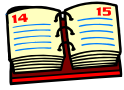


The Village School Voice!

January / February 2009 ∴ Village School Parent - School Association News



Mark your calendar!

January 28	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
January 30	Family Bingo Night (K & 1 st), 6 p.m., VS
February 2	HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library
February 10	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
February 10	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
February 11	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
February 12	Grades Issued
February 16	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Presidents' Day
February 17	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
February 17	Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library
February 18	ARISE Mtg., 7:15 p.m., IH Music B
February 19	HTEA Blood Drive
February 19	School Store, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
February 20	Family Bingo Night (2 nd & 3 rd), 6 p.m., VS
February 25	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
February 25	Kindergarten Reg. (A-I), 9 – 11 a.m., VS
February 26	Kindergarten Reg. (J-R), 9 – 11 a.m., VS
February 27	Kindergarten Reg. (S-Z), 9 – 11 a.m., VS
March 2	HCAA Mtg., 7 p.m., HHS Library
March 5	Go Green Assembly
March 10	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
March 10	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
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March 17	HSMA Mtg., 7 p.m., HHS Library
March 18	ARISE Mtg., 9:30 a.m., IH Cafetorium
March 19	School Store, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
March 19	PSA Newsletter Deadline
March 20	Family Ice Skating Night, 5:45 p.m., Armory
Mar. 23 – 27	Book Fair, VS
March 25	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
March 30	HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library

News from the Principal

Elizabeth C. Giacobbe



Happy New Year! I hope everyone enjoyed the long Winter Break!

As a reminder for the winter months of 2009 I want to remind the families of the procedures for delayed openings and school closings. If school is delayed due to inclement weather it typically is a 2 hour delay and the school day will begin at 11:05 a.m. for AM Kindergarten, Preschool Programs, Grades 1, 2, and 3. It will begin at 1:05 for PM Kindergarten and Preschool. In the event of an Early Dismissal please DO NOT call the school as it is very difficult for us to field the hundreds of phone calls with only three secretaries and still do what we need to do to ensure a SAFE dismissal for ALL. An emergency call will go out to the telephone numbers you have registered alerting you of the early closing. In the event that we close early for inclement weather there will be no PM classes.

- Check local radio stations:
 - WHTG Eatontown 1410 AM 106.3 FM
 - WJLK Asbury Park 1310 AM 94.3FM
 - WBUD Trenton 1260 AM 101.5 FM
 - WPST Princeton 1350 AM 94.5 FM

- Check local television stations:
 - Channel 12



For more information about our schools, visit the Holmdel Township School District's web site:

www.holmdelschools.org

Please click on "E-Alert" where you can join our mailing list to receive notification when selected items are updated.

President's Report

Andria Wojtunik



Welcome to the New Year!

We are looking forward to the 2nd Annual Family Bingo Nights, sponsored by the PSA. This year there will be two nights to better accommodate all of the Village School families who wish to attend. The Bingo nights will be held on **Friday, January 30th** for K and 1st grade and **Friday, February 20th** for 2nd and 3rd grades. Come out and enjoy a family fun night! As the date gets closer you will receive more information.

Kindergarten Registration is scheduled for February 25, 26, and 27th from 9-11am. PSA volunteers will be there to help out and answer questions.

March 20th marks the date of the 2nd Annual Village School Skate Night to be held at the Armory in Red Bank. Come out and show-off your skating style!

The Scholastic Book Fair takes place March 23-27th during school hours. You will receive more information, as the date gets closer.

Thank you to Christine Reddington and all the parent volunteers who made the Holiday Shoppe run smoothly. I've been noticing all of the new fine jewelry being sported by Holmdel Moms after the holidays.

The PSA gifting process begins this month. The administration and teachers are asked to make a formal request for school-related items that the school budget does not provide for. The requests are reviewed by the PSA Gift Committee and various items are approved. Some items donated annually by the PSA include the Memory Book, the 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social and all of the school assemblies. Some of the items that the PSA gifted last year included the following: white boards for all 2nd grade classrooms, Discover America rugs for all 2nd and 3rd grade classrooms, software programs for all grades, leveled reading books for K-1, folding easels for 2nd grade and money to defray the cost of field trip fees.

Our major fundraiser for the second half of the school year is the Village School Spring Carnival, which will be held on **Friday, May 15th**. Many volunteers are needed to make this event a success. The PSA will need volunteers to help decorate, staff the amusements and games, sell food, man the admissions table and sell raffle and 50/50 tickets. The PSA is currently looking for 4-5 raffle prizes worth over \$250. Groups of families can join together to sponsor a raffle prize. Some ideas for raffle prizes are sports tickets, Great Adventure season passes, birthday parties or electronic games.

Our next PSA meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 10th**.

As always, please contact me with any questions or concerns @ (732) 203-2065 or Wojtunik@comcast.net.

OPERATION: GET OUT THE VOTE

School Election – April 21st, 2pm – 9pm



April in New Jersey is election time for Board of Education candidates and the school district's annual budget. Historically, voter turnout statewide has been small, which usually means a defeated school budget. Thankfully, the parents of Holmdel's students have worked hard the last four years to successfully pass our budgets.

For 2008-09, parental help to get the word out regarding our budget is needed. The importance of keeping parents informed about this vote cannot be understated – when budgets are defeated, positions are lost, programs are cut and needed improvements are postponed and even cancelled.

