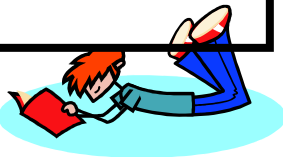


December RAH sheets are due January 4th. The light blue January RAH sheet was printed incorrectly, the days didn't match the dates. There is a replacement order at repro right now for corrected sheets that are supposed to be lavender, due back in the early part of next week. Please record January minutes on blue sheet until new lavender sheets come in and then transfer numbers to new sheet.

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be presented as a gift."

Kate DiCamillo (author of Because of Winn Dixie, The Tale of Despereaux, Mercy Watson and more....)



"Today a reader, tomorrow a leader."

W. Fusselman (1741-1825)

Membership Notes: Hope your holidays were joyful and bright "from Morning to Moonlight"..... Yes, it's time for a word about PTA membership! The top three classes with the highest percentage of current memberships were Mrs. Miali/Petersen/Walker, Mrs. Munoz, and Mrs. Julianna. Congratulations and much thanks to each and every member! Although the initial drive has concluded, anyone may join our Village View PTA at anytime. Membership simply shows support of the PTA in creating a well-rounded, positive outcome for our students. The price per membership is still only \$5.00 and envelopes are in the office. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns.....because "Membership Matters"! Beth Parris-Lung (714) 840-9976

How Can Parents Help Children Read at Home?

Abundant research supports why reading at home helps to develop students into strong learners. Learning to read takes practice, more practice than children get during the school day. If your child is learning to read, engage them in new language. Simple word games are always fun—how many words sound like "cat?" Read books with rhymes. Help your child separate the sounds in words, listening for beginning and ending sounds.

If your child is reading on her own, let her reread familiar books, and she'll become more comfortable and expressive. Help build reading comprehension by asking what happened in the story. Have her tell you about the characters, their flaws and what events take place.



'Tis the season—for winter colds! Please remind your children to wash their hands frequently with soapy water for about 15 seconds. Also, eating a balanced diet, along with getting plenty of rest and exercise can help us fight those germs! Teachers welcome donations of tissues and anti-bacterial soap.

KEEP CLIPPING THOSE BOX TOPS! WE HAVE A COLLECTION DATE IN FEBRUARY!



Recycling is not only good for the environment, but good for our school too! In our mission to encourage recycling, we have found a company that will pay Village View for our plastic bottles and aluminum cans. This money will help fund PTA programs and enrich our children's education. Other area school's recycling programs have made thousands of dollars with multiple friends and families contributing their bottles and cans. The Recycling Bin is located in the back of the school near the drop off area next to the Parking Lot. Fridays will be the designated drop off day for your aluminum cans and CRV plastic bottles. We ask that you only place aluminum cans and CRV plastic bottles in the bin. Cans and plastic bottles must be separated and bagged before placing them in the bin. We are not allowed to accept glass as it may break and create a safety issue for those near the bin. **The Bin will be available for Drop off on Fridays from 8am to 9am only.** Please only drop off in the back to avoid any additional traffic issues in the front. Questions Please contact: Liane Donati at 714-377-9800.

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED! Anyone interested in helping with memory books etc..for the 5th grade farewell—please email Michelle Elliott at shellott3@hotmail.com. Stay tuned for an upcoming 5th Grade Farewell meeting!

CHECK OUT OUR VISITING AUTHORS! Info re: purchasing books will be coming home soon. In the meantime, check out these websites to learn about authors visiting Village View on Tues, Jan 26th. Meet these authors, plus 25+ more authors at the Huntington Beach Central Library Authors Festival on Tues, Jan 26th from 2:30pm—4:30pm.

Alexis O'Neill—www.alexisonNeill.com / Books include: Loud Emily, Recess Queen, The Worst Best Friend, and Estella's Swap.

Caroline Hatton—www.carolinehatton.com Books include: The Night Olympic Team, Vero and Phillippe, Where is My Puppy?, Surprise Moon, and A Pet for Grandma.

Paul Brewer—www.paulbrewer.com / Books include: illustrator for the "Robert" series of chapter books by Barbara Seuling, and other picture books. He is also author of You Must Be Joking and co-author with his wife, Kathleen Krull, of The Fartiste.

