



# THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

## Parent Association Meeting Minutes November 4th 2022

### Welcome

- Welcome to all parents - A. Hunt-Davies

### Event Updates

- Thank you G. for Harvest Fest - lots of parents volunteered and lots of kids participated. There will be a "blues buster" event on 2/10/23 - Trampoline park? Movie theater? Humdingers? Mini golf? Survey will go out in December to assess interest.
- Thanks to Anastasia and Amy for Parent Night out on 10/14. People stayed until 1:30 AM! Thanks to all who attended. Let's try for another Parent Night Out; perhaps a sporting event?
- Community Service (TOY) Update - Becky and Marla - Thanks to all those who donated, we collected enough for 315 gifts for kids at Bergen County Headstart. Additional donations will be going to kids in the Bronx and Headstart classrooms.
- PIE Event - yesterday, went well! For those who were unable to attend, a link will go out for the recording. PIE Event December 7 - Silent Journey, taking parents through program from toddler through MS; PIE Event panel for LE and UE
- Hurricane Ian Fundraiser - please collect donations for the education foundation in Sarasota county which is helping to reopen schools affected by Ian. Donations due 11/9.
- Staff Appreciation Luncheon - we have received so many volunteers this year! Pick up an aluminum tray at the front office for your dish. If you are bringing food for Thursday, please make sure it is here by 10:00 AM. If you have any problems with making your dish or getting it here, please reach out to Kim Cristo. If you are in the building during the luncheon, you are welcome to stop by! You are of course encouraged to help out for any amount of time on the day of.
- Parent Teacher Conferences (Nov 10 -11 - 18) - School will be closed. If you have not already done so, please sign up for a time slot; you should have received a form from your teachers (toddler will not be receiving a form).
- Thankful Feast 11/23 (11:30 - 1:00) - Tradition since 1977 that continued in a modified form though the pandemic; School is only open for the Feast (11:30am-1:00pm) for the entire school body. Students prepare food for the whole school; parents will receive a request for a food item. Primary will be *served* in the gym but will *eat* in their classrooms. LE/UE/MS will gather in the gym to eat. Toddler parents will be asked to attend with their child. Room Parents are asked to attend and assist from 11:25 - 1PM, but the school is not able to accommodate additional adults. Everyone will be asked to bring in a food prep item to prepare for the Feast

- Threefold Café lunches - Laura - we had a good turnout, between 50-20 lunches/day. Our trial will continue through December. Our biggest obstacle is the transportation piece, looking to go outside of parent volunteers. A delivery fee may impact the cost of the meals. A survey went out in the WW; whether or not you have participated in the lunch program, please take the time to fill out the survey; it takes under 3 minutes. 15 people have already filled out the survey, so far we have received a positive response and we hope to receive more participation in the lunch program (this may lower prices). The parent who picks up lunch may be able to receive a complimentary lunch for his/herself and/or their child(ren).
- Construction - the Waldwick BoE is updating the field and adding a parking lot. We will update the school community as we receive updates from Waldwick.
- Crissy D. - today is a week from Henry's last treatment!. Mahwah is having an event to celebrate - **DO NOT TELL HENRY - THIS IS A SURPRISE** the whole school is invited! 3:00 on 11/13.

### **Support Needed**

- Spring Gala - Cindy & Becky - save the date will be out in a week or so. 3/25 at the Views at Mt Fuji, theme is "Around the World". Tickets will go on sale in about a month. An email will go out for donations and ads. If you know of a business that you think would be willing to donate but are not comfortable seeking a donation, just tell our team and we will reach out! This event does not work without parent support - it is the biggest fundraiser for our school all year long! Forms for the ad journal will be sent out soon. There is a Google sheet with all businesses we are contacting - if you plan to reach out to business, please check to make sure no one has done so already. The Waldwick Chamber of Commerce is worth reaching out to (as per Kim). Buying ads is different from donating a service. Businesses can do one or both. At the moment we have 10 volunteers whose focus will be decorations. We need as many parents as possible to ask as many businesses as possible for donations and/or ads. Please keep an eye out for the email that will include a link as well as talking points should you want to visit businesses in person. The next Gala planning meeting will be available via Google meet as well as in person.
- Spirit Store - Yoogin Noh still needs a co-chair
- Primary Greeter/Dismitter - We need more volunteers! We do not do midday dismissal because there are no volunteers for that time slot. We did send an email to those classes who dismiss at noon to see if parents will help at the car line; we will send another. Your child can be dismissed last if you'd like to help at dismissal. Please remember to pull up to the second crosswalk, and please do not park on the crosswalk! The drop off line fosters independence and is an important skill for children to learn/practice.
- Ski club - a number of families have expressed interest, but we need parents to take this on. Crissy D. and Amy D. are willing to help but we need quite a few more! We need people who are willing to coordinate and those who are willing to get on the mountain. THIS IS NOT A DROP OFF EVENT.

### **Following the Village School Online**

- Facebook & Instagram
- Web Page and Calendar

### **Other Updates**

- Amazon Smile
- Any other business
- Wednesday Walk
- Fundraisers-
  - Lovable labels - 20% of proceeds come to the school! Please see the WW for the link to website
  - Holiday Gift Cards - hundreds of options! The sheet came home with students, it also went out in the WW. Different percentages come to the school depending on the business. You can pay by cash or check with order form, or you can pay online. Due 11/30, we should receive them within a week of placing the order.
- Winter enrichment - check WW for details. Enrollment is 10:00 at 11/30, classes start 1/9.
- Private music lessons - re-enroll for winter and spring on 11/14 - 11/16 for 12 weeks, starting 1/9.