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MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Village School Board Meeting

Tuesday, October 20

School Conferences – Minimum Days

Monday, October 19 – Friday, October 30

Family Dinner Night @ Red Robin

Tuesday, October 20

El Paseo Shopping Center

General Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 6:30pm

Halloween Carnival and Silent Auction

Friday, October 30



SCHOOL NEWS



School Conferences

School conferences start this Monday, October 19 and will last through Friday, October 30. We will have minimum days (1:25 pm pick up) every day of these two weeks.

General Meeting Date Change

There have been some calendar challenges this year. The General Meeting this month is on Wednesday, October 28th @ Capri in the multi-purpose room. The meeting starts @ 6:30 pm. More information about the meeting will be coming out soon.

Online World Book Encyclopedia

Did you know that you can access the World Book Encyclopedia online? If your child is working on a project or they are simply interested in a certain subject, they can go to: worldbookonline.com and learn a lot! The Village School ID and password are as follows:

ID: villagehome

Password: distinguished

Make sure you use all lower case letters! We also have the complete set of encyclopedias in the library and unlike at your public library, your children are encouraged to check these out just like any other book. If you have any questions, please contact Heather Bradley. Enjoy!
The Library Committee



Birthday Book Donations

Thank you for all the birthday book donations! Our library is really growing!

Just a reminder that if at all possible, please donate hard cover books as opposed to paperbacks. These books are very well-read and tend to fall apart quickly if they are soft cover.

Thank you,
The Library Committee

Math Olympiad for 4th & 5th Graders

The Math Olympiad for 4th and 5th graders has begun. Led by Lien A., Math Olympiad Coordinator, a small group of students is meeting weekly, on Tuesdays after school, to hone their problem solving skills. Learning how to solve a problem and to understand its underlying mathematical concepts are important goals of mathematics education. The Math Olympiad supports these goals. Math Olympiads meet weekly to explore topics and strategies in depth and then compete in five monthly contests against students from other schools. If you're interested, but missed the first two meetings, talk to Lien A.

The Striking Panners (4th Grade)

The Striking Panners, led by Chris Woods, 4th grade teacher extraordinaire, were very busy this past week. On Monday, they hosted an open house just before lunch where they displayed and discussed their Native American Indian projects; first for parents and then for kindergarteners from rooms 1 and 2. They demonstrated great knowledge of the tribes they studied and showed pride and poise while sharing their projects.

On Thursday, the class hosted its first publishing party. Dressed for success in suits and ties and fancy dresses, our future leaders wowed the crowd of attentive parents with readings of their personal narratives and showed their finished books. Many interesting stories were shared.

The Leaping Lizards (1st Grade)

If you don't already know this, accomplished teacher Sandy Giese has a lot of knowledge about bugs. Her first grade class recently completed a unit about life cycles and each child had their very own beetle larvae to observe as it progressed through developmental stages and reached adulthood. Now the class has moved on to studying habitats and each child is raising their own guppy. What fun science projects.

Lost and Found

If you find clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles or other such items left behind on the Village Campus or field area, please place them in the Lost and Found bin (a grey plastic garbage can located next to the parent folder filing cabinet) so that parents and kids know where to look. When you hold onto these items or guess at which classroom they belong in, it can delay getting the items back to their owner. Jewelry, keys, cell phones, cameras and other small or valuable

items should be taken to the office. Adult coffee mugs can go on top of the parent cabinet (after dumping any remaining liquid). Thank you for your cooperation.

FIELD TRIPS

Andy's Ochos

Wednesday, October 21 – Campbell History Museum

All other classes please check with your field trip coordinator as the newsletter committee does not have all field trip information.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Parent Effectiveness

Village Friends,

Our dinner conversations could deteriorate to: "Sit up straight! Don't talk with your mouth full! Put your napkin in your lap. Hold your fork right."

Usually children learn better from example anyway, so while we demonstrate good manners at the table it would be much more fun to have some enjoyable conversation while sharing our meal.

How about these questions to discuss? "What is the best part about having dinner together as a family?" Or "If you were given a hundred dollars to spend on anyone except yourself, what would you buy?" Or "What does being popular mean to you? Is it important to you and if so, why is it important?"

We ask and each of us can get a few moments to answer with no lectures or corrections or criticisms, just opinions, any answer is OK. A little active listening may be a valuable part of the conversation.

Try google for dinner table conversation starters.

My Best, Bea

WORDS OF WISDOM

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere.

~Chinese Proverb

EDITOR'S INFORMATION

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>