"Cheers to a new year and another chance for us to get it right." Oprah Winfrey





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MARK YOUR CALENDAR !!!

WED JAN 6 = PTA Meeting, 8:30am—Meet us in the PTA room. Everyone is welcome!

FRI JAN 08 - Author's Tea

FRI JAN 08 - 3rd Gr. Bolsa Chica Assembly-

FRI JAN 08—6:15pm—PTA Association Meeting— The PTA will be voting on purchasing computers for the primary grades— come to this meeting to learn more!

FRI JAN 08 - 7 PM—**MOVIE NIGHT** featuring **IMAGINE THAT!** FREE FUN FOR THE FAMILY! Hot dogs, candy, popcorn, chips and drinks are on available, each for \$1.00 or less. Dairy Queen will be back with their most popular Blizzards—\$3.00 each.

WED JAN 13 - Skate Party, 2-4pm, Fountain Valley Skate- Join us for lots of fun!

MON JAN 18 = NO SCHOOL = Martin Luther King Holiday

WED JAN 20 = *First Day for the Winter Session of After School Enrichment Classes.* Winter Session: Jan 20 – March 20, every Wednesday. **Enrollment begins on January 04 and ends on Fri Jan 15th.** Forms are coming home the week of Jan 4th.

WED JAN 20—Restaurant Night & Day! Join us at California Pizza Kitchen, from 11AM—10PM. Pass on the invitation to your friends, family, and neighbors!

WED JAN 20—Community Advisory Budget Committee Meeting—What will OVSD do to survive the budget crisis?

THU JAN 21 = 4th Grade Field Trip to the Santa Ana Zoo

FRI JAN 22 = Meet the Masters Assembly—PTA sponsored art program. Students will be introduced to Henri Matisse, a French artist, whose mastery of the expressive language of color and drawing established him as a leading figure in modern art.

TUE JAN 26—Author's Day—Sponsored by the PTA—Three awesome authors will visit the school and make presentations.



Help wanted: volunteers to help with student supervision and roll call time for the WED After school classes from approx 12:45 - 1:30pm. pm) Contact Rachel Hess at rachelhess.hb@verizon.net to say which WED you can help!

SCHOOL SCOOP

Your PTA Newsletter

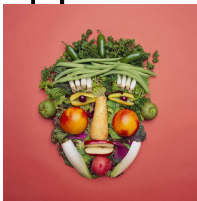
A Day With Someone Grand!

With a beautiful, warm and sunny December day setting the stage, Village View students welcomed their Grandparents and Special Friends to a most memorable day—combining classroom visits with standing room only musical presentations. The record-breaking attendance is a perfect tribute to how lucky we are at Village View to have such a supportive community making a difference for our children at Village View. Our popular auction with classroom baskets, classroom projects, and teacher time raised over \$12,000 for our students! Please join the PTA in thanking our dedicated chairpersons—Anne Webber & Jennifer Kokes, and all their awesome volunteers who helped make this event so successful! Special thanks to Ms. Hoku, and the teachers & staff for their support. Thanks to room parents & classroom project volunteers for all their work and to everyone for the amazing cookie donations—thoroughly enjoyed by all!

PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Amy Brassard—714-840-5597 aannbrassard@aol.com

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful, relaxing holiday. I spent my vacation in Savannah, Georgia, at my in-laws. While I was there I noticed that my sister-in-law had written my niece's school schedule on the refrigerator. My niece, a first grader, has a music teacher, a technology teacher, and an art teacher, in addition to her regular classroom teacher. What a fabulous elementary education foundation with all those additional teachers! I started feeling sorry for myself and my children. But then I started thinking... Hey, wait a minute! We have music with Ms. Hoku, and we have art with Meet the Masters, we have technology with smartboards and computers. After I thought about this for awhile I went from sad to proud because all of these programs are provided to you and your children by the PTA. What a great school community we have here at Village View! I am so proud to be part of such an amazing group of dedicated volunteers and I am looking forward to a fabulous 2010. Happy New Year !



Tanaka Farms deliveries start up again on January 13th.