



THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Parent Association Meeting Minutes November 3, 2023

Welcome

- Welcome to all parents - Kristy
- MS students - raising money for 2 overnight field trips, model UN and farm work. Selling pies and cakes for \$20/\$22 each from Carousel Cakes, the school gets \$5/\$6 dollars for every purchase. Link in the WW! Deliveries received frozen on 12/5, place your orders by Nov. 20th.

Event Updates

- Fun Run and Shoe Drive - Thank you to all who participated! This was a great success, we raised over \$21k and sent in 16 bags of recyclable shoes.
- Parent Night Out - thank you, Chairs! Lots of fun at SOMA
- Harvest Fest - thank you chairs and volunteers

Upcoming Events/Support Needed

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon - 11/8 & 11/9 - Kim Cristo. Aluminum trays are down by the front desk for those making and/or bringing food. Please get in touch if you need any help with your dish or if you have any questions about the event or how you can help. Link in the WW to sign up.
- Parent Teacher Conferences - Nov. 9, 10, and 17 - SCHOOL CLOSED
- Nov. 21 - school spirit day, wear your VS tees and sweats
- Thankful Feast - Nov. 22 - school open from 1130-1 only. Parents are asked to attend with the toddlers; Room Parents in all other levels will stay for the event.

Other Business

- Fundraisers on now: Carousel Cakes and Gifts Cards, Nov. 1st-20th
 - Gift card fundraiser - paper form sent home with every student this week, you can purchase any number of gift cards from a huge number of stores. The school gets a percentage back from each card you buy. The cards are delivered 12/5.
- Music Showcase, Nov. 7th at 3:15pm - Becky
 - Private music lessons are offered after school for kindergarten-8th grade. L-EL kids are encouraged to come meet the teachers right after dismissal on 11/7. Music teachers will introduce themselves and play their instruments.
- Next PA Meeting: Friday, Dec. 1

Montessori 101: Parent Information Exchange - Primary Teacher Panel

- Introduction - Emily Gojman, Chair
- Teacher introductions
 - Linnea Topp, Toddler program.
 - Lindita Limani, Primary Orange Class.
 - Kathy Pizzo, Blue Room, Primary/Kindergarten
 - Laura Dykstra, Head of School, formerly Lower Elementary
 - Nimali Matos, Division Head for Toddler/Primary

- What skills are fostered in each level, how do they build as children grow?
 - Toddler - independence, separation, socialization, confidence
 - Primary - refinement of skills learned in toddler, impulse control, concentration, making learning fun. Practicing tasks with multiple steps.
 - Kindergarten - more directed lessons, work plans, time management, adapting to specialist teachers, being a role model to the younger students.
 - “Help me to do it myself”