



The Village School

Montessori Education | est. 1977

2018-2019
Impact Report





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Our Mission

Our mission in partnership with teachers, parents and students, is to nurture a lifelong love of learning. Our "whole child" focus creates self-motivated, creative, critical thinkers and kind, responsible global citizens. We are unflagging in our commitment to our students and strive to create an exceptional and authentic Montessori environment so that each student may achieve their maximum potential.

Our Philosophy & Guiding Principles

The Village School is guided by the theory and practice of the Montessori philosophy and believes that it is fundamentally important to:

Foster a lifelong love of learning.

Impart a challenging curriculum that supports and respects individual learning styles in multi-age classrooms.

Educate the whole child by recognizing and respecting the physical, emotional, and intellectual individuality of each child.

Nurture in each child creativity, independence, self confidence, and the joy of discovery.

Provide well-structured environments, order and orientation in classrooms, proper sequencing of materials, and a consistent educational approach.

Encourage sensitivity and awareness for all people and cultures as well as for the global environment.

Affirm and support the value of family-school partnerships by encouraging active family involvement.

Develop a sense of community in and out of classrooms by encouraging cooperative learning, problem solving, and community service.

The Village School is a private, not-for profit Montessori school educating children in programs from Toddler through Middle School. Students come from Bergen, Passaic and Rockland Counties and range from ages 18 months to 14 years.

The Village School was founded on the principles and philosophy of Dr. Maria Montessori, reflecting that each child is inherently unique, having individual talents, interests, and internal schedules. The entire environment of our school, both physical and philosophically, is designed so that each child can pursue the course which will best promote his or her development.

The Village School is an Accredited school of the American Montessori Society and the Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools. It is also a member of the New Jersey Association of Independent Schools and the New Jersey Montessori Administrators' Council.

Disclaimer: This Annual Report is for the period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The Development Office has made every effort to ensure the information in this report is accurate and complete. For misspellings of names, omissions, or other errors, please accept our apologies and notify us at 201-445-6160, so that we may accurately correct our records.

Dear Village School Families and Friends,

We are very grateful for everything that you do to support The Village School. Your support is fundamental in making The Village School both financially stable and in building a strong supportive community working together to provide an amazing learning environment in which children can flourish.

In this report we have highlighted the importance of music in our school and how it enriches the children's educational experience. Maria Montessori said that "Music can touch us in a way that nothing else can. No better gift can we give to the children than to open this door for them."

All schools are required to provide a fundamental education, however, education should be about a lot more than just reading, math and taking tests. As an independent school we have the freedom to make important decisions as to what we feel will most enrich the children's learning.

As you already know tuition pays for the fundamentals. Fundraising pays for the extras which impacts all areas of school life. Fundraising enables us to have music on all levels with two full time music teachers. It also pays for the orchestras, choruses and percussion groups that further enhance our student experiences. It pays for updated materials and technology, it provides specialist subjects such as journalism and makerspace. It enables us to provide scholarships which helps to create a diverse environment. It also pays for staff development which ensures that our staff are kept fresh and current in their field.

This year our 'Fund A Need' paid for us to renovate our elementary playground providing both a safe and functional area for the children to use during school time and for families to use after school.

We are grateful to everyone who contributed to fundraising this year, to those who made monetary donations to the Annual Fund and the Endowment Campaign, the businesses/people that donated items to the auction, the volunteers that chaired events. There are also many people that support the school in other ways, such as attending events, providing food for events or helping in the background.

As Directors of The Village School we are extremely thankful that we have you to support us in our mission to nurture a lifelong love of learning and create children that are self-motivated, creative critical thinkers who are also kind, responsible global citizens.

As a community we can all be proud that our fundraising efforts have enabled us to provide the children with an exceptional and authentic Montessori environment in which each child may achieve their full potential.

Marilyn and Dadmara



Marilyn Larkin



Dadmara DeSantis



Music at the Village School

The idea that every child is able to express themselves musically lies at the center of the Montessori philosophy. The Village School, established in 1977, has always placed a great emphasis on music education. It enables children to communicate and express themselves non-verbally; helps them to understand and enjoy music; enhances their math skills, literacy, and overall brain development; and can even improve their academic performance.

