



# THE VILLAGE BLUEBIRD

Village Elementary School

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## Summer Wishes

Dear Families,

The Village School team would like to express our thanks and appreciation to you for helping to make this a positive and productive school year! Your involvement and support in your children's learning experiences are valued and meaningful to their continued growth and development.

We are especially grateful to PTA presidents, Mrs. Petrane and Mrs. Zoffinger-Guidette, their executive board and team of volunteers for enriching our lives with social and cultural activities that support our academic programs. We appreciate the tremendous amount of effort and enthusiasm that you put into all you do for VES. Thank you!

We are also grateful to the VES staff and student body for their hard work, positive energy, and creativity. We are so proud of you! We will celebrate our year and wish our 4<sup>th</sup> graders well during the clap off and full school gathering on the last day of school.

In August, remember to look for placement, school and staff information for the coming school year. Additional updates about next year as well as report card access information and supply lists for next year are included in this issue.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

*Ms. Lacy and Mr. Hadinger*

### IMPORTANT DATES:

- **June 20: Last day of school (1:30 Dismissal), Report Cards Available Online**
- June 21: Staff Development
- June 26: BOE Mtg., UMS, 7:30pm
- Aug. 28: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation, LMS
- Sept. 4-5: Staff Development
- Sept. 5: VES Open Houses - 3rd Gr. 8:30-9:30 4th Gr. 10:00-11:00
- Sept 5: OHES Open Houses - Pre-K & K 9:30-10:30 1st Gr. 11:00-12:00 2nd Gr. 1:30-2:30
- **Sept. 6: First Day of School**
- Sept. 19-20 School Pictures
- Sept. 17: Rosh Hashanah, Schools Closed
- Sept. 18-25: VES Book Fair
- Sept. 19: 3rd Grade Back to School Night
- Sept. 20: 4th Grade Back to School Night
- Sept 26: Yom Kippur, Schools Closed
- Oct. 8: Staff Development, Schools Closed

## Report Card Access

3rd marking period report cards will be available online starting June 20th at 1:30pm. They will be available to view, print, and save.

To log in:

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



If you are unable to log in or do not have an account, please contact Geoff Simpson at [gsimpson@mtsd.us](mailto:gsimpson@mtsd.us)



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# Online Tools to Prevent Summer Regression

This summer our schools are providing free access for every student to two electronic resources that can help them to counteract summer regression: *Raz-Kids* and *Compass Learning Odyssey*.

*Raz-Kids* is a reading program that will differentiate reading instruction for your child by providing access to hundreds of animated leveled books. Students can listen to books for modeled fluency, read books with pronunciation and vocabulary support and record their own reading. They are able to complete interactive quizzes at the end of the book to check for understanding. Your child should have received his or her login and password already. If not, please check with your child's teacher.



*Odyssey* is another web-based resource available to help students review content and practice skills in Math, Science, Social Studies and Language Arts. Student logins have already been provided, and Village School students have been using it both at school and at home. Data from our June MAP assessments will be used to create newly differentiated learning paths in *Odyssey* for all VES learners.

*Raz-Kids* and *Odyssey* can be accessed from our school website at <http://www.mtsd.k12.nj.us/student> along with several other recommended web-based educational programs.

## Summer Skills Sharpener Books

Sometimes parents ask us for recommendations for additional print resources that can support or extend the topics learned in school. In response to this request, we are providing you information regarding the Summer Skills series by Tri-C Publications. This print based program is not provided by the school district, but can be purchased by families who would like their children to maintain or extend their skills over the summer months.

The ***Summer Skills Sharpener*** books...

support topics in Montgomery's curriculum

provide a refresher of basic skills already taught during the preceding year. (A student usually works in the book for the grade level most recently completed. Some children benefit from books at higher or lower grade levels. Speak with your child's teacher if you are unsure as to whether or not your child is working on, above or slightly below grade level so that you can order the book(s) appropriate to his or her level.)

contain a series of varied and interesting tasks on each page

provide enough pages so students can refresh their skills three times per week for ten weeks

contain an answer key and/or solutions for each task. "Tutorial Help" pages are also included.

are organized by one grade level per book for K-8 Language Arts and in the same way for K-8

Mathematics. In addition, there are subject specific books for Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Geometry, Spanish I and II, French I, Keyboarding, and High School Review.

use a mixed skill format in the single subject books that pinpoint the areas of difficulty and reinforce the most important concepts over the summer months

You can find all of the materials offered by Tri-C Publications at their website at <http://www.summerskills.com>

Orders can be placed with the company at 800-411-8186.



# General 2012-2013 Supply List For Rising 3rd Graders

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. **Toward the end of the summer, you will receive information regarding additional items specific to your classroom.**

- 12 sharpened pencils
- 1 set of crayons OR colored pencils (keep to no more than 24 colors)
- 2 rolls of scotch tape in individual plastic dispensers
- 4 dry erase markers
- 1 pencil box (standard plastic rectangular one)
- 1 highlighter
- 4 Post-It note pads
- 4 composition notebooks
- 1 one-subject spiral notebook
- 2 glue sticks

Headphones 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.

