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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Center Training

Tues, Sep 8 or Thurs, Sep 10: 1:20-2:25 pm
Choose **one** of these if you will work in the afternoon.

Teacher/Parent Center Curriculum Planning

Tues, Sep 8: 2:45 (for **all** Center parents)

Classroom Literacy Training

Wed, Sep 9 or Fri, Sep 11: 8:45-10:30am
Choose **one** of these if you will work in the morning.

VS Apparel and Tote Orders Due

Wednesday, September 9

School Pictures

Friday, September 11

Begin Work in Classrooms

Monday, September 14

Yard Duty Trainings

Week of September 14 before each recess

Scrip Orders Due

Friday, September 18

Spirit Day

Friday, September 18
Show your school spirit by wearing Village School attire or red, white and blue.

Camping Trip Final Registration Deadline

Sunday, September 20

General Meeting/Class Meeting

Wednesday, September 23

No school (In-service Day)/VS Camping Trip

Friday, Sept 25 through Sunday, Sept 27

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER



Yard Duty Training

Parents start in classrooms September 14th. There will be yard duty trainings every day that week, before each morning recess and before each lunch recess. Please attend one yard duty training with Principal Stephanie.

Clarification Regarding Sep 14 until Oct 5 when Centers Start

AFTERNOON parents: until centers start, please plan to come to work your shift, prioritizing the following:

1. Prep your lessons for centers
2. Do yard duty
3. Check in with teachers to see if they need help in the classroom.

General Meeting Reminder

Please mark your calendars for the General Meeting on September 23rd! This is our Back to School Night, and it will take place in classrooms between 6:30-7:30. Please plan to leave children at home, like we do for all General Meetings. This is important, as there is no childcare, or supervision available. Thanks,
Principal Katie

Goodbye Principal Katie – We'll Miss You!

Thank you for all your hard work and leadership at Village School. And for the relationships you've built with students, staff and parents. We will miss you in your role as Principal. Best wishes for a successful and happy experience in your new position.

SCHOOL NEWS

Updates from Membership

Welcome new families and welcome back to returning families. We have 50 incoming kindergarteners, one new 4th grader, and one new 5th grader. There are 29 new families, bringing us to a total of 202 families with 264 students.

We have had a great start to the year in membership. Thank you for being so diligent about getting your paperwork to us quickly. It really helps us stay on top of things! There are only 10 days left until parents start working in the classroom and we are still waiting for a few people to turn in DMV records, insurance documentation, and/or clear TB test results. Please turn these in ASAP! Thanks for your help!

Who's Who at School?

Now is a good time to start wearing your Village School nametag anytime you are on campus or at a school event. Our Village nametags create a safe environment at school by identifying members of our community. They also are essential to helping parents and students get to know each other. If you do not have a nametag, please contact Amy Rose in Membership at amy416@sbcglobal.net.

Information for Parents Working Centers

Thank you for volunteering to work our fabulous centers this year! Please make a note of the following three dates:

Center Orientation: Sep 8 or 10, 1:20pm

You can attend either Tuesday or Thursday.

Teacher/Parent Curriculum Planning Sep 8, 2:45pm

You will meet with the teacher sponsoring your specific center to review the lessons. Child care will be provided by parent board members on the playground. All center parents should attend this.

First day of centers: October 5

Center parents working in the classroom between Sept 9 and the start of centers may use their afternoon work session (1:25-2:25) to review and get familiar with center lessons if needed. Thank you.

Elizabeth Shepherd and Andy Carbone

Yard Duty

Please sign up for yard duty next week if you can to fill in until we begin working in the classrooms the week of the 14th. Sign up sheets are in the hallway next to the office.

ABC Readers Needed

Village is short a few ABC readers for this year. If you think you'd like to be a Project Cornerstone ABC reader, please contact Maria Poling, ABC Reader Coordinator, mmpoling@sbcglobal.net. If you haven't taken the Asset Building class you can still be an ABC reader by taking a "short version" (2 hour total) of the class. Some ABC readers are able to read during their regular classroom work hours.

