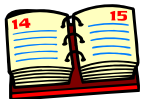


The Village School Voice!

November / December 2008 .: Village School Parent - School Association News



Mark your calendar!

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| November 25 | Powder Puff/Bonfire, 6 p.m., HHS |
| November 26 | HALF DAY SESSIONS, All Schools |
| November 27, 28 | ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED Thanksgiving Recess |
| December 1 | HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library |
| December 2 – 5 | Holiday Shoppe, VS |
| December 9 | PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria |
| December 9 | HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library |
| December 11, 12 | Heritage Day Performances, Grade 3 |
| December 16 | HSMA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., HHS Library (if needed) |
| December 16 | Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library |
| December 17 | Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS |
| December 18, 19 | Winter Performances, Grade 2 |
| December 23 | HALF DAY SESSION, All Schools |
| Dec. 24 – Jan. 2 | ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Winter Recess |
| January 5 | HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library |
| January 13 | PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria |
| January 13 | HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library |
| January 14 | Bus Safety Drill, 2 of 3 |
| January 14 | Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS |
| January 15 | School Store, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m. |
| January 19 | ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Martin Luther King Junior Day |
| January 20 | HSMA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., HHS Library |
| January 20 | Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library |
| January 21 | ARISE Mtg., 7:15 p.m., IH Music B |
| January 23 | End of Marking Period 2 |
| January 26 | ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED for students Chinese New Year, <i>Staff Development Day</i> |
| January 28 | Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS |
| January 30 | Family Bingo Night, 6 p.m., VS |

A Message from the Principal

Elizabeth C. Giacobbe



It is hard to believe that it is November; 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 in my life 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 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



The holiday season is upon us! As Village School parents, we have a lot to be thankful for, especially our wonderful teachers, staff and administrators who work so hard for our children. And the PSA is thankful for all of the parent volunteers who make the PSA fundraisers possible. Without continued help from the parents, none of the PSA activities would be possible.

Thank you to Chimin Hu for organizing a successful bus safety drill in October. Additional bus safety drills are scheduled for January and May.

Thank you to Jane Zysk, Games Coordinator, who purchased new games for all of the classrooms for indoor recess. Jane also collected gently used legos for the classrooms. In addition, Jane is coordinating the collection of boxtops, Campbell's soup labels, old cell phones and empty printer cartridges which can be turned into money for Village School. Please continue to send in these items throughout the school year.

Ladies Night Out was a big success! Addison Park has been completely renovated since we were last there two years ago and it was a beautiful venue for our event. A huge thank you goes out to Laurie Tascione and Cathy D'Orazio, our Vice-Presidents of Fundraising, for the wonderful job they did organizing Ladies Night Out. They couldn't have done it without the help of all of the volunteers. Everyone had a wonderful time with good food, great baskets, fun music and the terrific company of over 250 ladies!

The School Sportswear items went home the first week of November. This year the sportswear featured "Stinger", the Village School bee. The students and staff will have the opportunity to show their school pride and wear their Holmdel sportswear on the first Village School Spirit Day on Wednesday November 26th. Thank you to Ruth Davis and Lisa Goldberg for coordinating the sale.

Our "Kids Only" Holiday Shoppe will take place December 2-5. You will receive a notice with more information. Thank you to Christine Reddington for taking charge of the Holiday Shoppe. It is amazing how much the children enjoy selecting just the right gift for their special family member.

One last note — Our Spring Carnival is scheduled for Friday May 15th from 4-8pm. This is our major fundraiser for the second half of the school year and it requires many volunteers to make it a success. I am looking for someone to be in charge of the Raffle and 50/50 and volunteers will be needed to decorate, help run the games and work the Carnival Café. If possible, try to enlist your spouse or parents to help with the kids, so that you can volunteer an hour of your time to help at the event.

Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family and thank you for your continued support!!

PSA Membership Dues – Reminder



If you have not sent in your \$5 PSA Membership, please do so as soon as possible. You can put it in an envelope and send it to school with your child's name and teacher's name on it.

Village School Holiday Shoppe December 2nd-5th



If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Christine Reddington at (732) 946-1094 or christinerdd@aol.com.

Turn Trash into Cash for Village School



The PSA is now collecting old cell phones (NOT cordless phones) and empty printer cartridges for recycling. The Funding Factory will pay us for each cell phone and printer cartridge that we ship, and they pay for the shipping! Please send in only cell phones - NO cordless phones, NO chargers, NO phone holsters. Any questions, email Jane Zysk at mamazysk@gmail.com. The students and I thank you.

Please remember to donate Bxotops for Education and Labels for Education as well. The PSA earns money for all of these things.

