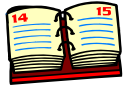


# The Village School Voice!

May / June 2009 .: Village School Parent - School Association News



## Important Dates!

May 27	Holmdel BOE Mtg./Student Recognition, (Tentative), 8 p.m., WRS
June 1	HCAA Breakfast Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library
June 5	HALF-DAY SESSION, VS only
June 8	Barnes & Noble Book Fair/Summer Reading Festival, Benefit district schools
June 9	PSA Breakfast Mtg., 9:30 a.m., Red Oak Diner
June 9	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
June 10	Holmdel BOE Mtg. (Tentative), 8 p.m., WRS Student Recognition (VS/IHS)
June 11	Rescheduled School Store, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m., VS
June 16	HSMA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., HHS Library
June 16	Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library
June 17	HALF-DAY SESSION. All Schools
June 18	Last Day for Students, HALF-DAY SESSION, All Schools
June 24	Holmdel BOE Mtg. (Tentative), 8 p.m., WRS
September 10	1 <sup>st</sup> Day of School for Students - FULL DAY

## A Word from the Principal

Elizabeth C. Giacobbe



It is hard to believe that we are beginning to wind down the school year and that summer will soon be upon us. Village will be a very busy place in the last month of school.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the PSA and the countless numbers of volunteers that made Village a great place to come to school and work this year. Your generosity, kindness, and support all through the year did not go unnoticed! From the assemblies, plant sale, carnival, Bingo, skate night, fundraising, gifts, luncheons, etc. you truly outdid yourselves. Thank you again, for your countless hours of hard work and enthusiasm!



I would like to wish our wonderful 3<sup>rd</sup> graders the best of luck as they transition over to Indian Hill School. I hope they take with them wonderful memories from Village School, as I know I will always remember them! This is going to be an easy transition for them as they are such a nice, bright group of students – Indian Hill is lucky to have them!



## A Message from the Assistant Principal

Dr. Dionne Ledford

This school year at Village School has been as memorable, as it has been productive! We have achieved so much in what seems so little time. The year has seemed to have flown by... so, I wanted to pause for a moment to take the time to say, "good-bye and good luck" to our third grade families moving on to Indian Hill School. You will be so missed!

To all of our Village School families... have a wonderful summer! Read as much as possible with your children and encourage them to write about their summer experiences! It's fun to re-read and reflect on these experiences and it's even more fun to share with friends when they return to school! Enjoy the time!



## PSA President's Report

Andria Wojtunik



It's difficult to believe that the school year is drawing to a close and my first year as PSA President is ending. It has been a great learning year for me.

The Spring Carnival was a memorable event. The beautiful weather brought out many, many Village School families. The Spring Carnival could not have happened without the help of my extraordinary Executive Board: Theresa Clark, Cathy D'Orazio, Lynn Shields, Claudine Sportelli, Laurie Tascione and Lucia VanName.

Kudos to Suzanne Niro for revamping and organizing the Carnival Café and introducing grilled items to the menu. Theresa Clark and the Classroom Aides were relentless in their quest for volunteers. Thank you to all the wonderful teachers and parent volunteers who came out to help set-up, run the games, sell the tickets and serve the food. Thank you to Lynn Shields and Michelle Shields who handled the Kids' Basket Auction with ease as they have taken on this task for several years in a row. We will miss them as they move on to Indian Hill.

Thank you to Laurie Tascione for organizing the Grand Prize Raffle and Cathy D'Orazio and Cheryl DeNicola for handling Admissions. Lucia VanName led the Decorations Committee with colorful balloons to brighten-up the all-purpose room.

And who can forget the image of our fearless Principal, Ms Giacobbe, her face covered with whipped cream pies prepared by Assistant Principal, Dr. Ledford? Remember, it was the students' votes that determined the fate of Ms. Giacobbe and she was a trooper through it all!

