

# Village NewsFlash

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## Mark Your Calendar!

Wed., Nov. 25th - No School for Students

Thur., Nov. 26th - 27th No School - Thanksgiving

Dec. 1st - Parent Forum: Mindset

Wed., Dec. 9th - Early Release

Wed., Dec. 23rd - Fri., Jan. 1st - Holiday Vacation

Mon., January 4th - First day of school in 2016!



## Wellness Fairy Tip

"Being different is the greatest gift in life"



Photographed back row left to right: Patrick, Kevin, Peter, Trevin, Joseph and front row left to right: Grace, Amelia, Grace, Madeline, and Rylee

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## Village Elementary School is Thankful!

"I am thankful for being a part of the Village School Community of staff, students, families and friends." - Mr. Porter, Principal of Village Elementary

### Handwritten expressions of thanks from some of Village Elementary students K-4th grade.

"I am thankful for my sister, my mom...actually my whole family." - Kyra B. (K-Topchik)

"I am thankful for my house, the sea, my friends and to be ME!" Camden C. (K-Topchik)

"I am thankful for scooh!" - Tucker (K-Fox)

"I am thankful for kols (clothes)." - Soleil (K-Fox)

"I am thafor my Fish." - Charlotte (K- Foley)

"I am tlflwh my fime." - Charlie (K - Foley)

"I am so grateful for my cat." Ireland (K - Underhill)

"I am so thankful for my Mom and Dad." Connor (K - Underhill)

"I am thanefll for the Native AMERICANS beucs they helpt teechus how to growe corn. Corn is used for lots of things. Corn is used for gloow, Soap, and pkorn." Jack W. (1st-West)

"I am thakfull for the Patriots and my famule." - Jack C. (1st - O'Neil)

"I am thanks for my famliy." - Audrey L. (1st - O'Neil)

"I am thakful for my Daddy." - Madison R. (1st - Landry)

"I am very thakful for my famliey." - Bennett D. (1st - Landry)

"I am thankful for my School, and I am thankful for Mrs. Speed." - Mateiah (1st - Speed)

"I am thankful for my school, my family, and my world." - Logan M. (1st - Speed)

"I am thankfl for my famliy. My famliy makes me laf. My dad says funee jokes. I laf and I laf and I laf." - Anna N. (1st - West)

"What I am most Thankful for is family." - Jackie P. (2nd - A.T.)

"I am thankful for mom and dad." Kamrin W. (2nd - A.T.)

"I'm thankful for my famliy and the oshen. I'm thankful for my friends. I am thakful for dogs and cats and the world. And i'm thankful for animals. I love the hole world." - Haley (2nd - Carlson)

"I'm thankul for my famly because they help me. I'm thankful for my food because I don't want to starv. I'm thankful for my friends because they are nice." Liam (2nd - Carlson)

"I am thankful for ereyone but most of all the teachers who help us learn, read, write and spell! I am very thankful for the janitors who clean ovr school too!" - Gracen (2nd - Hauke)

"I am very thanful for my teachers, all my friends, and everyone that is nice to each oth-er." Charlie (2nd - Hauke)

"I am most thankful for my family for taking wonderful care of me." - Winnie D. (3rd - Bywaters)

"I am Thankful for my family. I am Thankful for Our food. I am Thankful for Our house. I am Thankful for my Freinds. I am Thankful for Our contry." - Ava (3rd - Rudolph)

"I am thankfull for the teacher that I have. I am thankfull for the family that I love. I'm thankfull for the house that I have. I'm thankfull for lots of things." Griffin (3rd - Rudolph)

"I am most thankfull for all my sport coaches giving their time and effort to all the kids on our team. If they were not there none of us would be good at all the sports we play. That is why I am so thankfull for all my sports coaches." Wyatt N. (3rd - Bywaters)

"I am thankful for my family." - Shawn E. (3rd - Stuart)

"I feel thankful for my family." - Eimilie R. (3rd - Stuart)

"I am thankful for food, school, family, and a roof over my head." -Kira K. (4th - Reynolds)

"I am thankful for family, my friends, my teacher and feeling better." Corey L. (4th - Reynolds)

"I am thankfull for school because I get to see my friends and I wouldn't be smart without school." - Roman L. (4th - Reynolds)

"I am thankful for the teachers who take time to teach us and I also am thankful for the special teachers who let us have fun!" - Moortada B. (4th - Reynolds)

"I am thankful for all my food that I get." - Courtney T. (4th - Reynolds)