While music is a separate lesson in the day, it is also a natural and integral part of classroom life starting at the toddler level. Songs are heard at the start of the day, during transitions, through their walk down the hallway and on the playground. There is music being made or heard in almost every corner of our school.

Through the year, music is infused into our community celebrations and presentations. Our International Day begins and ends with songs that all children learn and sing together as a community. Middle School students are given an additional task to accompany these songs on instruments. Each grade level shares a song at the Thanksgiving celebration and our day ends with an annual sing-along of "Over the River and Through the Woods". Our graduation ceremony is a vast musical presentation. It not only allows each grade level to present a musical gift to the 8th grade students but also gives graduates an opportunity to showcase their musical talents.

Marina Krasnopolsky, joined the Village School as a Music Teacher in 2007. At that time, she taught all students from Toddler to Middle School and a small chorus of about 15 students that met weekly after school. With her experience in



operatic music and enthusiasm for choral repertoire, our chorus grew and in order to give older children an opportunity to perform more challenging material, our group was expanded into Junior (3-4th grade) and Senior (5-8th grade) Choruses.

Last year, Thad Wheeler joined our music faculty and brought with him his vast experience in instrumental music. Our instrumental program was initially implemented in 2013 with just a small group of children taking instrumental lessons at the school. This group formed into a Junior Orchestra, which consists of students who are beginning to study an orchestral instrument. Being in orchestra gives them an opportunity to make music with others, even if they have only learned to play 3 notes. Instrumental parts are adjusted to every child's ability and working together, they create music and an experience they can feel proud of.

At the initiation of instrumental program, there was also a small group of students who have taken instrumental lessons for several years and were proficient music sight readers. This became our new Chamber Orchestra, which is the only audition performance group at our school. Students who audition for the Chamber Orchestra have been taking lessons for several years, are able to learn music independently and work



on playing more challenging, classical orchestral repertoire.

Before joining us at the Village School, Thad worked as a professional percussionist performing on Broadway and around the world. He drew on his experience to create a new ensemble allowing many of our piano students to participate in a Percussion Ensemble. Students learn to use many of our pitched and non-pitched instruments and work on improvised and classical repertoire.

The Village School has several music concerts throughout the year. The choruses and orchestras perform a holiday and spring concert. Around February and March, Upper Elementary and Middle School students work to put on a talent show. Acts for the talent show range from songs, solo or group instrumental and original compositions. With some guidance from Marina and Thad, students work on putting this together on their own time, often coming in to practice early in the morning or during their recess time.

Our choral students also participate in American Young Voices, which is a unique choral experience consisting of over 6,000 children from the tri-state area, singing together at the Prudential Center in Newark, NJ. Over the past years, several of our students auditioned and were accepted into a prestigious NJ Honors Chorus. This gives them an opportunity to sing with students from all around the state and learn from renowned conductors.

Every year, we have more and more students taking instrumental lessons at the school. Our program allows students to take lessons during the day or directly after school, making it a convenient choice for busy families. With the growth of our instrumental program, grew a need to allow those students an opportunity to perform and share their work with others. In June, we organize two instrumental music concerts where students who took lessons have a choice to perform a solo and occasionally together with other students of their same instrument family.

Music classes at the Village School allow children to experience music in many forms through singing, dance, movement, listening and music history. At the

earliest level, children hear stories of great classical composers through story-telling. Later in Upper Elementary, as they learn music notation, they will play music of this composer in classroom instrumental ensembles. Our music room is filled with a large variety of percussion instruments, recorders and ukuleles, giving each child a new way to experience music.

So why does the Village School put such an emphasis on music? Dr. John Feierabend, Professor Emeritus at the Hartt School of Music, is a leading authority in music and movement development in early childhood. He explains that our goal as music educators is to help children grow into adults that are tuneful, beatful and artful so they can participate in the music that is interwoven throughout our lives. Children and adults that are tuneful can sing Happy Birthday in tune with others or lullaby to a crying baby. Adults who are beatful can clap a beat at a sporting event or dance at their child's wedding. Artful individuals are moved by the music that they hear in concert halls, religious ceremonies, radio and can enjoy this shared experience with others in the room. Through our great commitment to music education and emphasis on musical programming, the Village School teachers strive to instill in our children a lifelong appreciation of music.