We have had our Election of Officers for the 2009-2010 school year:

President	Andria Wojtunik
VP-Membership	Linda Lautenberg
VP-Fundraising	Laurie Tascione
VP-Fundraising	Cathy D'Orazio
Recording Secretary	Theresa Clark
Corresponding Secretary	Pam Hroblak
Treasurer	Claudine Sportelli

There are still many openings on the Appointed Board. Please contact me if you are interested in a position.

At this time I would like to thank Ms. Giacobbe, our wonderful Principal; Dr. Ledford, our Assistant Principal; and our teacher representatives, Ms. Edwards and Mrs. Barbara, for all their support and assistance to me this year.

During the last week of school your children will be receiving their Memory Book as a gift from the PSA. A big thank-you to the many historians who have worked so hard to put this book together. And a special note of appreciation to Tammy Boyle who has been in charge of the Memory Book for many years and is a past Executive Board member as well. She will be graduating to Indian Hill next year.

Enjoy all of the end-of-the-year activities including Field Day, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Ice Cream Social, and the End-of-the-Year Parties! Summer will be here before you know it!

## Bus Safety Update

Chimin Hu



The final bus safety drill took place on Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. We couldn't ask for a better day. Five kindergarten parents read the rules in the classrooms in the morning. Many children had stories to share with their friends. In the afternoon, 19 enthusiastic parents reviewed the safety rules on the buses. All volunteers and children did a fantastic job. I would like to thank all the kindergarten AM teachers, bus monitors and volunteers.

## Successful Plant Sale

*Maria Curreri, Laurie Fontana & Dina Hamwi*



A big thanks to all the parents that volunteered their time to make our Annual plant sale such a huge success! The children had a wonderful time shopping!! From delivery day to the last few minutes of our sale (by the Main entrance), everything went perfectly. After giving a few flowerpots to our lovely front office staff, we were left with only 2 flats which were planted at our main entrance by Daisy Troop 1340 (thanks!).

Remember to join in on the fun and volunteer next year!

## Carnival Volunteers

*Theresa Clark*

The Carnival was a great success due to the hard work and dedication of the volunteers. I would like to thank the Classroom Aides Committee (Alicia Caldwell, Maria Curreri, Debbie Petrilli and Jennifer Tesoriero) who helped me organize all of the volunteers for the Carnival. I would also like to thank all of the parents, Holmdel students and Village School Staff who volunteered their time to work at the Carnival. The volunteers should be proud that your efforts raised money for our children and Village School.



## Specialized Fundraising Results

*Jane Zysk*

**Boxtops For Education** - We raised \$1,264.50 from Boxtops this year, exceeding our goal of \$1,100. The money has been deposited in the Student Activities Account, which funds costumes, and props for musicals, Field Day, Colonial Day, and other student expenditures. Thank you!

**Labels For Education** - We saved over 3,000 points from Labels, allowing us to order a giant bucket of Legos and a big glue pump. The Legos will be shared among classes next year for indoor recess.



**Printer Cartridges** - We received a check for \$88.00 and have \$12.99 on account. Two more shipments have been mailed off, and those checks should be arriving within the next 8 weeks.

**Cell Phones** - We need more old cell phones to fill up a box. Please send any old cell phones in to school so that we can make a complete shipment.



Thank you to all who have helped raise money for our children through Specialized Fundraising. Please remember to save Boxtops For Education, Labels For Education, empty printer and laser cartridges, and old cell phones through the summer so that we can hit the ground running next year.

## Village School Goes Green

The PSA Go Green Committee would like to thank Ms. Giacobbe, Dr. Ledford, and the entire Village School - students, staff and parents - for making this year such a success! Students were given the opportunity to learn ways to protect our planet during Earth Week and throughout the year. Their enthusiasm and attitude showed what our wonderful community is all about!



We kicked off the year in March with our Go Green Assembly where students learned about the importance of REDUCING, REUSING and RECYCLING. Next, we offered at-cost reusable stainless steel bottles, reinforcing the concept of REUSING materials! We are happy to report that we sold approximately 500 klean kanteens and are still receiving requests for more. Our goal is to offer these bottles again next year.