Operation: Get Out the Vote (Op:GOTV) is a district-wide parent group whose goal is to inform the parents about the budget process and encourage 100% parental turnout in school elections. Each vote counts - our children's future, along with Holmdel's commitment to education, is at risk. Our many thanks in advance for signing up to help on Op:GOTV – Your help will continue to make the difference – it will "Get out the vote!" Please fill out the form that was sent home via kidmail and send it back to the school office. *All volunteer efforts are no more than 1 or 2 hours of your time.* You may email the Op:GOTV District coordinator: Mary Pomarico at mpomarico@verizon.net to volunteer. Please call Kathleen Korch, Central Office, with any questions, (732) 946-1800. You may also go on the district web site and voice your comments/questions regarding the budget. www.holmdelschools.org.

Village School is Going Green!

Village Students will have much to look forward to in the upcoming months with the following events and activities:



- Brownie Troop 1248 brings recycling back to the forefront at Village School!
- The Recycling kickoff, along with other green initiatives will take place at a March 5th "Go Green" assembly sponsored by the PSA.
- Earth Week runs from April 20th through April 24th. On April 22nd-Earth Day, Village will have its 1st Annual Earth Day Walk. On April 23 students will participate in a No Garbage Lunch Day. Useful daily Green tips will be given during morning announcements. Stay tuned - more details to follow!
- In an effort to aid our cause to Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle, we will be offering stainless steel reusable bottles - at cost - to our Village families. Look for details in February.
- If anyone wishes to join the "Go Green Committee", please contact Dina Hamwi @ (732) 946-4450 or Pat Geller @ (732) 946-0668. You can also email us at gogreenvillage@yahoo.com

Bus Safety Drill



The second bus safety drill for this school year took place on Wednesday, January 14th. Although it was cold, nineteen enthusiastic parents read out safety rules to students on buses. This time we also included all kindergarten AM students in the drill. Five parents went into kindergarten AM classrooms and talked to the children about the safety rules. We obtained a lot of positive responses from students. Thanks to all kindergarten AM teachers' for your support. We also appreciate the following volunteers' participation: Carolyn Zofchak, Beth Mo, Kami DeSilva, Doreen DeMarco, Linda Fernand, Laurie Tascione, Diane Cerny, Linda Lautenberg, Terri Ferguson, Pat Geller, Lisa Cronin, Christine Heyt, Kristin Driscoll, Cara Binaco, Marianne Valentini, Ruth Davis, Lucia VanName, Chris Hary, Lixia Liu, Katy Taylor, Gerri De Cicco and Jennifer Siek. If you are interested in participating in this drill, please contact me: chiminhu@gmail.com.

PSA Parking Space



The PSA is asking everyone to please be considerate of the PSA parking space. This parking space is reserved each month for the family who wins our monthly raffle at the PSA meeting. On many occasions, the winner tries to use their parking space, only to find that it has been taken. Please do not park in this space. Thank you for your cooperation.

We Need Your Photos!



Hard to believe that we are already into the second half of the school year! If you haven't already, get those pictures of your Village School kids at school functions developed (holiday parties, bingo night, etc.) and get them to us! Just send them to school with your child in an envelope marked "Historian". Your child's teacher will put it in our mailbox at the main office. Clear shots and close-ups are preferred. We'll get as many of these photos in the Memory Book as possible. Remember, duplicates only - they cannot be returned. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Boyle at (732) 817-9177 or mail to theresem1010@aol.com.

Successful Village School Holiday Shoppe



Christine Reddington would like to offer a thank you to all who helped with the holiday shoppe this year, making it a success.

Specialized Fundraising



The cold weather is here and that means Soup Season! Please remember to collect and turn in Campbell's Labels for Education and Boxtops for Education. Current totals are: 2,495 points in Labels for Education and \$984 in Boxtops for Education.

Did you get a new cell phone for the holidays? Send your old one into school and we'll receive cash when we mail it in for recycling! Use up all your ink printing those holiday letters? Send your empty printer cartridges into school and we'll receive cash for those, too!

HCAA



The Holmdel Creative Arts Association is going to be very busy the next few months supporting the arts with all the great Musicals coming up. Make sure you mark your calendars for the upcoming William R. Satz School Musical, *Into The Woods*. Performances will be held on January 30th and 31st at the Holmdel High School auditorium. Shortly after that, on February 12th, Indian Hill School will be holding its Talent Show at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. On March 12, 13 and 14th, Holmdel High School will be performing their Spring Musical, *Grease*. At the Musicals, the Holmdel Creative Arts Association will be fundraising for the arts by selling photos, refreshments and flowers; make sure you stop by. We invite you to become an active member of our group. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month at 9 AM in the High School Library conference room.

Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE)



Mercedes-Benz Car Raffle!

This year, in addition to our Annual Fund Drive, we are very excited to introduce a raffle for a chance to win a 2009 Mercedes Benz C300 4-door sedan. Tickets are \$100.00 each with a maximum of 1,000 tickets sold. You can pick up a raffle form in the main office at any of the schools or print a raffle form from the school web site at www.holmdelschools.org. You could be in the driver's seat soon! Drawing is on March 10th at 8:30 p.m. at the HHS Commons. Winner does not need to be present. For further questions, please contact Vicki Entwistle at (732) 335-8267 or ventwistle@aol.com. Thank you for your continued support!

PSA Meeting Dates for 2009

February 10th
March 10th
April 21st – Please note this date is changed from the original school calendar.
May 12th
June 9th

We want to hear from you! Send your news items to the Village School Voice!
Attn: Adrienne Burmeister at e-mail: kaburmeister@verizon.net DEADLINES: 3/19/09, 5/14/09