



Village Elementary School | 100 Main Blvd., Skillman, NJ 08558 | (609) 466-7606

Greetings Families

Dear VES Families,

As the 2023-2024 school year comes to a close, we celebrate the hard work and dedication of our staff and students and the continuous support of our family and community members. We are especially grateful for the leadership and creativity of our PTA Co-Presidents, Mrs. Patel and Mrs. Hoffman and all of our parent volunteers who have made our special events and activities fun and successful learning experiences! The hours you dedicate to our school community is greatly appreciated!

Our team wishes the very best to our fourth graders who are more than ready for the transition to LMS. We also look forward to welcoming our rising third and fourth grade students on the first day of school, Thursday, September 5th. Continue to be your best in all you do

Our last day of school is Wednesday, June 19th. It is an early/1:35 dismissal day. Parent pickup will begin at 1:25.

Thank you, VES families for your involvement and support. Have a safe, relaxing and happy summer!

Stay up to date with visits to the [VES](#), [MES PTA](#), and [MSEPTA](#) websites, follow our [Instagram feed](#) for pictures of the latest activities at school, and check out dates and other happenings in this issue!

Susan Lacy, Principal and The VES Family

Important Dates

[Updated District Calendar](#) | [VES Calendar](#) | [June Spirit Days](#)

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month and Jewish Heritage Month

Monday, May 27: Schools Closed – Memorial Day – Enjoy the Holiday Weekend

Wednesday, May 29 – Wednesday, June 5: Book Fair

Friday, May 31: 4th Grade Moving Up Party at LMS – 7:00 PM–8:30 PM (see PTA newsletter for details)

Friday, May 31: Teacher for the Day Ticket Sales End

June is Pride Month

Tuesday, June 4: Teacher for the Day Winner Announcements

Wednesday, June 5: Book Fair Family Night

Friday, June 14: Fun Day (rain date–Monday, June 17)

Tuesday, June 18: Class Parties

Wednesday, June 19: 4th Grade Clapoff and Last Day of School (1:35 PM dismissal)

2024–2025 Open House and Back to School Nights

Wednesday, September 4th: The VES Open House

Students and parents/guardians are welcome to meet their teachers and see their classrooms.

Thursday, September 5th: First Day of School

Wednesday, September 25th: 3rd Grade Back to School Night

Thursday, September 26th: 4th Grade Back to School Night

The Seeing Eye Fundraiser Update

Thank you, Villagers and families for helping us to raise \$1280 to support The Seeing Eye organization as a follow up and thank you to our guest speaker and community member, Mr. Fallon. His generous contribution made for a total donation of \$2080.

MES PTA Updates

Please review the most recent [MES PTA Newsletter \(May 20th Edition\)](#) for information on upcoming events, activities and ways to get involved! Keep an eye out for the next edition which will be available after the Memorial Day holiday.

The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to VES Wednesday, May 29th to Wednesday, June 5th. Family Night will be Wednesday, June 5th 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Please mark your calendars!

Stay tuned for information about how your child can be the Teacher for the Day and end of year festivities!

Special Thanks to Our Incredible PTA

VES celebrates the active involvement and generosity of PTA CO-Presidents, Mrs. Patel and Mrs. Hoffman, their executive board, committee chairs, and volunteers for the support they have provided this school year for school events and activities including International Night, Bingo parties, assemblies, appreciation events, the brand new yearbook, grant funds to beautify our courtyard garden/outdoor classroom and so much more.

The MES PTA has also generously donated \$8000 to fund author visits, the 4th Grade Extreme Science Assembly including \$4900 to offset the cost to families for bus transportation for the 3rd Waterloo Trip. This reduced the cost of the trip to \$15 per student to cover the entrance fee.

We are grateful for our partnership with the MES PTA and hope you will continue to support them and get involved!

Report Cards Will Be Available on June 19th at 1:30 PM

End of year report cards will be available online starting June 19th at 1:30. They will be available to view, print and save.



To log in:

1. Visit <https://parents.mtsd.k12.nj.us>
2. Enter your username (your email address), and your password. If you forgot your password, use the "Forgot My Password" link just below the Login button. Your password will be sent by email in a few minutes.

If you are unable to log in or do not have an account, please contact genesissupport@mtsd.us.

Student Placement for 2024-2025

As the end of the year approaches, plans for classroom placements are being made. Ms. Lacy and Mrs. Camuto work closely with teachers, supervisors, and school counselors to place current 3rd and 4th graders.

Please note that 4th graders may happen to be placed in classes where they will have one teacher for language arts and another teacher for mathematics/science/social studies. Students will travel as a homeroom class between the two teachers. The two classroom teachers will work collaboratively as a team.