On Earth Day, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, D.J. Steve Cie of Keansburg ([www.stevecie.com](http://www.stevecie.com)) donated his entertainment services to provide music for the Earth Day Walk/Dance. April 23<sup>rd</sup> was our first "No Garbage Lunch Day". On April 24<sup>th</sup>, our students planted a beautiful Japanese Cherry Tree donated by Holmdel Farms. Following the planting, Mr. Jim Brown, Assistant Recycling Coordinator with Monmouth County, demonstrated earthworm composting in the cafeteria. Each day throughout the week the students and faculty were treated to a "green tip" as part of Ms. Giacobbe's morning announcements.

Thanks to everyone who made this year such a green one. See you again next year! Go Green!!

## HCAA

*Barbara Daly, HCAA President*



For graduating Village School students moving into the Indian Hill School, we encourage you to get involved with the many new opportunities that are available in the arts. Make sure to try out for the theater productions held during the school year. For the art students, you can be involved in creating all the beautiful artwork that you will see around the school.

Holmdel High School held its Annual Film Festival on April 24. All of the films were scripted, directed, shot and edited by the students. We had a wide range of film types from comedy to mystery, drama, experimental and animation.

By the time you read this the Holmdel Theater Guild students will have performed their One Act Plays.

HCAA continues to award gifts to all of the schools in Holmdel. We have been able to gift to the arts so far this year over \$10,000. All of this was made possible by your memberships, our Ad Journal sponsors, and fundraising at the shows.

The HCAA Executive Board Slate for the 2009-2010 school year was presented at April's meeting and was approved at the May meeting.

Thanks for your support throughout the school year and I encourage you to get involved in the coming year. Have a nice summer.

## Cash Back for Village Recycled Items

Holmdel Village School has partnered with TerraCycle Inc. ([www.terracycle.net](http://www.terracycle.net)) to further enhance the green effort in our school community. TerraCycle, together with Capri Sun, Honest Kids Drink Pouches, and the Nabisco & Frito Lay Company, is working to reuse materials and help reduce the impact on our landfills. As an eco-friendly innovator, TerraCycle converts used drink pouches, and cookie and snack wrappers into unique fashion bags, tote bags, and pencil cases for kids and adults to purchase. They will donate to Village School \$.02 for each Capri Sun, Kool Aid and Honest Kids drink pouch, Nabisco cookie wrapper and Frito Lay snack our school collects and sends to them.



Please save all your juice pouches (juice & straws removed please), Nabisco cookie wrappers and Frito Lay snack bags. Collection bins have been placed in the lunchroom.

It's amazing how quickly 2 cents can add up! It is also amazing how we can help to reduce the amount of garbage heading to our landfills. Let's continue to make a difference.

Any questions, please contact Dina Hamwi or the PSA "Go-Green" Committee at [gogreenvillage@yahoo.com](mailto:gogreenvillage@yahoo.com).

## Thank you from the Village Libraries

*Heidi Buzzanga and Carol Dempsey, Media Specialists*

The K-1 and 2/3 Libraries would like to thank our volunteers for assisting in the Libraries all year long. Also, a big thank you to the volunteers who worked the Book Fair this past March.



## Thank you from the Historian

*Tammy Boyle*

Many thanks to all of the parents who sent in pictures for the Village School Memory book - we got in as many as we could!!! Have a great summer!



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### Coming to Indian Hill / June 22 - 26

The Camp Invention program is a weeklong summer day experience for children entering grades one through six that is being hosted at Indian Hill School. The program helps ignite a passion for learning through fun, hands-on activities. There are no right or wrong answers - just experiments and surprises!

**STANDARD BRING-A-FRIEND DISCOUNT** - Register with a friend to each receive \$20 OFF the base price.

**MULTIPLE SIBLING DISCOUNT** - Register three or more siblings to each receive \$40 OFF the base price.

More information is available at [www.campinvention.org](http://www.campinvention.org) or 800-968-4332.