Village Academy's November 2026 Virtual PTA/Title I Meeting

Monday, November 23, 2026 at 6:30pm



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"PLACING STUDENTS ON THE PATH TO SUCCESS"

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Agenda

- Community resources
  - **STH/ Migrant resources**
  - **Pantry information**
- Title1~ Ms. Lambert, Title1 Chairperson
- VA Upcoming Events
- Dr Lee School Wide Announcement
- Village Academy Community Partnerships
  - Ms. Shamika Simmons~MSK Program

Chairperson Title 1

Title I is the largest federal education grant in the country, providing extra funding to schools to help close achievement gaps and ensure every student meets state academic standards. Think of Title I as **extra fuel for our school**: it pays for academic programs, technology, and family workshops that our regular school budget wouldn't otherwise cover. Because Village Academy operates a **Title I Schoolwide Program**, these resources support **every student in the building**—not just a select group.

What Parent Engagement Funds Can (and Cannot) Pay For

Parents often ask what that 1% set-aside actually looks like in practice. Keep the rule simple: the money must help families support their children's learning at home and at school.

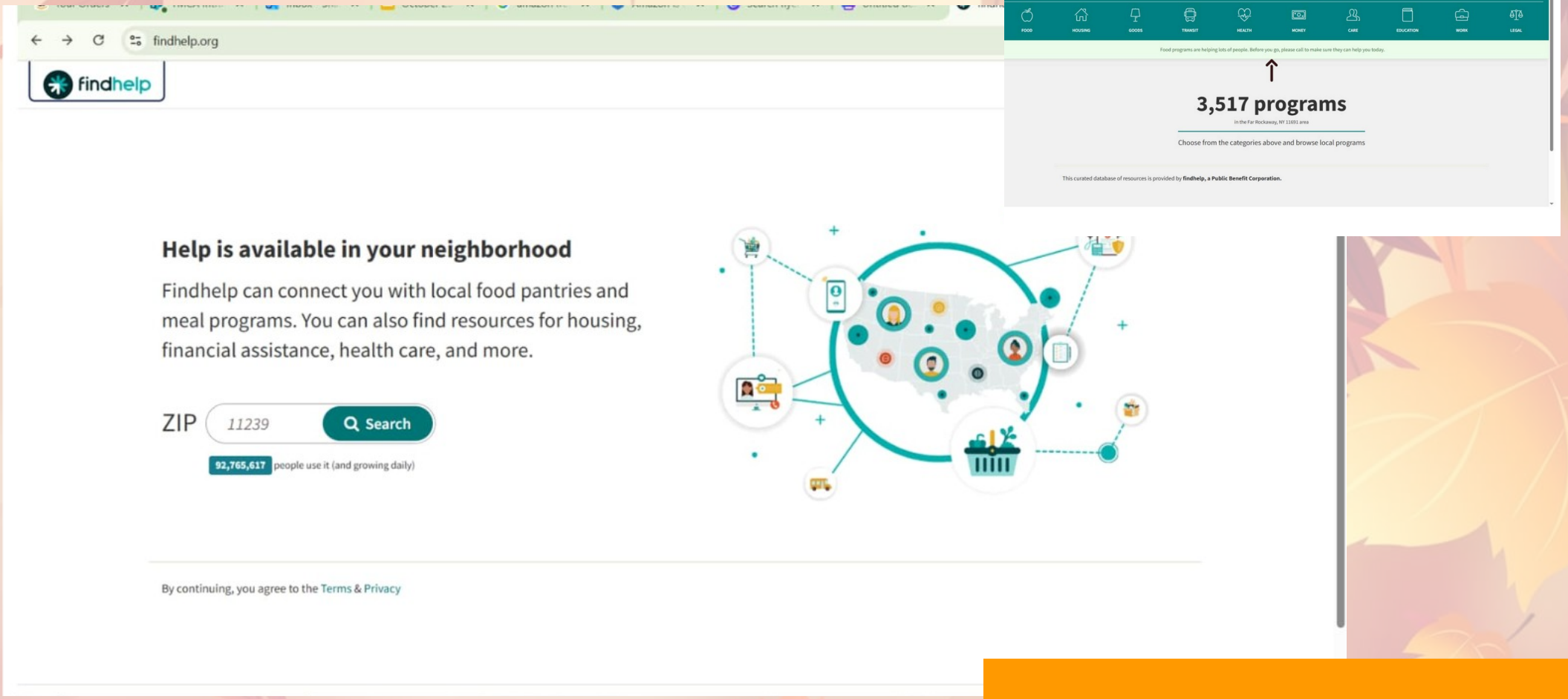
- **Allowed (Examples to Pitch Tonight):**
  - **Family Workshops:** Sessions on helping with homework, navigating school portals, high school/college readiness, or family wellness and nutrition.
  - **Removing Barriers to Attendance:** Translation and interpretation services so all families can participate in their home language, reasonable transportation assistance for Title I events, and light refreshments for evening meetings.
  - **Take-Home Learning Materials:** Books, educational guides, or family literacy kits tied to workshops.
- **Not Allowed:**
  - Student-only field trips, class parties, general PTA fundraising overhead, or gifts/incentives that aren't tied to family academic engagement.