Remember to be on the lookout in August for a letter from your classroom teacher with some additional supplies as well as a warm welcome to VES.

Enjoy your summer and we will see you in September!

Sincerely,

The Third Grade Team



# *General 2012-2013 Supply List For Rising 4th Graders*

Dear Rising 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Students and Families,

In an effort to make your supply shopping easier, the fourth 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. **Toward the end of the summer, you will receive information regarding additional items specific to your classroom.**

Sharpened pencils – enough to last a while

Soft pencil case

Scotch tape

Post-it Notes with lines (not the “Super Sticky” variety)

Headphones in a Ziplock bag with your name on it – for your personal use

Feel free to bring in your own scissors, colored pencils, crayons, etc. Each classroom will have a supply, but many students prefer to have their own.

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 6<sup>th</sup>!

Sincerely,

*The Fourth Grade Team*



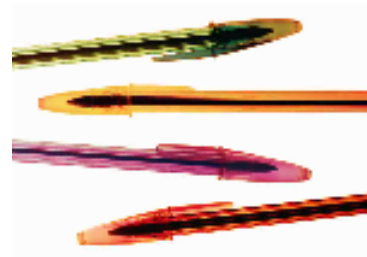
# General 2012-2013 Supply List For Rising 5th Graders

## Bring to school on the first day:

- Soft pencil case
- Box of pencils (24 pencils)
- Black or blue pens
- Erasers
- Hand-held pencil sharpener with cover
- Colored pencils
- 6 rolls of tape in a dispenser
- Loose-leaf paper
- Scissors
- Hand sanitizer

## Things to keep in your locker:

- 4 marble notebooks (do not label)
- 2 spiral notebook with plastic cover (at least 100 sheets)
- 2" binder and five divider pages (for Spanish/Communications)
- Post-Its (3" x 3" minimum)
- 3 different color highlighters
- 2 different color pens (red & other bright colors )
- Dry erase marker (Expo for individual use)
- White board eraser (a clean sock works just as well)
- Safety goggles in a Zip-loc bag (Be sure that you bring goggles as opposed to safety glasses. Do not bring ski goggles, swimming goggles, or goggles with tinted lenses. Goggles should feel comfortable to wear.)
- Glue sticks
- New, unwashed, white, cotton tee shirt (for Industrial Technology)
- 3 x 5 index cards
- 4 x 6 index cards (for Communications)



## If you are taking Chorus as your Music Elective:

- 1 single-subject notebook (marble or spiral)
- 1 folder with pockets

## Things to keep at home for when needed at school:

- ♦ Extra pencils, clear tape, and other supplies that will need to be replenished throughout the year

## Optional:

- White Out Tape
- TI-34 II Calculator
- USB Memory Key (2GB is sufficient; you should not spend more than approximately \$10.00. While this is optional, it is highly recommended.)



## Do Not Purchase:

- Zipper Binders/Trapper Keepers
- Liquid White Out – **not permitted in school**
- Rolling backpacks
- Gel pens/permanent markers

Please remember that your child may run out of certain items throughout the year, and they will need to be replaced.

Individual teachers will ask for a few more items in the first days of school.

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## MONTGOMERY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

### MISSION STATEMENT

*Our mission as a forward-thinking community is to ensure that students grow into confident, compassionate, and successful learners in a global society by providing engaging and challenging educational experiences in a student-centered environment.*

## Moving?



If your family is moving out of district, to any other address within district, or if your child will not be returning to Montgomery Schools next year, please notify Mrs. Bidetti in the main office as soon as you have finalized your plans. Mrs. Bidetti can be reached at 609-466-7606 or [lbidetti@mtsd.us](mailto:lbidetti@mtsd.us).

## Suggested Summer Reading

*~Mrs. Antoniewicz, Media Specialist*

Suggested reading lists for third and fourth graders are available on the VES homepage for your review.



## A Note From Our Nurses

~ Mrs. McGuirk and Mrs. Woodard  
Phone (609) 466-7606 Fax (609) 466-7190

Dear Parents,

- ◆ Please take note of the following information for the end of this school year and the beginning of next school year: Please pick up medications that were brought in during the school year. All medications that are not picked up will be discarded.
- ◆ Please pick up medical equipment that was brought in during the school year.
- ◆ Please return clothing items that your child may have borrowed.
- ◆ If your child has asthma or food allergies, look for the necessary forms to come home before the end of the school year.

The VES Nurse will be in the Health Office during the Open House on September 5th to meet with parents and collect medications/forms. Please try to submit this most important information before the first day of school!

Have a wonderful summer and please do not hesitate to call the VES Health Office with any questions you may have.

*The VES Nurses*