Sources: <https://rockandrolldaycare.com/7-reasons-music-important-montessori-education/>
<https://www.feierabendmusic.org/first-steps-in-music-for-preschool-and-beyond/>

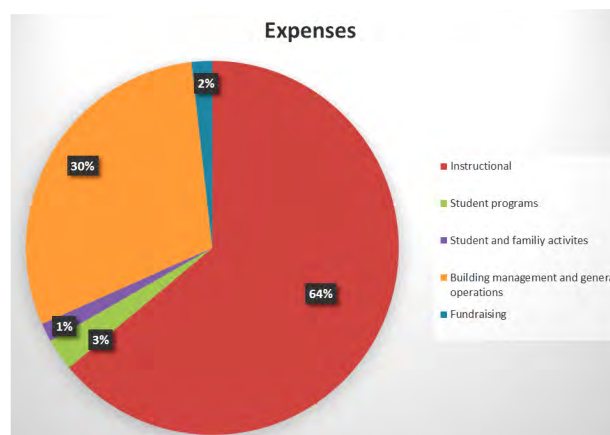
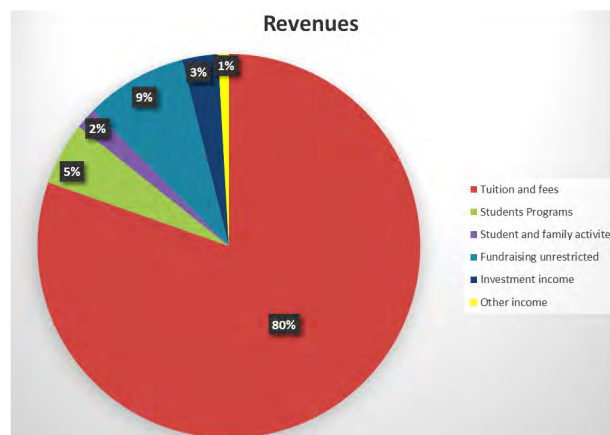


Income & Expenses for Year Ended June 30, 2019

As an independent school, The Village School receives no public funding. We rely on tuition which covers 80% of the cost of running the school and the Annual Fund which covers the additional 20%. This additional 20% is made up of tax deductible donations and fundraising activities. All Village School families are expected to participate in our Annual Fund at whatever level they are able.

Revenue	2018-2019
Tuition & Fees	\$3,516,759
Student programs	\$232,125
Student and family activities	\$79,601
Fundraising unrestricted	\$375,228
Investment income	\$132,751
Other income	\$39,240
Total Revenue	\$4,375,704
Expenses	2018-2019
<u>Program services</u>	
Instructional	\$2,833,522
Student programs	\$123,930
Student and family activities	\$70,842
<u>Supporting services</u>	
Management and general operations	\$1,324,124
Fundraising	\$79,261
Total Expenses	\$4,431,679

Revenues & Expenses

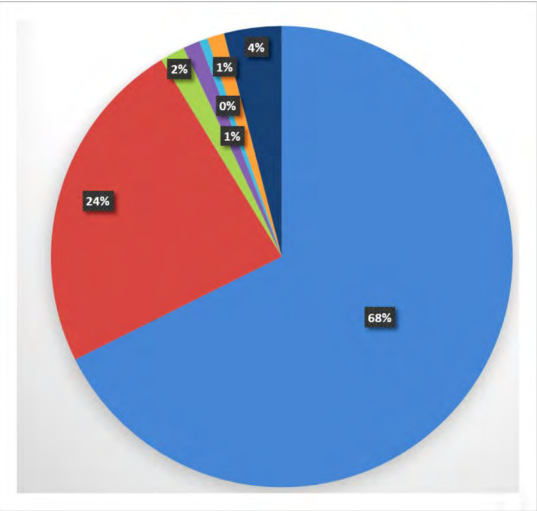


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Unrestricted Fundraising net of expenses (received from July 2018 through June 2019).