OHES administrators, Mr. Van Hise and Mrs. Caudill, place current 2nd graders into 3rd grade with our assistance. Ms. Lacy and Mrs. Camuto will work closely with Mrs. Romano and Mr. Pachuta at the Lower Middle School to place all 4th graders into 5th grade.

All students will be placed in heterogeneous classes with the best possible teacher match, and a positive group of classmates. Any specific academic needs, as identified by classroom teachers, will be taken into consideration first. **We cannot honor requests for specific teachers, and requests for specific students can present a challenge.** However, we will consider input regarding special circumstances or information the school does not already have. Pertinent information shared in previous years must be resubmitted via email and received by **June 7th for rising 5th graders and June 19th for rising 3rd and 4th graders.**

Please trust us to make the best placement possible for all children. It is important to us that students have successful academic and developmentally appropriate experiences in school with talented and caring teachers. Final placement information will be available in August.

Supply Lists

General Third Grade Supply List 2024-2025

Dear Incoming Third Grade Students and Families, In an effort to make your supply shopping easier, the third grade team has come up with a list of supplies that you can begin to look for. We have chosen these items carefully and feel that they enhance our instructional program.

- 1 set of coloring supplies (your choice...crayons, colored pencils, etc.)
- 4 dry erase markers
- 12 pencils (pre-sharpened, if possible)
- 1 pencil box (box or pouch)
- Whiteboard eraser/clean sock
- 1 pocket folder (for Health class)
- Comfortable over-the-ear headphones (no wireless) with a [3.5mm jack](#) in a Ziplock bag with your name on it for your personal use



As you shop for a backpack, please DO NOT buy one with wheels. Your choice of a backpack must fit easily into your cubby in the classroom. Toward the end of the summer, be on the lookout for a letter from your classroom teacher requesting additional supplies and a warm welcome to VES.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September!

Sincerely, The Third Grade Team

General Fourth Grade Supply List 2024-2025

Dear Rising 4th Grade Students and Families,

In an effort to make your supply shopping easier, the fourth grade team has come up with a starter list of supplies that you can begin to look for. We have chosen these items carefully and feel that they enhance our instructional program.

- 1 set of coloring supplies (colored pencils or markers)
- 4 dry erase LOW ODOR markers
- 1 whiteboard eraser
- 12 pencils (pre-sharpened, if possible)
- 1 pencil box (box or pouch)
- 3 pocket folders (one each for health, math and literacy)
- Comfortable over-the-ear headphones (no wireless) with a [3.5mm jack](#) in a Ziplock bag with your name on it for your personal use

Complete your school shopping using your classroom teacher's supply list, which will be available this summer. As you shop for a backpack, please DO NOT buy one with wheels. Your choice of a backpack must fit easily into your cubby in the classroom.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you on September 5th!

The Fourth Grade Team

General Fifth Grade Supply List 2024-2025

Please visit the link above to find individual teacher supply requests along with General Supply List Information for the entire grade level.

The Fifth Grade Team

Summer Break is a GREAT Time to Read

Relaxing summer days are the perfect opportunity for students to enjoy some great books! Besides being fun, portable, and engaging, summer reading helps students maintain reading skills which they have worked to build all year long. Looking for some reading inspiration? Mrs. Franey's book suggestions are available here: [YES Summer Reading Suggestions](#). You will find a variety of authors, series, and titles in many genres that are perfect for summer reading. Students are



also encouraged to continue to utilize the [VES Virtual Library](#) during the summer, where they can access familiar resources like MackinVIA and others, too.

Mrs. Franey

YMCA Before and After School Childcare Program Registration for 2024-2025

Please visit [The Greater Somerset County YMCA site](#) for Before and After School Program Registration information for the 2024–2025 School Year.

Student ID Cards

All students have received and are using their new ID cards. Please remember that these cards should be safely secured during the summer. Your child will need them again in September until after Picture Days when new cards will be processed and issued.

Important End of the Year Message from the VES Health Office

If your child currently has medication in the health office, plan to stop by anytime on or prior to June 19, 2024 to pick it up. Any medication that is not picked by the end of the school day on June 19, 2024 will be discarded. If you need to pick up your child's medication outside of normal school hours on June 19, 2024, you can arrange a time with the Nurses to possibly do so. Please call the nurse to make these arrangements. 609–466–7606 ext. 2500 or 2600.



New Jersey State law prohibits public schools from storing medications in the health office over the summer. This includes Epi– Pens, inhalers, insulin, eye drops, prescription and non– prescription medications such as Tylenol, Advil or Benadryl. Again, **all medications not picked up by a parent by 1:30 PM on June 19, 2024** will be discarded in compliance with state regulations. Students are not allowed to carry any medication home in their backpacks per Montgomery Township School District Policy. Exceptions cannot be made to this policy.

Mrs. Cizin and Mrs. Woodward