

# VE Student Newspaper

Monthly Newsletter by Village Elementary School 6th Graders

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## What is this newspaper all about?

Several sixth grade students approached me earlier this year. They were looking for a creative outlet to share their ideas and thoughts with their peers and the school community as a whole. After talking it over with them, I opened the opportunity to be a part of a school newspaper to all sixth grade students. In the following pages, you will find informative articles, creative writing, cartoons, podcasts, and other forms of student expression. While I serve as the editor of this newspaper, the projects are completely student-driven from beginning to end with minimal support from adults. We use Google Apps for Education as a means for collaboration. Students can create, share, and receive feedback on their projects as they prepare them to be published. Final projects are published using pseudonyms, given that our work is posted online.

There are several projects ready to be published in the next few days—if you are a parent or a student looking for a specific item, please check back for frequent updates. I hope you will enjoy the efforts of our students as much as I have. Happy reading!

-Dr. Rudd

# Someone New in this World

by Bella and Lillypop

Mrs. Scarpulla has been taking care of her new little baby granddaughter. Her name is Hailey Lyn Scarpulla. She was born on October 27, 2010. She is a very happy-go lucky, fun loving 4 month old.

Mrs. Scarpulla says, "Being a grandmother is absolutely wonderful because I can love Hailey all I want, but when she's naughty I can send her home!"

Mrs. Scarpulla also says that her granddaughter definitely has her own personality attitude. She also said that she has a BIG smile and bright blue eyes which makes her easy to spoil especially because her eyes make you melt.

When we interviewed Mrs. Scarpulla it

was interesting to hear that she looks like both her mother and her father. However, it depends on the day.

Mrs. Scarpulla feels there are similarities and differences between being a parent and a grandparent. When she had her kids she was younger and she was not sure how to handle her children. Now that she has experience she understands how to take care of children.



She also said she loves Hailey and her children just the same. Mrs. Scarpulla is lucky to have a beautiful granddaughter. Wish her luck!

## We Are All The Same

we as people  
are no different.  
we are all the same.  
who are you to blame?

minds are different  
its meant to be  
what do I but  
you don't see

if I were you  
and you were I  
would you go and try?

if we don't know  
would you go teach  
and show,  
cause we as people  
are no different  
we are all the same  
who are you to blame?

### Poem #2

This poem  
is dedicated  
to some close  
friends of  
mine and  
its  
just  
to tell  
people  
out there  
that  
we are all  
equal!!!

by Abrie Jain



## Village Elementary students behaving appropriately in the hallway:



### Coming Soon to a computer near you.....

Piano22, T, and Coolduck45 are in the School Newspaper and the three of us are doing a very interesting project. Our project is about kids in our school that are going above and beyond and being noticed by their teachers. In this project Piano22, T, and coolduck45 are going to interview the kids chosen and ask them 3-5 questions our group has come up with. The answers to the questions and a picture of the student and their project will be in the School Newspaper. Also we were thinking that our project should give out a reward of some kind, which will be described in the paper as a surprise.

Piano22, T, and Coolduck45 will go above and beyond in the next few weeks by making our articles very detailed and make people want to keep reading. And when they finish reading they are going to want to read so much they will just have to

wait until the next newspaper. Also we will ask several questions to the people chosen and what they did. Who knows maybe it could be you! We will use a lot of descriptive words and show how amazing these kids have worked just on how we write. Stay tuned!

Your School Newspaper friends,

Piano22,T,and Coolduck45

## Hallway Expectations

by carole-lynn

At Village Elementary School, our hallway expectations are about the same as any schools - walk, keep your hands to yourself and of course, no talking! But again like most schools not everyone ALWAYS follows these rules. On the left, you will see two pictures of Village Elementary students walking in the hallway. As you can see, they are being respectful of the classrooms they pass and being responsible students when no-one is around while heading to where they need to go to learn. Good job, boys!

As you walk through the halls of our school, try to demonstrate behaviors like these students.

## Passport Shop

by Nicky

The Passport Shop is located right next to the library. This is where you can go to trade in stamps from your passport for things such as, erasers, notepads, and any sized toy. In order to go, you need at least 10 stamps. You can save up to 120 stamps if you wanted to for things like lunch with Mrs. Czebatol or basketball with Dr. Rudd. People are always asking how much the light up rings are. You need 40 stamps to buy one.

The shop is open on Fridays from 8:00 to 8:30 in the morning and in the afternoon at 2:00 until 2:30. Every week new people are at the Passport Shop. Some people want to save up stamps, or just spend their stamps after not getting too many. People shouldn't spend too much time at the passport shop because many people go each week. People would have a hard time if they had to wait a long time to get prizes. ENJOY THE SHOP!!!!

# School Uniforms A No Or A Go?

by Lime62699

School uniforms. Many schools use them, others don't. Public schools usually don't use them. Private schools often use uniforms. But many schools don't do research about if uniforms are a good idea. One way to conduct research is to seek students' opinions. In a poll of twenty Village Elementary students, seven said yes and thirteen said no.