Project Asset Building Champions (Project ABC) is a parent volunteer program in which one parent, once a month, consistently reads, discusses, and does a follow-up lesson with the children in a particular classroom. The purpose is to build assets in the children. By taking part in the program, readers become an asset to the children--another adult the children can turn to. The stories and discussions all help support the building of various assets. Among other things, last year the children learned about "filling each others' buckets" thereby filling their own, learned how to "swim free" instead of "taking the bait," learned how to be an upstander instead of a bystander in a way that is safe for them. Thanks for considering taking part in this program.

Orders for School Shirts and Totes

The due date for Village School Apparel orders has been extended to Wednesday, September 9th. Judi Tayne will be on campus that day if you'd like to turn in your order then or take a closer look at the shirts and totes. In the meantime you can always place your order in the BLUE Ways and Means lockbox in Becky's office. Any questions, contact judithayne@yahoo.com

School Pictures

School pictures of each student will be taken on Friday, September 11 by Len Conrad. Orders and payment must be submitted before photos are taken if you want to purchase. Turn them in to your child's classroom. Additional order forms are available in Becky's office.

Village School Camping Trip

You won't want to miss this fun weekend September 25-27. Registration is open until September 20. Check your email for the forms and fees information that was emailed or contact Tonya Suker at tewinger@aol.com

Support Scrip – Raise Funds for Village

It's time to order scrip. Orders are due on September 18th at 2:30pm. If this is your first time ordering scrip from VS, please submit an enrollment form along with your order. You can order scrip either by using the standard order form or online. Ordering online is easy. Online ordering procedure:

1. Go to www.shopwithscrip.com
2. Register and use the non-profit enrollment code: **5F712E4F18359**
3. Select the gift cards/certificates you want to purchase.
4. Print the order receipt.
5. Submit your order receipt (and enrollment form if this is your first order), along with a check or money order payable to **Village School PTA** in the BLUE Ways and Means lock box by **September 18th**.

Or, if ordering with the standard order form, please submit order form (and your enrollment form if this is your first order) along with a check or money order payable to **Village School PTA** in the BLUE Ways and Means lock box by **September 18th**. Thanks.

Lien Addo, eScrip/Scrip Coordinator

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Effectiveness Training

Parent Effectiveness Training--The parenting program of choice for Bill Gates' parents. Bill Gates is pretty successful and happy and has such a good relationship with his parents that they administer his foundation. Coincidence? I don't think so! PET begins Sept 22, 2009, 6:30-9 PM, 8 weeks, sign up at school or email BeaStrickland@aol.com or 408 268 3956.



This Week's PET Tip from Bea S.

47% of all your children's frustrations with school, homework, siblings and you, can be smoothed away with a few moments of Active Listening. Feelings crave acknowledgement and when you show understanding it soothes and comforts so many minor irritations.

Active Listening means paraphrasing what you heard your child say and the feelings--sad, angry, scared, worried--to let them know that you "got it". It might sound like this, "You're upset about that test". Or "It's so frustrating to deal with him". Or "How disappointing for you." Accompany your words with eye contact, real sincerity and warmth.

It gives a little connection, a close moment of empathy and concern. You get the reward of a child who knows you care.

WORDS OF WISDOM

It is not the strongest of the species that survives, nor the most intelligent, but the one most responsive to change.

Charles Darwin

EDITOR'S INFORMATION

Need The Village Voice In Hard Copy?



Getting our information-packed school newsletter link sent straight to your e-mail inbox is easy and convenient, not to mention, saves our school money on printing! But if you do not have an internet connection, you may opt to have a hard copy placed in your parent folder every Friday. Simply fill out the form below, cut it out, and place it in the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder. Your name will be added to a distribution list of families needing hard copies.

We do not have internet access and need a printed hard copy of the Village Voice every week. Please sign our family up on the distribution list!

Name on Parent Folder:

Please return this form to the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder ASAP.

As a courtesy, for the first two editions, we will be printing out hard copies for the whole school. After that, only families who have turned in the hard copy request form to the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder will receive weekly hard copies.

Submission Guidelines

Newsletter & Calendar

Please submit any entries for the week's newsletter, via e-mail, by 9:00pm Wednesday to:

villagevoicenewsletter@yahoogroups.com

Or place hardcopy entries into the **Lemas/Newsletter** parent folder by 1:00pm on Wednesday.

Website

Everything in the hardcopy newsletter is normally available by Friday morning on the Village School Website at:

<http://village.ca.campusgrid.net/home>