



# Friends of the Village School Newsletter

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## It Takes A Village

Thank you to the MANY people who volunteered on behalf of our school throughout the year. Whether you taught an After School Enrichment Program, volunteered an hour of your time, contributed food for an event or reception, collected Box Tops, or made a donation, *your effort* in pitching in mattered and made a positive difference for our students, staff, and community.

Thanks to your participation, Friends of the Village School hosted fun monthly events for students and families and met its goal of raising \$1,000 for each class to provide enrichment activities for students in 2019-2020.

The funds raised this year will help make possible "extras" next year, such as Troy Wunderle's Circus Residency (anticipated for Oct. 2019), field trips, guest presenters, and much more.

Thank you for your continued support of the school. Have a wonderful summer!



Families and students enjoying the first annual VSNB Grandfriends Day.

### Box Tops 10¢ Each



Thank you to everyone who has been contributing Box Tops and to Jan Ketterer, the First Grade, and the Second Grade for sorting and counting the Box Tops. Please don't forget to save Box Tops over the summer. You can drop them off at the VSNB's collection box at the post office or download a collection sheet at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com).

### Staff Appreciation Luncheon 2019

Thank you to Kim Krall and Morgan Oldham for organizing this year's Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and to the more than 30 friends and family members who volunteered to contribute flowers, food and beverages, and their time and effort in setting up and cleaning up. What a wonderful way to end the year and show our gratitude to the faculty and staff at the Village School.

### Volunteer for a 2019-2020 Signature Event

If you are interested in playing an active role in planning any of the following signature events, please contact [friends@vsnb.org](mailto:friends@vsnb.org).

- Track and Treat: Oct. 27, 2019
- Holiday Bazaar: December 2019 (exact date to be determined)
- Winter Carnival: Jan. 25, 2019

## Congratulations to the Lego Contest Winners

Thank you to Jody Schade for spearheading a fantastic 3rd annual Lego Contest for Village School students. This year's judges were Andy Schlatter, Associate Vice President of Facilities Management and Planning at Bennington College; Wade Simpson, Acquisitions Coordinator at Crossett Library at Bennington College; and Neil Havlak, Project Engineer at Kaman Composites Vermont.

Congratulations to the winners (a full list of winners and photos are at [www.vsnb.org](http://www.vsnb.org)):

Best in Show - *Chain Reaction* by Sawyer Crosier



Best Architectural Design - *The Mobile Summer Camp* by Addie and Thea Newbold

Best Diorama - *Stop Motion* by Enzo Beach

Team Category:

1st - *The Mobile Summer Camp* by Addie and Thea Newbold

2nd - *Exotic Zoo* by Dayanna Thomayer and Wren McRae

3rd - *Bennington* by Darrin, Sawyer and Zachary Smith

## Kudos to VSNB Faculty!

Thank you to the voters and the whole school community for voting VSNB as *The Bennington Banner* Reader's Choice "Best Early Education Program" for a second year in a row! Congratulations Pat Gibbons for taking the 1st Place Teacher Award.

## Thank You for Raising the Stage Curtain!

We did it! Thanks to the Coins for a Curtain fundraiser, the school raised over \$800 for the new stage curtain. A generous donor was so inspired by everyone's efforts, that the donor covered the cost for the remainder of the curtain.



Pictured here are Karen and Bob Elwell hanging the new curtain.

## Jazz Brunch Benefits the Strings Program

Thank you to the Sage City Symphony and Park McCullough for hosting a brunch benefit on May 8 and to all who attended for the benefit of The Strings Program. The other recipients were the Kitchen Cupboard Food Pantry and the Sage City Symphony at [www.vsnb.org](http://www.vsnb.org).

## Board of Trustees 2018-2019

Thank you for your service, dedication and commitment to VSNB!

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Thank you to Meg Woolmington for serving as Chair and Ernie LaFontaine as Vice Chair (both of whom are staying on the Board). Sue Maguire will transition to Chair and Judie Brower will become Vice Chair. Thank you to Jeb Gorham for his service.