The 1% ($2,496.00) Parent & Family Engagement Set-Aside (Your Direct Voice)

- **The rule:** Under federal law (ESSA) and NYC Chancellor's Regulation A-655, at least **1% of our school's Title I funding** is strictly reserved for parent and family engagement.
- **Who decides:** School leadership cannot spend this money alone—**parents must be consulted** and jointly agree on how these funds are used.

Community resources

Great Website Tool:



FindHelp.org

Community resources

STH/ Migrant resources

- Immigrants and Public Safety
- Immigrants and Workforce Development/Financial Empowerment
- Immigrants and Education
- Immigrants and Wellness

For more information:
MOIA Immigration Legal Support Hot line - MOIA

For services and Programs in Far Rockaway & Other Communities
https://www.findhelp.org/

Mayor's Office of Immigrant Affairs

Community resources

Food Store Deal:



Host Thanksgiving for 10 under $39.* Only at ALDI.

- [ ] Whole Turkey
- [ ] Chef's Cupboard Stuffing Mix (x3)
- [ ] Baby Peeled Carrots
- [ ] Celery
- [ ] Cranberries (12oz)
- [ ] Sweet Potatoes (3lbs)
- [ ] L'oven Fresh Hawaiian Sweet Rolls
- [ ] Season's Choice Steamable Frozen Peas (x2)
- [ ] Baker's Corner Pumpkin Pie Mix
- [ ] Bake House Creations Pie Crusts
- [ ] Friendly Farms Whole Milk
- [ ] Friendly Farms Heavy Whipping Cream

https://www.aldi.us/store/aldi/pages/thanksgiving-meal?srsltid=AYCX9vILNWARD1096Nh98Ajv310-xzzv6QC-tQIPK1DAwnbMDMOkUuqu

Pantry Information:

- **Full Gospel Tabernacle**
  361 Beach 42nd Street
  Open Saturday 10:00am -12:00 pm
- **First Church of God**
  14-25 Beach Channel Drive
  Wednesday 9:30 am - 12:00 pm
- **Catholic Charities**
  434 Beach 54th street
  Thursday 12:00 pm 2:00 pm
- **Saint Rose of Lima Church**
  130 Beach 84th street
  Tuesday & Friday 10:00 am - 11:45 am

Food Pantries Far-Rockaway Area
and other communities:
https://ww.findhelp.org/food/food-pantry--far-rockaway-ny?cursor=10&limit=10

Solid Rock SDA Church Pantry
52-05 Rockaway Beach Blvd.
Hours: Tuesday 10:00am - 11:00am

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VA Upcoming Events:

Tuesday, November 24th ~ VA Fall Harvest Luncheon at 12pm

Thursday & Friday November 26th & 27th ~ Thanksgiving Recess ***No School***

Tuesday, December 1st ~ 1st Marking Period Honor Roll Breakfast at 9:30am

Tuesday, December 9th ~ VA Day (In-Person) Fall Open House 11am

Wednesday, December 16th ~ Senior Cap and Gown Picture Day & School Wide

Thursday, December 17th ~ VA SGA Taken Show

Friday, December 18th ~ 6th-grade students to the Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)

Monday-Wednesday, December 21st -23rd ~ VA Spirit Week

Wednesday - Friday, December 24- January 1, 2027 ~Winter Recess **NO SCHOOL**

Creating Your New York City Schools Account (NYCSA)

NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) is an app that helps families track their child's education. Through NYCSA, families can see their grades, attendance, fitness results, schedule, and more. Support families with creating and managing their accounts via the Family Access Management tool where you can print Authorization Letters.