Students would give me a quick yes like they weren't hearing what I was saying. If they said no it was a stern no and no reason was given. Below, you will find responses from individual students for both kids who liked the idea of uniforms and those that didn't.

Yes:

- The girls uniform should be a cute plaid skirt knee length, gray leggings, white button down shirt with the school crest, tiny ties. The guys uniform black pants, white shirt with school crest, tiny ties.
- Girls: Knee length skirt, knee high socks, cute white button down shirt with cuffs, tiny ties the colors black and red. Guys: White button down shirt, red plaid tie, black pants, loafers.
- Girls: Knee length skirt, button down, blazer, heels. Guys: White button down, black pants, black tie, loafers.
- As long as everyone wears Aero or Hollister as their uniform.
- Girls: Plaid knee length skirts, white button down shirt, plaid tie. Guys: Dress pants, with button down shirt, plaid tie.
- Girls: A black skirt a little bit above the knees, a black and red plaid button down with cuffs. Guys: Black khakis, a red button down.
- Girls: Red and black skirt with a white button down. Guys: Red and black pants with a white t-shirt.

No:

- Because you are unable to be an individual.
- I have no reason.
- I dislike them. I disapprove.
- I don't think everyone should be forced to wear the same thing. They should be comfortable.
- It looks disgusting having to wear the same clothes each day.
- I don't like them because they are un-comfortable and I would have to wash mine.
- I feel that we should be able to wear what we want. They are uncomfortable.
- They would be too organized. Nobody wants to wear the same thing every day.
- We wouldn't be able to express creativity. We won't be able to wear what we like.
- It would be very boring if everyone wore the same thing everyday.

So, are uniforms a wise choice? No! I believe that the school would have to supply some of the money for the uniforms. With the school's budget already a difficult thing to manage, uniforms is something to consider but they are out of are reach.

Thank you to all of the students for expressing your opinions.

# Rachel's Challenge

by Kate

Rachel Scott, first person killed at Columbine High School on April 20, 1999. Rachel's brother, Craig, was at the library that day with his two friends. Craig lost two friends and just escaped death himself. Rachel handed in an essay a month before she died. It was titled "My Ethics My Codes of Life." She wanted to start a chain reaction. She said, "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

Rachel's parents found something written on the side of her dresser she wrote when she was 13. It read "These hands belong to Rachel Joy Scott and will someday touch millions of people's hearts." Then Rachel's father came up with Rachel's Challenge. She believed we could change the world one person at a time because little things can do so much to make a difference.

The whole point of Rachel's Challenge was to inspire people to tell all to treat others with respect, appreciate everyone no matter what, forgive and be forgiven, dream big and believe in yourself. To help out in Rachel's Challenge and learn more about it by going to their website: [www.rachelschallenge.org/learnmore/whatisRC.php](http://www.rachelschallenge.org/learnmore/whatisRC.php), or talk with Mrs. Greene or Ms. Zirbel to see how you can get involved.



## HOM of the Week

by Sally

This week the Habit of Mind I chose to focus on is Striving for Accuracy. Don't be afraid to ask the teacher for extra work. Always do your best, and it's okay to do more work after your work is done. You don't have to be the best in your class, but at least try to be and do the best YOU can! You can use this HOM by going above and beyond on your homework, showing your work and not rushing through it. You can use it in school by doing more work that is not needed on a test. These are just some simple things that you can do.

## Village Elementary Play....Stay Tuned!

by Superherb and Antoneo

Here is some breaking news for you. Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. St George along with many students are preparing this year's school play. The performances will feature several plays including, "Beauty is a Beast," "Rumpelstiltskin - Private Eye" and "A Fairy Tale Adventure. A great show is in store! Stay tuned. We'll be bringing you the results of the auditions, news on how the rehearsals are going, and interviews of the cast and crew. We will also share our review of the performance.

# Village Elementary Happenings

by Cat

If you heard about Rachel's Challenge, you know that you should treat others the way you want to be treat-



## Rachel's story

Treat others the way you want to be treated

Dream big and believe in yourself

Appreciate everyone and mock no one

Power of positive gossip

Forgive and be forgiven



If you've been in the 5-6 hallway you have come across this reminder to watch out for the door post.



You can see examples of students cooperating and caring (thinking interdependently) all around our school!



This is one of the 4th grade classes participating in gymnastics. The 3-6 graders are also doing this unit.

## Interview of Mrs. Duffy

by Buddy Come

I interviewed Mrs. Duffy because she is a great help to our school as a technology Teacher Assistant. I asked her some questions to learn more about her and also about computers. [Click here to listen to the podcast of my interview.](#)

## Creativity

by Michael Caboose

Creativity is a unique and important Habit of Mind. Creativity can not only be expressed in drawings or writings but also feelings, attitude, and what you do in your day. Creativity is an important part of education - it can be as small as how you write to as big as how you do something like use technology. Some people in my class express creativity freely and appreciate others borrowing their ideas. Creativity is who you are, what you do, and is an important part of life. This is what makes each and everyone of us unique, but our creative accomplishments unite us all.

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