



Friends of the Village School Newsletter

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Meeting Matters

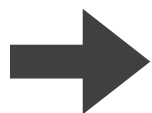
Friends of the Village School held its second meeting of the year on Nov. 13. Thank you to all who attended and helped plan what's next!

We revisited the purpose of the FVS and its mission to provide meaningful and enjoyable activities and events for our students and community—above and beyond the everyday school experience. One goal we settled on is raising \$1,000 for each classroom's activity

fund by the end of the school year. We appreciate everyone's efforts toward this goal as it eliminates the need for classrooms to fundraise.

This newsletter provides highlights of upcoming initiatives. We encourage you to lend a helping hand whenever possible.

Got ideas? Whether big or small, send them our way, or come to the next FVS meeting!



Next FVS Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

21st Annual
Holiday Bazaar
December 12
The Village School

A chance for students to pick out and purchase holiday gifts for their loved ones.

Please **donate** gently used items in good condition. Items can be dropped off in the Bazaar Bin located outside the main office. Donations of wrapping paper, bows, ribbon, gift bags, shopping bags, gift tags/labels, and small jewelry boxes are needed, too!

Money raised will be split between the local Food and Fuel Fund and The Greater Bennington Peace and Justice Center's initiative to send children to school in Somatillo, Bennington's sister city in Nicaragua.

Volunteers Needed!
Email friends@vsnb.org for more information

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Holiday Bazaar Dec. 12

Volunteers are needed to set up the Holiday Bazaar Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. in the school library. Help is also needed wrapping gifts on Dec. 12 for 1-hour shifts or for the whole event (8 a.m.-12:30 p.m.). This is a perennial favorite for students and volunteers alike!

Winter Carnival Jan. 26

Planning is underway, and there are lots of volunteer opportunities to be filled!

- Help is needed at the school to set up the indoor Winter Carnival on Friday, Jan. 25 anytime after 3 p.m.
- On the day of the event volunteers are need for 1-hour



shifts helping at the bounce house, prize table, video game tournament, fair food table, and bake sale. Please contact co-chairs Tammy Carpenter (802-733-1658) and/or Rachel Maher (802-780-7623). Or email friends@vsnb.org.



Earn Cash for Our School

This holiday season, do some extra

fundraising for our school while you shop! Box Tops are each worth 10 cents, and they can add up quickly with your help. Please deposit Box Tops and/or completed Box Top Collection Sheets in the Campbell's Soup bin next to the school's main office. For more details or to download a collection sheet, visit: www.box-tops4education.com/about.

If you would like to help coordinate the Box Tops effort, please contact friends@vsnb.org.

Library Volunteer(s) Needed

Are you interested in helping out at our school library? Volunteer assistance would be appreciated in the library covering and shelving books once a week, or even once a month, and possibly for other library events. Please reach out to friends@vsnb.org if you or someone you know would like to help.

Movie Mornings Volunteer

Are you a movie buff? Would you like to assist in the planning of Village School Movie Mornings in partnership with Cinema 7? Help us get our students' favorite flicks onto the big screen in the new year. If you are interested in being involved or would like more information, contact friends@vsnb.org.

Track and Treat Finishes Strong



Pictured here are some of the winners from the Track and Treat races and costume contest. Read more at www.vsnb.org/track-and-treat. Photos by Ozgur Seyben

THANK YOU!

We've had a fun fall with several successful fundraisers thanks to the help and participation of MANY community members.

Thank you J.Crew Shop and Share organizer Tracy Buggee for a great fundraiser on Sept. 29, which raised \$343.

Thank you to Track and Treat volunteers for a successful

event, with more than 100 participants. Special thanks to organizers Catie Kwak and Laura Cary, and the event sponsors: The Bank of Bennington and The Richards Group.

Thank you to all Costume-Making Event contributors.

Special thanks to Gabi Rynes for organizing the event and to all the volunteer artists who helped make it a creative, memorable first family night.

Thank you to the many Holiday Catalog volunteers,

especially Jen Spika for her graphic design work, and to everyone who reached out to businesses and to those who made purchases in support of the Village School. The Holiday Catalog raised \$5,354.

Thank you to Holiday Bazaar 2018 organizers Nelle Knapp and Morgan Oldham for helping with this annual tradition.