NYC Department of Education

NYC Schools Account

Overview

NYC Schools Account (NYCSA) is a web-based application that lets you to see your child's academic and biographic information on any computer, phone, or tablet. The application is translated into nine languages other than English. Not only can you track your student's academic process, but you can also view other academic resources to support your student and family.

MyStudent

Track your student's information such as:

- Attendance
- Grades & Report Cards
- Assessments (test scores)
- Emergency Contact Information
- Transportation
- Individualized Education Program (IEP)
- Digital forms, including the COVID-19 Testing Consent Form

Parent University

Parent University offers a centralized catalog of courses, live events, and activities to help connect with families and support students.

Bullying Reporting Portal

Report bullying incidents to your student's school through the NYCSA application.

How do I create an NYC Schools Account?

There are three ways you can create a NYCSA account. You can either visit your child's school in-person to receive a temporary password, contact your school and verify your identity via teleconference and receive a temporary password, or you can use the Account Creation Code on the letter sent home with your child.

In Person or Online

1. Set up an appointment with your child's school.
2. Provide a valid photo ID (for example, your passport, your drivers' license, IDNYC), your email address, and your child's 9-digit student ID number, which can be found on his or her report card. If via teleconference, the school will verify the identity of the parent/guardian or eligible student by voice or sight.
3. When you create the account at your school or by teleconference, you'll receive a receipt with your temporary password printed on it either in-person or by email.
4. Go to https://schoolsaccount.nyc and enter your email address and temporary password. Please note that the temporary password expires in 30 days. You will be asked to create a new password for your account, set up your security questions, and confirm your email address.

Self-Serve

You will need the Account Creation Code that was sent home with your child in a letter. You can also request a letter from your child's school. You will need this code and the child's 9-digit student ID number to create an NYC Schools Account or to add additional children to an existing account.

1. Visit https://schoolsaccount.nyc and select the "Create Account" link found on the login page.

Important Forms to Complete

Medical Consent Forms: English or Spanish

Dental Consent - English

Dental Consent - Spanish

Emergency Blue Card – English

Emergency Blue Card – Spanish

After School Application

Homework

- Students are to pass at least 2 lessons in iReady per subject each week and actively use i-Ready for at least 90 minutes each week.
- Each student will have an independent reading book. They will read for 45 minutes each day.
- Students will complete at least two book projects monthly and submit them to their Humanities teachers.
- Each week, students will receive a homework assignment in each content area to be completed by the beginning of the upcoming week.

We will continue our i-Ready shout outs and celebrations for students who show progress and our weekly i-Ready SuperStars!!!