Current balances are: Bxotops \$802, printer cartridges \$44, Labels 551 points

Broadway at a Discount and 5% For HCAA



HCAA has teamed up with Givenik.com to provide discounted Broadway tickets with 5% of all purchases going back to support HCAA and in turn the Arts in Holmdel. Please visit www.Givenik.com and select "education" as the type of charity and then "Holmdel Creative Arts Association" as your selected charity and then purchase your single or group tickets for the featured shows. The HCAA supports the arts in all four Holmdel Public Schools. There is a link to Givenik on the front page of the Holmdel School Website. Thank you for your support.

HCAA News

On Friday, November 14th and Saturday, November 15th, the Satz School presented their fall play, *Our Town*. On Friday, November 21st and Saturday, November 22nd, the Holmdel Theater Guild presented their performance of the play *You Can't Take It With You* in the High School auditorium. The students did a great job and the HCAA sold refreshments, flowers and photographs at all performances. On December 5th, Indian Hill School will present *Peter Pan*.

We would like to acknowledge the families that have just recently joined the HCAA: Patron Members: The Falcone Family, The Kane Family, The Lew Family, The Mallon Family, The Steinagle Family. Supporting Members: The Alvino Family, The Cella Family, The Fellingham Family, The Fernicola Family, The Keenan Family, The Kiris Family, The Martorelli Family, The Memon Family.

If you haven't already joined, we implore you to become a Broadway Sponsor for \$100.00, an Off Broadway Sponsor for \$50.00, a Patron Member for \$25.00 or a Supporting Member for \$10.00. Membership payment (payable to HCAA) may be sent to HCAA, P.O. Box 273, Holmdel, NJ 07733. With your support last year, we were able to gift over \$20,000 to the arts.

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 December 1st and January 5th at 9 am in the High School Library conference room. To find out what's happening, visit our web site: <http://www.holmdelschools.org/assoc/hcaa/hcaa.shtm>, or contact Barbara Daly, HCAA President.

Driven to Make Healthy Choices – Red Ribbon Week a Success!!!



Thanks to all the parent volunteers, Village School teachers, administration, office and custodial staff for helping to make the 2008 Red Ribbon Week a huge success. Our "Healthy Living Makes Cents" penny drive netted \$619 which has been donated to the Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance to help support their various anti-drug programs. To all of you whose children brought in food for our School Hunger Challenge, the Monmouth County Food Pantry is very appreciative. Village School donated 419 lbs. of food which will be a great help to those who need it during these tough economic times. From stomping on bubble wrap to signing a "United to Make Healthy Choices" paper chain, we were able to convey to our children how important it is to make healthy choices in their lives and, as always, we appreciate all of your support.

Ladies Night Out



Ladies Night Out was a great success as a result of the hard work and wonderful generosity of our school community. Thank you to all who volunteered and who supported the event. We extend our sincere appreciation to Tammy Boyle, who, as always, did a fabulous job with our programs; Maria Curreri, who made the reservations and seating arrangements appear easy; and Linda Lautenberg, who handled the raffle ticket sales with great efficiency. We were fortunate to be supported by many local businesses, and thank all those who assisted with soliciting basket donations.

We Need Your Photos!



No, the Memory Book Staff can't be everywhere at Village School. Send photos of school events (e.g., holiday parties, cute kids doing crafts, etc.) to Village 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. Duplicates only - they cannot be returned. If you have any questions, contact Tammy Boyle at (732) 817-9177 or theresem1010@aol.com. Thanks so much!



Mercedes-Benz Car Raffle!

HFEE is selling tickets for its fundraising raffle for a chance to win a 2009 Mercedes-Benz C300 4-door sedan. Tickets are \$100 each with a maximum of 1000 tickets sold. To order tickets, go to www.holmdelschools.org and print the order form. The drawing for the car is scheduled for March 10, 2009. Thank you for your continued support!

MONOC Child Car Seat Inspection Service



MONOC (Monmouth-Ocean Hospital Service Corporation) will be continuing its free "Child Seat Safety Inspection" service at the Holmdel First Aid Squad's Centerville Road building. Trained MONOC personnel will be at 11 Centerville Road (adjacent to the RR tracks) every fourth Saturday of each month from 10 AM to 2 PM. No appointments are necessary.

The law requires all children to be in approved car seats, but the type of safety seat and its placement within the vehicle depends on the size of the child. These seats have evolved into devices that are complicated to install and to use. Unfortunately, many are used incorrectly and this can result in tragic consequences. The MONOC employees will be happy to instruct parents and any child caregiver on the proper placement and use of these seats. It would be a great way to make sure your child is truly safe and secure during the winter driving season.

MONOC is the supplier of the Advance Life Support (ALS) paramedics in Monmouth and Ocean Counties. They often assist HFAS, which is the volunteer Basic Life Support (BLS) provider in Holmdel, with seriously ill patients.

BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND FAMILY BINGO NIGHTS!!

SAVE THE DATES

Friday, January 30th – Kindergarten & 1st Grade families

Friday, February 20th – 2nd & 3rd Grade families
(Families with children in each category can choose their night.)

More details to follow in kids mail after the holidays!

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