Annual Giving	\$253,791
Auction	\$88,649
Scholastic Book Fair	\$6,540
School Photographs	\$4,462
Casino Night	\$2,171
School Supplies	\$1,807
Peter Brown book sales	\$1,392
Spring Plant Sale	\$480
Amazon Smile	\$461
Fall Plant Sale	\$160
Stop and Shop	\$76
Box tops	\$75
Primary Clothing	\$14
Annual Fund Total	\$360,078
Annual Fund Target	\$ 400,000
Endowment Campaign	\$15,150
Total Fundraising	\$375,228

Fundraising



Gifts to The Village School Endowment.

Donations to The Village School's Endowment are gifts that keep on giving well into the future, and also provide the opportunity to support the current needs of the school. Building a strong Endowment will ensure that the school continues to remain financially healthy for future generations. We would like to thank the following people for supporting our Endowment this year.

The Enduring Gift Of Giving

Flags of the World Friends
\$100,000 and over
Copper Beech Foundation

Reading Analysis Friends
\$50,000 to \$99,999
Ann Marie Snyder and Gary Schulze

Golden Bead Bar Friends
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Dianne and Joseph Licata
Mary Lynch and Jay Kubinak





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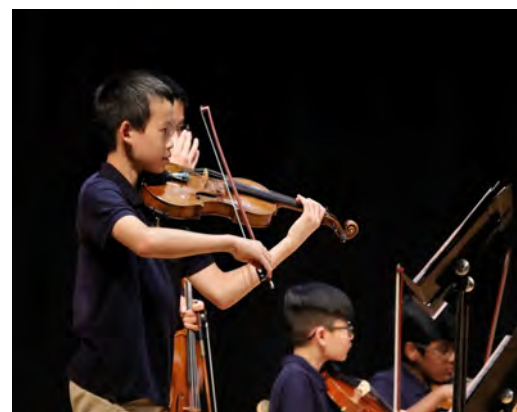
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Enis and Maria Alberaqqdar
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Keith and Elisa Billis
Randolph Borbon and Elizabeth
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Jinwen and Vivian Chen
Edward Cillick
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Christine and Emilio Quines
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Rahul and Dravina Reddy
Deborah and Shimon Rubin
Ron and Dania Sander
Bruce Scofield
Elise and Adam Sewall
Stephanie and Bill Song
John and Mary Ann Uzzi

Geometric Demonstration
Tray Friends
Up to \$249

Christopher and Veronica Aquilino
Patricia Barrett
Andrea and Eric Bendjouya
Tina Black



Michelle Bork and Family
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Sue Breger
Toni-Marie Brickhouse
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Paul Cavanaugh and Manal Toukan
Anthony and Trish Cavlov
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Ginine and Christopher Cilenti
Krista Constantine
Mary Ann and Michael Contreras
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Donna Cotter
Angela Criscuolo
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Mari and Jack Davis
Joseph Diamond
Abbe Dienstag
Laura and Steve Dykstra
LeMarre Dyson
Jon Faddis and Laurelyn Douglas
Karen Fischer
Cherrie Fleisher Strauss
Robert Fontaine
Larry Gallo
Jaime Lyn and Mark Garber

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Lena Goebel
Meryl Goldman
Hali Goodman
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Dale Greenfeld
Himanshu and Shilpi Gupta
Peter and Alexis Gutierrez
Manny and Shari Haber
Fern Haber-Friedman
Sarah Harris
Joseph and Lorraine Haskins
Irene Herlinsky
HK Promotions
Nicole Jablon
Camila Kaune
Erika and Dwight Kern
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Stephanie Kim
Jeannie and Scott Koehler

Mariusz and Katarzyna Kolodziej
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John Kubinak
Alessandro Laiolo and Naomi Pestana
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Susan and Ian Ratner
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Kim and James Sauerwein
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Susan and Steven Shaw
Joyce Sinclair
Salvatore and Claire Stile
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Sean and Stephanie Thompson
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**(Geometric Demonstration
Tray Friends Continued)**

