - they cannot be returned. Contact Cheryllee Schachel with questions. **Deadline for back-to-school and Halloween pictures is 12/31/09.**

## HCAA News

On Thurs., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and Fri., Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>, the Satz School presented their fall play, *It's a Wonderful Life*. On Fri., Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> and Sat., Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>, the Holmdel Theater Guild presented their performance of *Don't Try to Wake Him, Hand Me the Shovel* in the High School auditorium. The students did a great job and the HCAA sold refreshments, flowers and photos at all performances. On Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>, Indian Hill School will present *Beauty and the Beast*.



With the support of the HCAA members, our children have the opportunity to perform with confidence on the stage and express their creativity by building sets, producing films and creating original artwork. With your support last year, we were able to gift over \$10,000 to the arts including scholarships to graduating seniors. We also gifted to Satz, Indian Hill and Village. This was all made possible through membership dues, the ad journal, and profits from selling flowers, refreshments and photos at Satz and High School theater productions.

If you haven't already joined, we implore you to become a Broadway Sponsor for \$100, an Off Broadway Sponsor for \$50, a Patron Member for \$25 or a Supporting Member for \$10. Payment (payable to HCAA) may be sent to HCAA, P.O. Box 273, Holmdel, NJ 07733.

If you have a child who is interested in art, drama, graphic arts or television production, we invite you to become an active member of our group. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month; our next two meetings will be on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup> and Jan. 4<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. in the High School Library conference room. To find out what's happening, visit our web site: <http://www.holmdelschools.org/assoc/hcaa/hcaa.shtml>, or contact Barbara Daly, HCAA President

## *The K/1 library is seeking donations of legos!!*

**We want to hear from you!**  
Send your news items to the Village School Voice!  
Attn: Adrienne Burmeister at e-mail: [kaburmeister@verizon.net](mailto:kaburmeister@verizon.net)  
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