Village Academy's September 2026 Virtual PTA

Monday, September 28, 2026 at 6:30pm

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Agenda

- Welcome
- Election for Vice-President
- Community resources
  STH/ Migrant resources
  Pantry information
  Food Store Deal
  Parent Feedback/Surveys
- VA Upcoming Events

Dr Lee School Wide Announcement

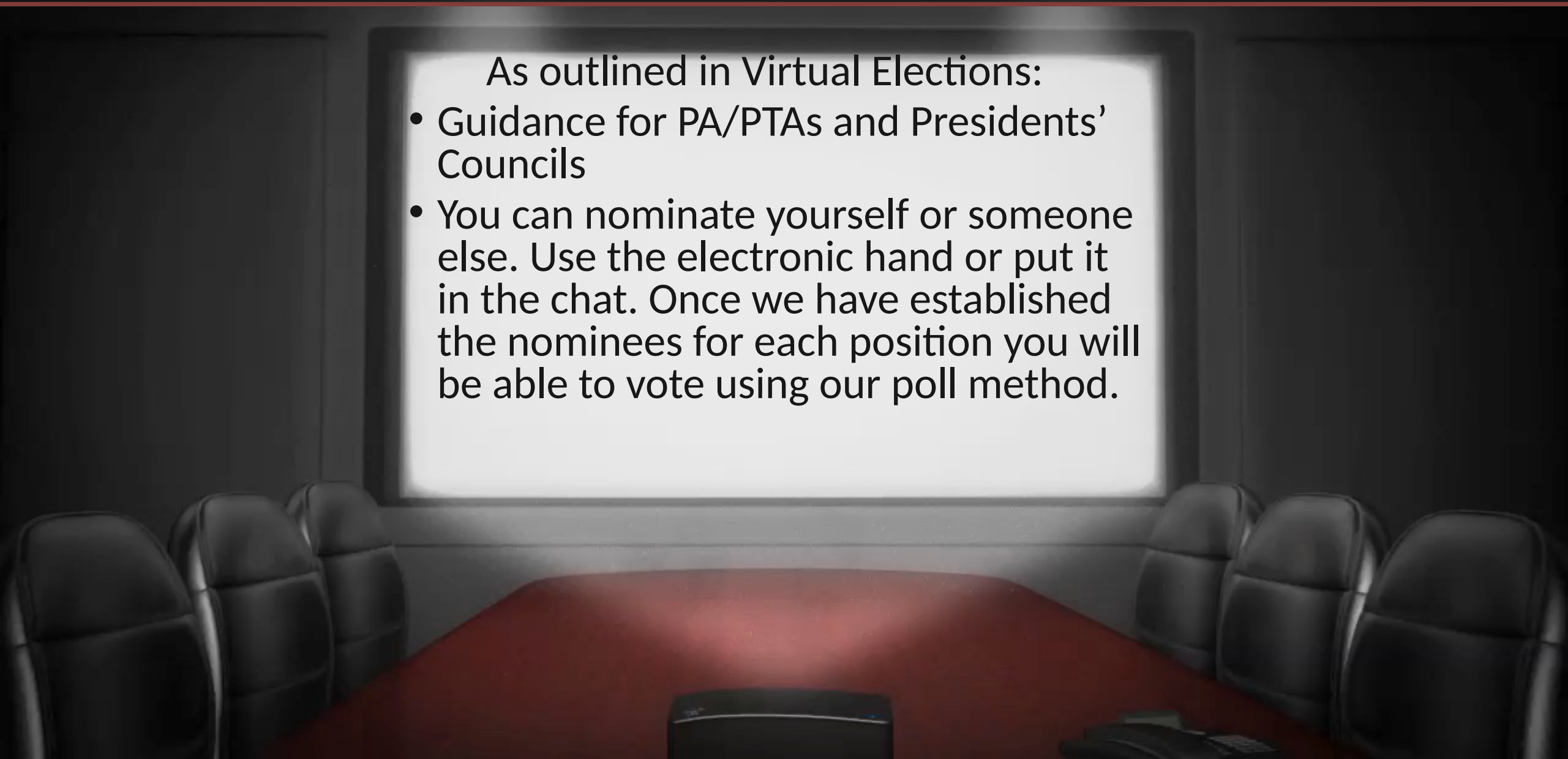
Village Academy Community Partnerships
Child Center of NY