Christine and Richard Virginia
Faye Waanders
Brenda and Joseph Weiss
Thad Wheeler
Ben Wolinsky
David Wolinsky and Nancy
Iannaconne

In Honor Gifts

Frank Avellino and Steve Hess
*In Honor of Ryan Percy
Class of 2012*

Kit Mui and Wan Chang
*In Honor of Kuokuok Kin
Chang*

Brian and Vanessa Fuchs
In Honor of Lennon Fuchs

Wei and Mei Gao Wu
*In Honor of "The Wonderful
211 Teachers"*

Sangeetha Sivasubramani and
Rajesh Kandaswamy
*In Honor of The Village
School Teachers*

Paul and Alexandra Marynchev
*In Honor of Sasha
Marynchev*

Nadine and Coi Morrison
*In Honor of Coi-Anne
Morrison*

Kayode and Jahaira Olowe

*In Honor of Blasina
Olowe*

Dania and Ron Sander
In Honor of Mia Cristo
Salvatore and Claire Stile
*In Honor of Lennon
Fuchs*

Aaron Stotesbury and Rosa
Tang

*In Honor of Colton
Stotesbury*

P&J Uddo Family Foundation
Inc

*In Honor of Griffen
and Sawyer Kaniuga*

In Memory Gifts

Ron and Annette Carr
*In Memory of Rose
Tosone*

Edward Cillick
*In Memory of Betty
Sandsmark*

Mary Lynch and Jay Kubinak
*In Memory of Betty
Sandsmark*

Maria Santos
*In Memory of Jason
Meji*

Joyce Sinclair
*In Memory of Margaret
"Dolly" Perimutter
Heather's Mom*



The Enduring Gift Of Giving Continued

The following people made gifts to The Village School in Memory of Karen Diamond. Karen, her husband Stephen and their daughter Emma (Village School Alumni) who were long-time supporters and friends of The Village School.

Bank Leumi USA
Patricia Barrett
Alma and Caio Blinder
Michelle Bork and Family
Roberta Braun
Sue Breger
Ron and Annette Carr
Casey Childs
Mark and Suzette Corrado
Leslie Moscou Corren
Mari and Jack Davis
Dadmara and Joe DeSantis
Joseph Diamond
Abbe Dienstag
LaMarre Dyson
Cherrie Fleisher-Strauss
Larry Gallo
Meryl Goldman
Hali Goodman

Dale Greenfeld
Manny and Shari Haber
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Kelly Ripa
Janet and Marvin Rosen
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Deb Schechter
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Gifts to The Village School Endowment

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\$2500 to \$5000

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Up to \$499

Trish and Anthony Cavlov
Wan and Kit Mui Chang
John and Lisa Kapitan
Joseph Cheng and Tina Hu
Mary Ann and Michael Contreras
Cindy and Stephen Morante
Julie and Michael O'Brien
Andrew Samson and Linda Biancardi

2018-2019 Community Volunteers

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Mary Lynch
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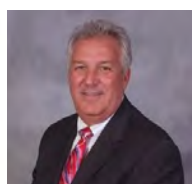
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Family Events Chairs - Crissy Dailey and Georgia Killilea
Parent Events Chair - Amy Dalal
New Family Welcome Events Chair - Jessica Ochs
Assembly Chair - Patty Martiesian
Speaker Series Chair - Sue Kwon
Alumni Q&A Chair - Lois Miao



Meet the 2019/2020 Village School Trustees



Ronald H. Carr Jr. is the proud parent of two Village School Alumni. As a Senior Partner at Creative Financial Strategies with over 37 years in the financial services industry, Ron specializes in employee and executive benefits as well as investment and insurance services. He holds several designations including; CERTIFIED FINANCIAL PLANNER™ professional (CFP®), a Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU), and Chartered Financial Consultant (CHFC®). He is a member of the distinguished Million Dollar Round Table, the New Jersey Chapter of the National Associate of Insurance and Financial Advisors, The Society of Financial Service Professionals, the Greater New Jersey Estate Planning Council, the Financial Planning Association, and the National Association of Health Underwriters. Ron is a graduate of Rutgers University, with a B.S. degree in Economics. He is a former Board Member and Vice Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Valerie Fund, a charity dedicated to children with cancer and blood disorders and remains involved in many of their fund-raising events.