"I'm thankful for my family and the food I get every day for breakfast, lunch and dinner." - Ava S. (4th - Reynolds)

"I am thankful for family." - Emily L. (4th - Donnelly)

"I am thankful for being able for good edgacation." - Dreydon B. (4th - Donnelly)

"I am thankful for Football family friends and my teacher." - Camren T. (4th - Downing)

"I am thankful for my family and pets." - Samantha (4th - Downing)

"I am thankful for being nice to authers." - Samantha D. (4th - Blake)

"I am most thankful for football and family." Thomas C. (4th - Blake)

"I am most thankful for family and food on the table." Summer G. (4th - Blake)

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## Village Field Trips



Mrs. Rudolph's 3rd grade class takes a walk through Gorham's History in October. Class is photographed at Phinney Rock in Phinney Park and in front of the Old Yard Cemetery. They also took a bus tour of Historical sites of Gorham stopping at 1st Parish Congressional Church, the top of Fort Hill, Babb's Bridge, the White Rock area, and Baxter House Museum.



Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Blake, Ms. Donnelly, and Mr. Downing 4th grade classes visit the residents of Gorham House. The students participated in an arts and craft activity where they drew hands of the Grand Friends creating trees then applying leaves with statements of what the Grand Friends like to do in the Fall.



## What is "Odyssey of the Mind?"

By Grace, Patrick and Peter

Odyssey of the Mind first began with Dr. C. Samuel Micklus, a professor at Rowan University, who liked to have his students make sculptures so that they could use what they learn in problem solving situations.

In 1978, Dr. Sam founded Odyssey of the Mind. Odyssey of the Mind is "The first problem solving competition ever." Odyssey of the Mind is an international problem solving program. Kids are placed on a student team and are given a problem to solve under the supervision of a coach. The teams compete in the Spring. If your team places 1st, 2nd or 3rd in the regional competition then your team advances to the State Competition. If your team places 1st or 2nd



in the State competition then your team qualifies to go to the Worlds Competition.

In Odyssey of the Mind, teams of kids choose the problem type they wish to work on. This is called the Long Term Solution. Another type of problem is called Spontaneous. Spontaneous is a problem the team gets that they are not prepared for. Meaning, they don't know what the problem is and they have to think quickly on their feet. In Spontaneous, you have to be creative and think out of the box to earn points. There is verbal

spontaneous where you get a problem that you have to think about and say answers out loud. There is hands-on, where you have a certain time to build something. There is also verbal hands-on, in which you have given something and you must answer a question about it.

Kids who do Odyssey of the Mind like to be creative, work on a team to accomplish something, and use their skills and talents to create amazing things.

Odyssey of the Mind is a great way to learn and to use what you know in a problem solving situation, just like Dr. Sam intended it to be.

**Fun fact:** Dr. Sam created Omer, the friendly Odyssey of the Mind mascot is a raccoon. Dr. Sam chose a raccoon because they are intelligent creatures and his wife likes raccoons.



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## Fine Art Features by VES Young Artists

### Pablo Picasso "Blue Period"



By Amelia Connor-McCoy  
Pablo Picasso's blue stage started in around 1900 and ended about 1904. His blue paintings were inspired by Spain while Pablo

was living in Paris during a very

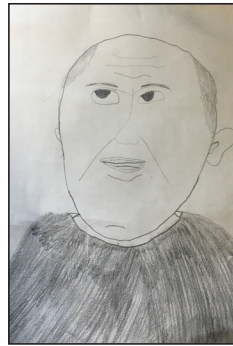
difficult time in his life. Picasso recalled that he might have started painting in blue when he heard of his friend's death. No matter what caused him to start or whatever caused him to stop. Pablo Picasso's blue stage remains important.



Picasso's Blue Period "Guitar"

### Jackson Pollock

By Rylee Tenuta  
Jackson Pollock was born in Cody, Wyoming in 1912. His full name is Paul Jackson Pollock but his professional name is simply Jackson Pollock. In 1943 Jackson Pollock had



his first solo show where a large group of people could view a lot of his paintings. He died August 11, 1956 in a massive car accident. Jackson Pollock is famous for his painting called "Blue Poles." "Blue Poles" is an abstract painting that was purchased by the National Gallery of Australia in 1973.



The original artwork "Blue Poles" to learn more visit <http://pollockprints.org/blue-poles/>

## HANNAFORD HELPS

<http://www.hannaford.com/content.jsp?pageName=HHS&leftNavArea=AboutLeftNav>

### 4 Products = 3 school dollars

If 100 families buy 4 products each week (3 school dollars) for the entire program, Village Elementary will raise \$3,900!

