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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

### Maintenance Day/Carnival Clean up

Saturday, October 31

### CUSD Board Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 7:00 pm

### Mountain Mike's Fundraiser Dinner

Thursday, November 5

### No School – Veteran's Day Holiday

Wednesday, November 11

### General Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 6:30 pm

### Spirit Day

Friday, November 20

### Code Red Drill

Friday, November 20

### Sharing Feast

Tuesday, November 24

### Thanksgiving Holiday Break

Wed – Friday, November 25-27



## PRINCIPLE'S CORNER

### Letter from Principle Stephanie



Dear Parents,  
I am thrilled to be the new principal at Village!

Village is a special place. It is a dedicated community of teachers, parents, staff, and students working together to educate all our children.

When my children were young and I was a stay-at-home mom, I sought out a school that I knew would nurture my children and myself because I understood the importance of community. My four children attended Santa Clara Parent Participation Nursery School from 1985 through 1999. There, I was a parent, a board member, a teacher of the 2 year olds, and the 4 year olds, and a parent educator.

I found my children's pre-school to be a safe and supportive place for all of us. I have that same feeling when I walk through the gates here at Village. Village is more than a school. It is a community, a partnership and a family.

As principal, I am committed to fostering those values that drew each of you to this very unique school. We all know it takes all of us, a Village, to educate our children. Here we have the opportunity to work together as we support our children and each other in this learning journey through life.

I know every new family has been welcomed and embraced as I have these past months.

Thank you for sharing your talents and opening your arms and your hearts to me and to each other.

Warm regards,

Stephanie

### **Trick or Treating**

Halloween is this Saturday and many of your children will go trick or treating.

Children really enjoy the running around, going door-to-door and collecting candy, but what do you do with all that candy? What I did when my children were younger was have them go through their candy and select 10 –15 pieces of candy that they wanted to keep (you can decide as to the amount). The rest of the candy goes back in their bag and is placed outside on the porch for the goblins to take.

The goblins take the candy and leave a toy in the bag. When your children wake up, they get a toy and the candy is gone! And you can bring the candy to the office to share, or store it away and use it through out the year.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

### **Board Shout Outs**

- Tonya Suker and the Camping Committee for a wonderful job.
- JoAnna Harris and the Book Order Committee for a great Book Fair.
- Ways & Means Committee for getting us off to a great start.
- Jennifer Colson and Stephanie Balch Berntsen for a fabulous job on our first Buzz Book.
- Village School teachers for making the back to school transition easy and for smooth parent conferences.

### **Maintenance Day Saturday, October 31**



One of Village School's four maintenance days is scheduled for Saturday, October 31, 8:30 – Noon. Doughnuts, water and camaraderie with other Village parents provided! Don't wait. Fulfill your requirement now. The job of the day will be breaking down the Haunted Forest and cleaning up the remainder of the Halloween Carnival festivities. Strong people and pickups

are highly desired for the moving of the Haunted Forest walls. If you can attend and have an electric drill, pliers, etc, please bring them to speed up the disassembly process. Remember to sign in on the sign-in sheet to ensure you get your credit.

### **Andy's Ochos**

### **Elizabeth's Hunting Harfangos**

The second graders are completing a unit on producers and consumers. As part of this unit, Andy's class visited Earthbound Farms near Carmel and Elizabeth's class visited Swanton Farms in Davenport. In addition to enjoying a beautiful day outside, picking produce, and getting dirty, the kids learned just what it takes to get produce from seed to market and about the tasks involved in running a farm.



## **FIELD TRIPS**

### **Elizabeth's Jumping Jellybeans**

### **Lori/Gina's Baby Ballenas**

Wednesday, November 4

Campbell Library

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

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Parent Effectiveness**

Hi PET Friends,

There are days that are crowded with tasks, too much to do, too little time. Becoming tense with our chores we forget our how important our children are and we hurry them. "Get dressed!" "Finish your food." "Get in the car!"

When you notice that the chores are overcoming your loving feelings, just pause...Ask yourself, "How can I get back to what's really important here?" Maybe it's stopping for a hug. Maybe you'll want to let your children know what you're concerned about.

Maybe you can figure out what can be done tomorrow, done more simply, or not done at all.

My Best, Bea Strickland

# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Positive Discipline

### CREATOR

I am the decisive element in our home.  
It's my personal approach that creates the  
climate.

It's my daily mood that makes the weather.  
As a parent, I possess a tremendous power  
to make a child's life  
miserable or joyous.

I can be a tool of torture  
or

An instrument of inspiration.

I can humiliate or humor, hurt or heal.

In all situations, it is my response that decides  
whether a crisis will be escalated or de-escalated  
and my child's self-esteem  
Increased or decreased.

Adapted from Dr. Haim Ginott

Submitted by Linda Krenicky

Positive Discipline Educator  
mom to Ben, Chris' Striking Panners

## WORDS OF WISDOM

Oh heart, if one should say to you that the soul  
perishes like the body, answer that the flower  
withers, but the seed remains.

*~Kahlil Gibran*

## EDITOR'S INFORMATION

### Submission Guidelines



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