Dr. Emanuel (Manny) Haber is a Podiatrist and Director of The Foot & Ankle Centre of NJ in Paramus and is on staff at The Valley Hospital in Ridgewood. Dr. Haber is a graduate of Case Western Reserve University, with a B.A. in Biology, and earned his D.P.M. from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. He did a Podiatric surgical residency at St. Michael's Medical Center in Newark. He has served on the Development Committee of The Village School and is an original member of the Directors Council, now known as the Board of Trustees. He is married to Shari and has two children, Jakob and Carly, both of whom are graduates of The Village School.



Diana Kaniuga began her professional career at the prestigious art auction house Phillips, Son, and Neale in Manhattan, shortly after receiving her B.A. in Art History from Dickinson College in 1996. After four years, Diana decided to transition to a career in advertising where she managed client services and strategic planning for some of the first billion dollar brands in the pharmaceutical industry. Her client roster included products from Pfizer, Wyeth, Janssen and UCB. After more than a decade in the industry she and her husband started a family and moved to Ridgewood, New Jersey. She is currently a managing member of her family's foundation, and president of Uddo Holdings, LLC an investment partnership. Today, Diana enjoys volunteering and fundraising at The Village School where both of her children currently attend, and staying active with tennis, rock climbing, reading, and cooking. She also volunteers in many of her surrounding New Jersey communities.



Christopher J. Leonard, LCSW, M.Ed. is the Director of Operations at Sage Day Schools and is on the Executive Board of New Alliance Academy. Mr. Leonard served as Principal of Sage Day's Rochelle Park campus from 1998-2011. His passions include building school communities and problem-based learning. A 1983 cum laude graduate of Boston University, Mr. Leonard taught in Central Harlem and two Bergen County school districts before earning his MSW from New York University in 1993. As a social worker, Mr. Leonard has worked extensively with children, adolescents and families at the Division of Family

Guidance, at Alternatives to Domestic Violence, as a member of the Ho-Ho-Kus Child Study Team and in private practice which he has maintained since 1995. In 1998, Mr. Leonard earned his certification in Group Psychotherapy from the New Jersey Institute for Training in Psychoanalysis. He followed this in 2002 with his M.Ed. in Educational Leadership from William Paterson University. Mr. Leonard is married with two daughters and enjoys distance running, mountain and road biking, hiking, and the outdoors.



Mary Lynch (interim Chair) is the parent of a Village School lifer, John Kubinak, who attended from 1997 to 2008. Mary received a BA from Rutgers College and an MBA from Seton Hall University. She has worked in Software sales for 25 years and is currently employed by Oracle Corporation. In her spare time, she loves to travel, exercise and work with charities. She is privileged to be a part of the Board and The Village School Community.



Michael O'Brien founded Deerhill Pond Investment Partners, LP in 2007, dedicated to investing in the financial service industry. Mr. O'Brien worked 22 years for Keefe, Bruyette & Woods (KBW). He was Portfolio Manager for two funds, served as President of KBW Asset Management, and as a member of the Board of Directors and Operating Committee for KBW. He ran KBW's London office and advised portfolio managers overseas and in NY and PA. Mr. O'Brien served as a Managing Director for Data Resources, Inc. (DRI), an economic consulting firm.

