



# THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

## Parent Association Meeting Minutes December 1, 2023

### Welcome

- Welcome to all parents - Marla & Kristy

### Event Updates

- Staff Appreciation Luncheon - Thank you to Kim Cristo and all who contributed!
  - From Kim: "I had so much help! Thank you to everyone! Big success!" The next luncheon 3/7. Theme is TBD.
- Thankful Feast, Nov. 22 - Thank you to staff and parent helpers
  - Marla - parents of kids with allergies were able to send their own food.

### Upcoming Events/Support Needed

- Winter Concert - Dec. 14 at 7pm
  - U-El & MS ensembles, the whole school is invited. Students will get a preview during the school day on 12/13
- Gala - Ticket Sales open Dec. 4
  - Early Bird tickets - if you purchase, you will receive 1 raffle ticket/gala ticket. There are 2 different raffles: a \$5000 credit tuition, or a Myrtle Beach vacation the week after school ends in June.
  - Felina in Ridgewood is the location. It used to be a bank, it inspired our Gatsby theme. The event is 5 hrs long with food, a DJ, dancing, open bar, live auction, silent auction, raffles.
  - All funds raised go towards the Annual Fund, all the things that make our school special.
  - Items needed for live and silent auctions. Please consider donating experiences (i.e. tours, sites, shows, sporting events, etc.), items, gift certificates. School provides a letter for you to take to your favorite places, both printed and digital copies are available (ask Joyce)..
    - There are 2 different types of letters, one for our AD JOURNAL and one for our AUCTION ITEMS.
- Alumni Panel - Jan. 4, Thursday, 7 p.m.
  - Recent grads from HS, College, grad school, workforce. Form will go out so you can submit questions for panelists, it will be an in-person event but it will also be streamed. Worth getting a babysitter!

- Parent Roundtables - Feb. 2, 9 a.m.
  - During PA meeting
  - Each program level will have a “table” at which parents can visit with other parents to talk about their kids’ experiences in each level
    - If you would like to “host” a table, please reach out to Marla and/or Kristy
    - Email will go out from room parents with event details
- The Montessori Journey - Jan. 17, 7 p.m.
  - Emily Gojman & Lois Miao. You’re in the classroom, seeing the materials, getting a sense of the progression of materials, you can choose between 2 program levels and/or stay in one level for your lessons.
  - RSVPs are critical for this event, as you get a “work plan” for the evening. Worth getting a babysitter!
  - Tanja A. suggested the PA provide dinner for teachers before this event - all attendees agreed this was a great idea.
- Blues Busters Event - Jan. 26
  - L-EL & U-EL, organized by Alexis C. and Lara D. SkyZone in Allendale. You will buy your own tickets and RSVP on Google doc.
    - MS will have an event in Feb, TBD
- Primary/Toddler Winter Fest - Feb. 10
  - Lunar New Year theme
  - Wen-Jun will chair
- Parent Talent Show - May 11 (tentative)
  - Goal is to make people laugh and build community. Sarah A. and Warren Y. are chairs. [Sign up](#) to showcase your special talent and/or just get involved!
- Community Adventure Playground - May 11
  - Becky, Sarah, Deb
  - Open to our families, and perhaps to the Waldwick community
  - Parents will facilitate the space
  - On our playground
  - Town recycling centers would be a good place to look for items

### **Other Business**

- CASA Gift Collection - 11/30 to 12/11
  - Pick up a gift request in the courtyard
  - Primary Community service project
- Registration for Winter Lunch, Spring Enrichment & Private Music Lessons - 12/5 - 12/9
  - Spring Session includes Primary, classes begin 1/16
  - New instruments available
  - We will NOT accept late lunch sign-ups
- Winter Break - 12/18 - 1/1
- Next PA Meeting: Friday, Jan. 5
- Pies & Cakes fundraiser pick-up on Dec.5 at pick-up
- Gift cards will arrive next week
- Re-enrollment starts in January

