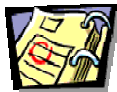


The Village School Voice!

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Upcoming Events!

Sept. 15 – Oct. 6	PSA Wrapping Paper Sale
Sept. 22 – Oct. 3	School Spirit Sportswear Sale
September 23	Back-to-School Night (Gr.K & 1), 7 p.m., VS
September 24	Kindergarten Meet & Greet 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
September 24	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
September 25	Back-to-School Night (Gr. 2 & 3), 7 p.m., VS
September 27	Holmdel Community Day, Rides, Games! Cross Farm Park, 2 – 7 p.m.
September 30	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Rosh Hashanah
October 6	HCAA Mtg., 9 a.m., HHS Library
October 9	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, Yom Kippur
October 14	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
October 14	HFEE Mtg, 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
October 14 – 15	Picture Days
October 15	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
October 15	Bus Safety Drill, 1 of 3
October 16	School Store, 11:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.
October 20 – 24	Red Ribbon Week
October 21	Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library
October 21	HSMA Mtg., 7 p.m., HHS Library
October 22	ARISE Mtg., 7:15 p.m., IH Music B
October 22	Cultural Assembly History's Alive with Thomas Edison
October 23	Village School "Ladies Night Out" 7 p.m., Addison Park
October 28	Autism Awareness Conference 7-10 p.m., HHS Auditorium
October 29	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
October 31	HALLOWEEN
November 3	HCAA Mtg., 7 p.m., HHS Library
November 5	End of Marking Period 1
November 6 – 7	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED, NJEA Convention
November 11	PSA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., VS Cafeteria
November 11	HFEE Mtg., 7:30 p.m., WRS Library
November 12	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
November 13&17	Evening Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:30 p.m., VS/IH
November 14,17,18	HALF DAY SESSIONS Afternoon Parent/Teacher Conferences, VS/IH
November 18	HSMA Mtg., 9:30 a.m., HHS Library
November 18	Alliance Mtg., 1 p.m., HHS Library
November 18	ARISE Mtg., 7:15 p.m., IH Music B
November 19	Holmdel BOE Mtg., 8 p.m., WRS
November 20	Grades Issued
November 20	School Store, 11:15 a.m.–12:45 p.m.
November 25	Powder Puff/Bonfire, 6 p.m., HHS
November 26	HALF DAY SESSIONS, All Schools
November 27, 28	ALL SCHOOLS CLOSED Thanksgiving Recess

News from the Principal

Principal Elizabeth C. Giacobbe



Welcome to the 2008-2009 school year here at the Village Elementary School. I hope you all had a restful, relaxing, and enjoyable summer. We were busy here at Village preparing for the upcoming school year. Our custodians worked tirelessly to prepare the building for the opening of school. The front office staff worked long, hard hours preparing schedules, mailers, and registering lots of new students! In addition to the usual summer activity around the building, we were also busy hiring some wonderful new staff members.

We had a very smooth opening day at Village. Special thanks to the PSA for obtaining volunteers to help our little ones make it safely to class on the first few days of school!

The opening of school seems like an appropriate time to remind all parents about a few of the important procedures at Village School.

1. Students are not to be dropped off at the school by themselves before 8:55 a.m. Students who are dropped off before this time will be taken to Prime Time, our before and after care program, at a charge to you.
2. In an effort to preserve the integrity of our instructional program we ask that you do not pick-up your children between 2:30 and 3:10. This allows for less disruption at that very busy part of the day and allows for the continuity of the education process.
3. School ends at 3:15, which is when we begin dismissal, not when the buses depart. Please remember that it takes time to dismiss nearly 1,000 students and ensure that every student is where they are supposed to be prior to letting the buses leave. Your continued patience is appreciated.

I look forward to working with you and your child during another exciting year at Village School!



PSA President's Message

Andria Wojtunik

Thank you to everyone who attended the first PSA meeting of the year on September 9th. We had a great turnout and several open committee positions were filled.

I look forward to working with all of you to make this school year a wonderful experience for both you and your children. Please remember to send in your PSA membership dues and forms by **September 19th**.

This month begins our Write a Check campaign and the Innisbrook Wrapping Paper Sale followed by the popular Ladies Night Out. Monies raised by these events are used to pay for learning materials and equipment for our children. PSA funds also pay for the cultural assemblies and Memory books for all Village School students, as well as the 3rd Grade Ice Cream Social and 3rd Grade t-shirts. Last year the PSA gifted almost \$40,000 in educational materials for Village School.

Our School Spirit Sportswear Sale is just around the corner. Show your community pride by purchasing t-shirts, sweatshirts and sweatpants.

Come out and get involved in Village School! Volunteering sets a great example for your children and the PSA could always use your help! Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 14th at 9:30 a.m. in the cafeteria.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. I can be reached at Wojtunik@comcast.net or (732) 203-2065.

Successful Teacher's Luncheon Kicks Off School Year

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the Teacher's Luncheon a big success. Set-up and clean up ran very smoothly thanks to all your hard work. Thank you to all who baked and brought dessert - it was a perfect ending to a great meal.