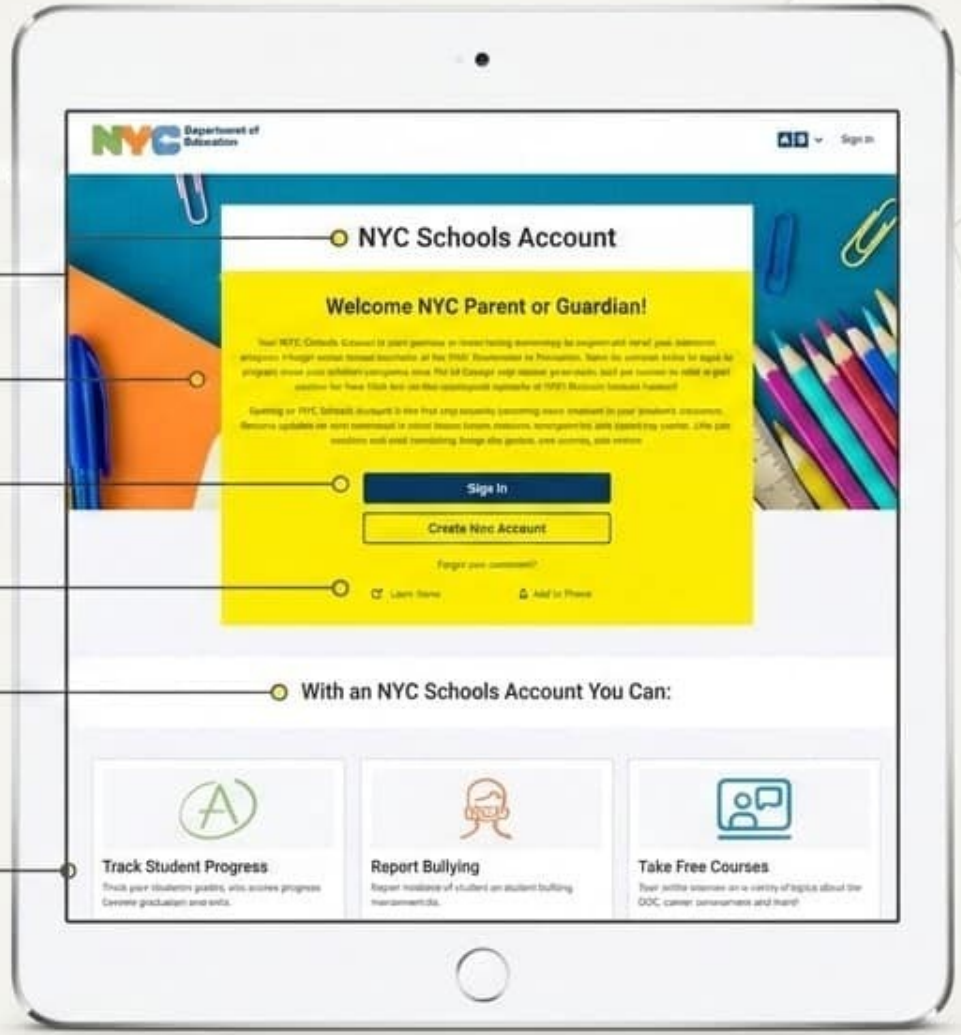
Marking Periods/Parent Teacher Conference

Marking Period Dates	Conferences
Fall Semester Begins **Marking Period 1:** September 8 - November 2, 2026	Curriculum Night **September 23, 2026**
Marking Period 2: November 4 - January 29, 2027	Parent-Teacher Conferences ***November 12, 2026***
Spring Semester Begins **Marking Period 3:** February 1 - April 21, 2027	Parent-Teacher Conferences ***March 4, 2027***
Marking Period 4: May 3 - June 25, 2027	Parent-Teacher Conferences ***May 13, 2027***

How you can support at home?

- Check the NYSCA app weekly
- Participate in parent workshops
- Ensure your child is reading daily
- Check “time on task” on iReady
- Ask your child what they learned at school each day
- Make sure your child is here daily
- Check in by messaging teachers on NYCSA

Accessing the NYC Schools Account (NYCSA)



Yondr Pouches - Cell Phones



- All students with a Yondr pouch will lock their phones before going through scanning.
- ***Students are to place their airpods and smart watches in the pouch.***
- **Any electronics** outside of the pouch ***will be confiscated and a parent will need to come up and retrieve the items.***
- Families will be charged a $5 fee for any pouches that have been damaged or lost.
- Damages include trying to unlock a pouch. Pouches are checked for damages daily.
- Students who bring technology without a pouch will have to wait for their phones after school and will receive detention.

Upcoming Events





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VA Fall Open Houses





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CEC District 27 Updates

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 27 &

DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING SURVEY

FOR DISTRICT 27 SCHOOLS

Help shape priorities and investments that support students, families, and schools across District 27.

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YOUR VOICE. YOUR IDEAS. YOUR IMPACT.

SCAN TO SHARE YOUR IDEAS

OR USE THE LINK BELOW

HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/2TWREDEJ

DEADLINE:
NOVEMBER 30TH, 2026

For Additional Information:

718-642-5805
https://www.cec27.org
cec27@schools.nyc.gov

COMMUNITY EDUCATION COUNCIL FOR DISTRICT 27 &

DISTRICT 27 PRESIDENT'S COUNCIL

ENCUESTA SOBRE PRESUPUESTOS PARTICIPATIVOS

PARA LAS ESCUELAS DEL DISTRITO 27

Ayude a definir las prioridades y las inversiones que respaldan a los estudiantes, las familias y las escuelas en todo el Distrito 27.

