



THE VILLAGER



WE CARE!

December 1, 2011

Families Helping Families

Thank you all for the generous donations of food for our families this holiday season. Again, Village families showed incredible support. We received a tremendous amount of food, which we sent to make a Happy Thanksgiving to those who are a bit less fortunate this season.

Please note that as we enter the holidays with very difficult economic times, we will be looking for families that could use some assistance. If you know of a family that would benefit from the generous donations we receive, please drop Mr. Cain a confidential note at the Village office. All information is strictly confidential.

I would like to express my appreciation for the honor of being Principal at Village Elementary School. I am surrounded by wonderful students and the best possible staff and parent support that I could ever imagine. I am truly grateful, and I wish all of you a blessed Holiday Season!

DATES TO REMEMBER:

- December 7@ 7:00 P.T.O. Meeting
- December 5-10 Santa Shop
- December 10 @ 8:00 Santa Breakfast
- Dec. 23– Jan. 2 No School Holiday Break



VILLAGE CONFERENCE SURVEY REPORT 2011-2012

Thank you all for attending our parent/teacher conferences. Your feedback is valuable to continue to improve our conferences. The following is a look at this year's surveys. Please note that I did not include all the comments listed on the forms – those will be at our next PTO meeting on Dec. 7th. Thank you again for your continued support!

187 Felt good about the conference
0 Had neither a negative nor a positive feeling

43 Understood my child better
0 Had a negative feeling

Numbers are based upon 200 surveys received – Actual attendance was much higher.
SW= Somewhat UC= Uncertain

	YES	SW	NO	UC
1. WAS THE CONFERENCE WELL PLANNED?	198	1		1
2. WERE THE ASSESSMENTS DISCUSSED FAIR?	198	1		1
3. WAS THE CONFERENCE HELD IN A COMFORTABLE SETTING?	200			
4. WAS CRITICISM GIVEN CONSTRUCTIVELY?	199			1
5. WAS PRAISE GIVEN HONESTLY AND SINCERELY?	200			
6. DO YOU HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF YOUR CHILD'S PROGRESS IN CLASS?	198	2		
7. WAS THE CONFERENCE ENDED ON A POSITIVE NOTE?	199	1		
8. DO YOU FEEL YOU HAD ENOUGH TIME WITH THE TEACHER(S)?	196	3		1

HOW DO YOU GRADE YOUR SCHOOL?	A	B	C	D
	192	6	2	0

Santa Shop is Coming to Town!

Parents, please mark your calendars! VES PTO is proud to announce the return of our ANNUAL SANTA SHOP on

Monday, December 5 through Friday, December 10

**With additional shopping hours during the Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, 12/10*

Each classroom will have a shopping opportunity to allow students to choose items for their family and friends. All items are priced at \$2.00, and all proceeds from Santa Shop benefit PTO programs throughout the school year.

Your child will bring home additional information, a collection envelope and an assigned shopping day/time as the dates approach, so make sure to check backpacks and folders.

Santa Shop is a convenient and fun way to allow your children to choose personal gifts for the holiday season.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!

COME JOIN US FOR PANCAKES WITH SANTA



When: Saturday, December 10th

8 am – 12 noon

Where: Village Elementary

Cost: Children \$4.00 - Adults \$6.00

Breakfast served until 11:00 a.m.



Pictures with Santa and Santa Shop until noon

If you have a home-based business or small craft and are interested in purchasing a table for \$10.00 contact Stefanie Furge @ 517-552-4986.



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Available at the Village Office



THANK YOU PARENTS AND PTO FOR AN AWESOME MEAL!!

Once again our incredible PTO provided an awesome meal for the Village staff prior to evening conferences. The meal consisting of countless main dishes and desserts were enjoyed by all. Parents, you have out done yourselves again, by sending in phenomenal food for us. The PTO continues to provide incredible support for our programs!

The teamwork here at Village is remarkable and very much appreciated.

Thank you again, parents and PTO, for all of your efforts—your helping hands not only support us, they feed us very well.

Notes from the Art Room...



***Please return the magnet for Art to Remember if you did not purchase it.**

***Don't forget appropriate dress for art class... many paints will stain!**

Ms. Eichhorn would like to thank you for all the wonderful donations to the art room. She is set with most items but would really appreciate if you could send in...

- **Jumbo 2.5 gallon zip lock baggies**
- **Paper towels**
- **Frosting containers with lids**
- **Towels and washcloths**