2008/2009 Student Directory Deadline



If you would like your child's information to appear in the 2008/2009 *Holmdel Student Directory*, please enter each child's information online at:

www.holmdelstudentdirectory.org by September 30th.

After entering your information, validation letters will be sent home via regular mail, which will include a PIN for validating online, your entry. Letters will be mailed in early October. You must validate your entry online or your child's information *will not* appear in the directory. If you have any questions please email support@holmdelstudentdirectory.org.

Bus Safety

We will conduct three bus safety drills this year. We need volunteers to read the safety rules to the children on every bus. The first drill will be Wed., October 15th. This event is crucial and fun. If you are interested, please contact Chimin Hu-Hampel at chiminhu@gmail.com or (732) 739-1568.



HFEE Raises \$1,000,000 for District Students

We are happy to report that the 2007-2008 school year was a very successful fundraising year for the Holmdel Foundation for Educational Excellence (HFEE). We are also excited that the Foundation has achieved the significant milestone of having raised **\$1,000,000** since its inception in 1996. *Once again, the Trustees of the Foundation would like to thank the community for its generous support and for realizing that it is critically important to support privately funded organizations, like the Foundation, so that our District's students have access to the most superior education possible.*

In June, HFEE was able to gift \$85,000 that will go directly to benefit the students in all four Holmdel District schools.

This year, the HFEE will concentrate our fundraising efforts on our Annual Fund Drive (look for our mailing requesting individual monetary donations) and our first time ever Car Raffle! The Foundation will not plan a Dinner Dance this year but will hold that event in the next school year. We hope we can count on you for your continued support of our fundraising efforts.

If you are interested in helping by joining the Foundation as a Trustee, please contact Lucia Van Name at (732) 772-0155.



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. The car will be on display at Cross Farms during Community Day on Saturday, September 27th. Tickets are \$100 each with a maximum of 1000 tickets sold. Thank you for your continued support! We hope to see you at Community Day!

Ladies Night Out

The 7th annual *Ladies Night Out* is scheduled for Thursday, October 23rd at Addison Park in Aberdeen. Festivities include a sit-down dinner, music and the popular gift basket auction. This is a great opportunity to get together with old friends, make new friends and experience an enjoyable evening; all while supporting the PSA. Get your reservations in now!



Basket donations and cash donations are being accepted. All donations can be left at the main office.

Volunteers are needed! Please call Cathy D'Orazio at (732) 332-1140 or Laurie Tascione at (732) 444-1111. We look forward to seeing you there!

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!



Clean out your basement!

Please donate boxed games and legos (in good condition) to the school for indoor recess. It's ok if some pieces are missing; we'll sort and consolidate. Contact Jane Zysk for pick-up at (732) 264-7441 or mamazysk@gmail.com.

Village School Celebrates Red Ribbon Week

Oct. 20 – 24

Red Ribbon Week, sponsored by the Holmdel Drug and Alcohol Alliance, devotes itself to fun, hands-on activities that promote healthy living. Please check your child's backpack a week prior to RRW for important information regarding the week's activities and help support our efforts to build healthy futures for our children.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

- After school Friday, 10/17
- During lunch periods Tuesday, 10/21 and Thursday, 10/23
- During the afternoon Friday, 10/24

Please e-mail us with your availability: Jeanette Chesebrough at jchesebrough@hotmail.com, Laurie Fontana at lfonz31@aol.com, Marianne Murray at mrm0821@aol.com.

Also, if you know of or have a high school student that is interested in community service hours, we have a variety of jobs available.

Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA)



The Holmdel Creative Arts Association (HCAA) is a parent support group for the arts in all of our schools. We are actively fundraising now thru our membership drive, our Ad Journal and Dedication plates. These funds are used to provide materials and equipment to enhance the arts in the schools, hosting the Art Honor Society Induction, the Film Festival and Theater Productions, funding cast parties, and awarding scholarships to graduating seniors. Other fundraising that we do throughout the school year is selling flowers, photos and refreshments at Indian Hill, Satz and High School theater productions.

If you have a child who is interested in art, graphic art, drama or television production, we highly recommend that you become an active member of our group. Our meetings are generally held on the first Monday of each month at 9:00 a.m. in the High School library conference room. We will also hold two evening meetings at 7:00 p.m. to accommodate working parents.

If you are unable to attend meetings but would like to support the arts, we implore you to join us as a Broadway Sponsor for \$100, Off-Broadway Sponsor for \$50, Patron Member for \$25 or a Supporting Member for \$10. Membership payment (payable to HCAA) may be sent to HCAA, P.O. Box 273, Holmdel, NJ 07733.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the HCAA Ad Journal, please contact Sue Emer at (732) 946-1601. The Journal is distributed at all Satz and High School productions and will reach the homes of many prospective clients, customers and friends. In appreciation for your support, you will receive two complimentary tickets for each of the High School shows

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: 11/20/08, 1/22/09, 3/19/09, 5/14/09