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TU VOZ. TUS IDEAS. TU IMPACTO.

ESCANEA PARA COMPARTIR TUS IDEAS

O UTILIZA EL ENLACE A CONTINUACIÓN

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FECHA LÍMITE:
30 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2026

Para más información:

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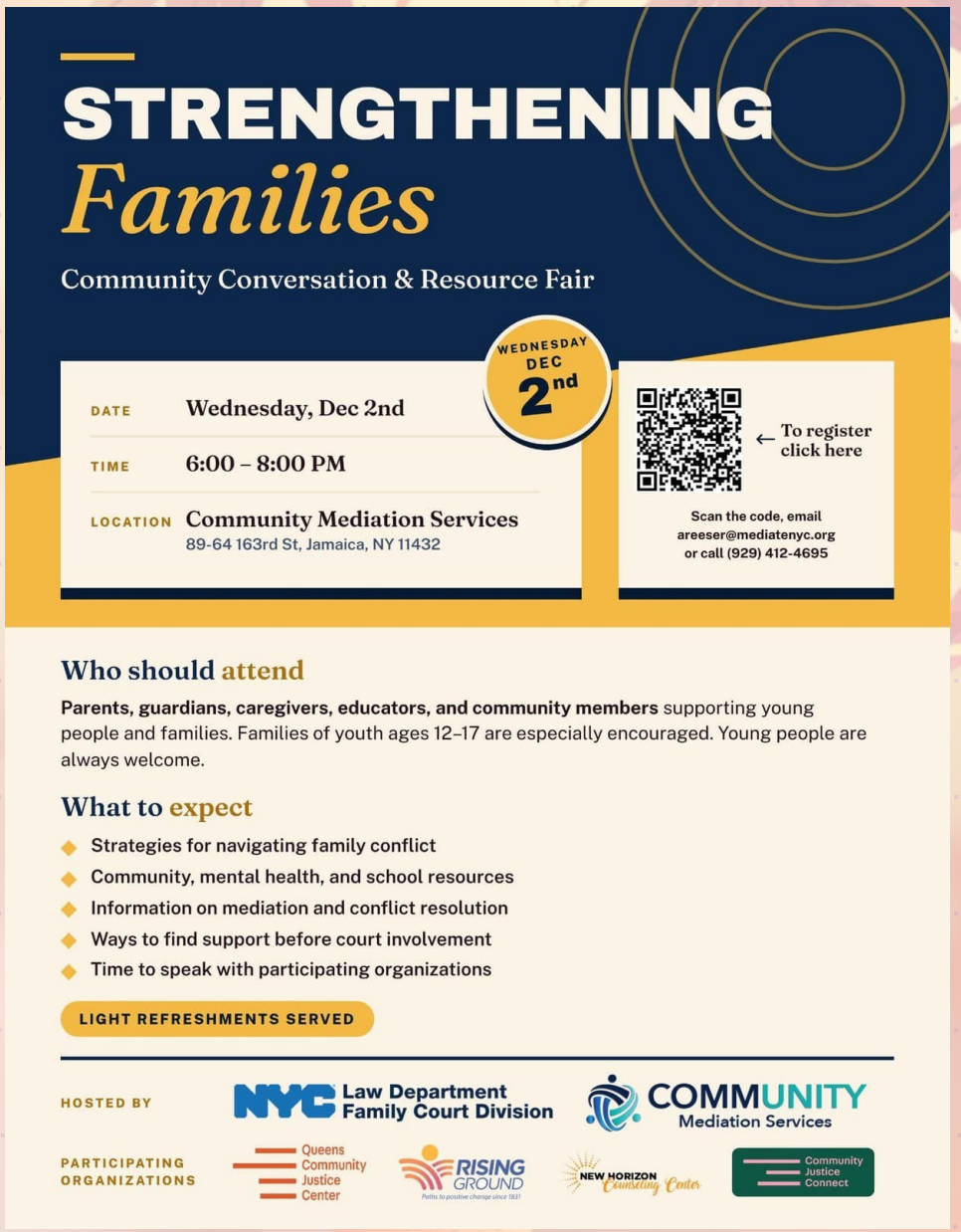
CEC District 27 Updates