Copy and paste this link and view all the products in the program.

[http://www.hannaford.com/assets/hf/assets/pdf/cms/about/hannaford/HHS\\_Shopping\\_List.pdf](http://www.hannaford.com/assets/hf/assets/pdf/cms/about/hannaford/HHS_Shopping_List.pdf)

### Parents here is how you can help!

**SHOP**, choose from more than 1,200 participating products to help earn money for your school.

**CHECK OUT**, get 3 school dollars for every 4 participating products you purchase.

**SUBMIT**, deposit your school dollars in the collection tower in-store.

Village Elementary will receive funds in form of a check from Hannaford in the month of December. So get out there and shop for a great cause, Village Elementary!

## November's Code of Conduct Word **COMPASSION**

By: Madeline D.

Please be **compassionate** to others by being quiet when the intercom comes on for all reasons! For example, if you aren't quiet during dismissal your friends may miss their bus, and I know from personal experience that missing your bus can result in a very bad feeling. So please listen carefully by being quiet during intercom announcements!

**BONUS TIP...**your teacher will be pleased to have a quieter classroom during intercom announcements!



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## Village Glow Run 5K

By Madeline and Brooke

The Village Glow Run 5K was planned over the summer by Ms. West, Ms.

Mezzanotte, and Mrs. Stevens, Trent and Brooke's mom. Ms. West thought it up because she loves books a lot! Ms. West also asked Mrs. McColl to come up with the t-shirt design. Our school raised over \$4,000 from this single event. Well done everyone!



## PUZZLE FUN

by Trevin

Find all the words from the list.

## VES Word Search

K L P C K W G R A C E R A T J  
X I S B G U S S L W P Z G H G  
G U C V E T R A N S D A Y A I  
P E T E R U Z N R T G B R N J  
T B L A Z B D T R E V I N K O  
R P G G E R U C S M K X O S S  
J M A J F O A A P A U Z Y G E  
R Q M H Z O U A A D J A D I P  
Y R E J M K T E T E V G Y V H  
L F L I R E U B R L N U F I S  
E T I K W N M W I I C Q C N K  
E G A E E B N L C N B E H G X  
P V O V L U Z P K E Z X T O I  
A U R I C P I L G R I M S P A  
W U W N X I N D I A N S J E A

## Word List

PETER  
AUTUMN  
JOSEPH  
PILGRIMS  
MADELINE  
BROOKE  
GRACE  
INDIANS  
AMELIA  
THANKSGIVING  
RYLEE  
KEVIN  
TREVIN  
VETRANSDAY  
PATRICK

## Where can we find this in Village Elementary School?



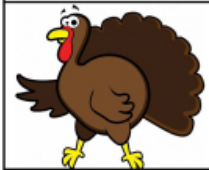
If you know where this well-disguised photo is then write a detailed explanation along with your teacher's name and place your answers in Mrs. McColl's mailbox in the school office. First one to guess correctly wins their name along with their teacher's name in the next edition of the Village NewsFlash! Get your answers in soon. Good Luck!

In the October Village NewsFlash the staff put a picture of the Michael Jackson on the "I mustache you a question" poster. There were four people who located where the picture was and they are all from Ms. Meggison's room. Those students are Jayden R., Sadie F., Trent S., and Elizabeth W. Congratulations, TEAM Meggison!

## A Thanksgiving Comic

by Peter

ON THE DAY BEFORE THANKSGIVING THERE WAS PLENTY OF TURKEYS TO EAT.



BUT ON THANKSGIVING THERE WASN'T ANY TURKEYS TO EAT.



EVERYONE WAS SEARCHING FOR THEM BUT NOBODY FOUND THEM.



ALL OF A SUDDEN, OUT OF NOWHERE THE THANKSGIVING LADY SAVES THE DAY.



AND THANKSGIVING WAS SAVED!



Highly Recommended Book List from the Village News Flash Staff

1. Tuck Everlasting MD
2. Shiloh trilogy MD
3. Brown girl dreaming RT
4. Hatchet PW
5. The Giver GJ
6. Wonder GJ
7. The Penderwicks GJ
8. Percy Jackson/Heroes of Olympus GJ
9. Out of My mind GJ :) - Madeline likes it
10. Inside out and back again KL
11. Stranded KL
12. Frindle PC
13. Island of The Blue Dolphins GJ
14. Lost on a Mountain in Maine MD

Be Sure to Check These Out!