Mr. O'Brien graduated with an MBA from Stanford University, and a BA in Economics from Trinity College. Mr. O'Brien is married to Julie and they have five children and two grandchildren. Mr. O'Brien has been an active member of the Church of Presentation and leads a ministry dedicated to helping the inner-city Catholic schools thrive. He served as Vice Chairman of the Board of the Scholarship Fund for Inner-City Children (SFIC) for three years. Mr. O'Brien enjoys swimming, body surfing, biking, quiet reading, writing and reflection time, his 6 AM weekly men's group at church, the Bergen County Society (BCS) men's group where he serves on the Board, coaching his children's sports teams, sponsoring inner-city children's education, and serving as a merit badge counselor for the Boy Scouts. Mr. O'Brien is a survivor of the bombings in the World Trade Center in 1993 and 2001. He has one son in his 11th year at the Village School and two older boys who attended. He was Co-chair of the last Capital Campaign.



Ann Marie Snyder is the parent of two current Village School students. Both children began their education in the Toddler Program and are now Upper Elementary students. Ann Marie attended Ridgewood Public Schools K-12 and graduated from Gettysburg College with a B.A. in Sociology. She worked in the field of Marketing Research for consumer goods and services in New York City before returning to Ridgewood to start her family. Ann Marie has been an active member of The Village School community serving as room parent, vice-president and president of the Parent Association, Development Committee member, and co-chair of the "Building for Our Children" Capital Campaign. Outside of the Village School, Ann Marie has been an active member of the Ridgewood Fourth of July Committee, was named Ridgewood's Volunteer of the year in 2008, and is a member of both the Ridgewood C.E.R.T. (Certified Emergency Response Team) and the Bergen County C.A.R.T (Community Animal Rescue Team). Ann Marie enjoys spending time with her husband and two children, supporting her daughter's extensive efforts in horse showing and her son's interest in computer coding and intricate Lego construction projects.





Frequently Asked Questions

What High Schools do Alumni of The Village School attend?

Academy of the Holy Angels
 Albertus Magnus
 The American School, Puerto Vallarta
 Bergen County Academies
 Bergen County Technical High School
 Bergen Catholic High School
 Blair Academy
 Delbarton School
 DePaul Catholic High School
 Don Bosco Preparatory High School
 Dwight-Englewood School
 Eastern Christian High School
 Emma Willard School
 Green Meadow Waldorf School
 Hackley School
 Hawthorne Valley Waldorf School
 Holderness School
 The Hudson School
 Immaculate Heart Academy
 Indian Hills High School
 Mahwah High School
 Marymount International School, Rome
 Midland Park High School
 Montclair Kimberley Academy
 Morristown-Beard School
 Northern Highlands Regional High School
 Paramus Catholic High School
 Peddie School
 Phillips Academy Andover
 Pompton Lakes High School
 Ramapo High School
 Ramsey High School
 Regis High School
 Ridgewood High School

River Dell Regional High School
 Rondout Valley High School
 Saddle River Day School
 Salisbury School
 Stratton Mountain School
 Seton Hall Preparatory School
 St. Joseph High School
 Tenaflly High School
 Waldwick High School
 Westwood Regional High School

What Colleges do Alumni of The Village School Attend?

Alfred University
 The American University of Rome
 Bard College
 Barnard College
 Bergen Community College
 Berklee College of Music
 Boston College
 College of William & Mary
 Columbia University
 Cornell University
 Dartmouth College
 Dickinson College
 Drexel University
 Dyson Institute of Technology
 Elon University
 Emerson College
 Fordham University
 Franklin & Marshall College
 Georgetown University
 The George Washington University
 Goucher College
 Hofstra University
 James Madison University

Johns Hopkins University
 Long Island University CW Post
 Loyola University
 Marist College
 Monmouth College
 Muhlenberg College
 New York University
 North Carolina State University
 Northwestern University
 Pace University
 Passaic County Community College
 Penn State University
 Quinnipiac University
 Rhodes College
 Rhode Island School of Design
 Rockland Community College
 Roger Williams University
 Rowan University
 Rutgers University
 Salve Regina University
 School of Visual Arts NYU
 Seton Hall University
 Siena College

Smith College
 St. Lawrence University
 Stevens Institute of Technology
 Syracuse University
 The College of New Jersey
 Towson University
 Trinity College
 Tufts University
 University of Arizona
 University of CA Santa Barbara
 University of Colorado Boulder
 University of Connecticut
 University of Miami
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