Dr Lee's School Wide Announcements



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COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Turn your passion into a business

SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES

STRONG FAMILIES STRONGER COMMUNITI

PPORTUNITY GROWS HERE

Workshops • personalized support • NYC DOE vendor opportunities

Village Academy is growing our Community Partnership to help families turn their skills into real businesses. Whether you're a seamstress, yoga instructor, or fitness coach, we provide guidance, workshops, and support to help you launch and grow your venture. Families can also learn how to become NYC DOE Vendors and access new opportunities. Together, we're building community wealth and celebrating the talents of our VA families.

10-45 Nameoke Street, Far Rockaway, NY 11691

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Scan to sign up

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"PREPARANDO A LOS ESTUDIANTES PARA EL ÉXITO"

COMUNIDAD ALIANZA

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APOYA A LOS NEGOCIOS LOCALES

FAMILIAS FUERTES, COMUNIDADES MÁS FUERTES

AQUÍ CRECEN LAS OPORTUNIDADES

Talleres • apoyo personalizado • oportunidades como proveedor del DOE de NYC

Village Academy está haciendo crecer nuestra alianza comunitaria para ayudar a las familias a convertir sus habilidades en negocios prósperos. Ya seas costurera, instructor de yoga o entrenador físico, te ofrecemos orientación, talleres y apoyo para lanzar y hacer crecer tu proyecto. Las familias también pueden aprender a convertirse en proveedores del DOE de NYC y acceder a nuevas oportunidades. Juntos, fortalecemos la economía de nuestra comunidad y celebramos los talentos de nuestras familias de VA.

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Village Academy's 8th Grade Out To Lunch Program

GOO FOC BRIG FUTU



Every Monday

Starting November 2, 2026

12:15 -12:59

If You Are:

- ☑ * Respectful
- ☑ *Responsible
- ☑ *Excellent
- ☑ Meet Classroom Expectations
- ☑ Wear Your Uniform daily
- ☑ Come to school ON TIME!!

Then you can be qualified to participate in our 8th grade "Out To Lunch" program!

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Sponsored by our neighborhood restaurants:

eye's, Taco Y Mas, Goldmore Deli & Grill, ky's Chinese Resturant, Fine Fare Grocery, Sweat Treats & Subways

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De Village Academy 8.° Grado Almuerzo Fuera Programa

¡BUENA COMIDA, MEJORES FUTUROS!



Todos los lunes

A partir del 2 de noviembre de 2026

12:15 -12:59

Si eres:

- ☑ * Respetuoso
- ☑ *Responsáble
- ☑ *Excelente
- ☑ Cumple con las expectativas del salón
- ☑ Usa tu uniforme todos los días
- ☑ ¡Llega a la escuela A TIEMPO!

Entonces podrás ser elegible para participar en nuestro programa ide almuerzo fuera de 8.° grado!

¡LA MISMA GRAN COMID MÁS OPORTUNIDAD





Patrocinado por nuestros restaurantes del vecindario:

Popeye's, Taco Y Mas, Goldmore Deli & Grill, Lucky's Chinese Resturant, Fine Fare Grocery, Sweat Treats & Subways

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¡Impulsando el éxito estudiantil, un almuerzo a la vez!

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We need your support

1) Have your child come straight to school and come straight home.
2) Add tracker to your child’s phone so you know if they are in the school or at the store.
3) Have your child buy snacks the day before or buy for the week so they do not need to go to the store.
4) Make sure your child goes straight home.
5) Make sure you have Kinvo and we have your e-mail so you receive any changes to after-school.
6) Track your child walking home or pick them up.
7) Get a list of all of your child’s close friends and their parent phone numbers.
8) Check your child’s phone often and report any group chats to the school and delete.

PTA would like your feedback..

Please Fill out the Village Academy PTA:

Parent Feedback & Family Engagement Survey

Call to Action

https://forms.gle/TLUQ2LvkVmaWDLNWA





Thank You For Joining

Next PTA Meeting: Monday, December 21, 2026