- Attendance Support & Incentives
- Student & Family Engagement
- Afterschool Programs



PA/PTA is a self-governing organization. It:
is responsible for its own actions and affairs
cannot be run by the principal or other school officials
adopts its own bylaws
elects officers to function as the PA/PTA's administration
holds monthly meetings
abides by the rules outlined in the Chancellor's Regulation A-660 (CR A-660)
or Static?

Nominations



As outlined in Virtual Elections:

- Guidance for PA/PTAs and Presidents' Councils
- You can nominate yourself or someone else. Use the electronic hand or put it in the chat. Once we have established the nominees for each position you will be able to vote using our poll method.

PA/PTA Vice-President

Responsibility:

- **Support the PTA President** with meetings, events, projects, and PTA business.
- **Step in for the President** when the President is absent or unable to perform their duties.
- **Attend PTA and executive board meetings** and participate in planning and decision-making.
- **Help plan school events and fundraisers**, such as family nights, dances, school celebrations, teacher appreciation, and fundraising activities.
- **Coordinate PTA committees** and check in with committee chairs to make sure projects are moving forward.
- **Help recruit and organize parent volunteers** for events and school activities.
- **Communicate with parents, teachers, school administration, and PTA members** about upcoming activities and concerns.
- **Help develop the PTA calendar and goals** for the school year.
- **Assist with fundraising efforts** while working with the Treasurer to make sure proper PTA procedures are followed.
- **Help address parent concerns** by bringing appropriate issues to the PTA board or school administration.
- **Promote parent involvement** and encourage families to participate in the school community.
- **Help maintain continuity** by keeping records and helping future PTA leaders understand ongoing projects.

At this time, we would like all who want to nominate yourself or Someone else, Please use the chat or your electronic hand and gives a few Minutes to input that information in our Poll , you will then be allowed 1 minute to cast your vote.

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.

I-Ready

- i-Ready is an online platform that assesses our students' levels in math and reading 3 times each year.
- Students receive individualized instruction based on their personal needs as indicated by their performance on the diagnostic.
- Students are responsible for completing **90 minutes** of iReady in both Reading and Math.
- Students should be passing at least **2 lessons** in each week in both subjects.
- We will continue our i-Ready shout outs and celebrations for students who show progress and our weekly i-Ready SuperStars!!!

VA Upcoming Events:

- **Monday, October 5th, 2026** ~ Hispanic Heritage Month Breakfast
- **Tuesday, October 6th** ~ Family Game Night - 4:30pm-6:30pm
- **Thursday, October 8th** ~Student vs Staff Soccer Game, High School Night 5:30pm
- **Friday, October 9** ~ VA Movie Night - Encanto
- **Monday, October 12** ~ NO SCHOOL Indigenous People's Day
- **Tuesday, October 13th** ~ Everybody Eats Rice Potluck
- **Friday, October 16th** ~ Brooklyn Bridge Trip
- **Wednesday, October 21st**~ VA Vision Screenings
- **Wednesday, October 28th ~** Trunk or Treat
- **Thursday, October 29th ~** Character Day
- **Friday, October 30th** ~ Six Flags Trip ($75.00 per-person)

RESPECT
RESPONSIBILITY
EXCELLENCE

Community Schools

IMPORTANT DATES FOR VILLAGE ACADEMY FAMILIES

FECHAS IMPORTANTES PARA LAS FAMILIAS DE VILLAGE ACADEMY

OCTOBER 2026 EVENTS & NATIONAL HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH (NHłM)

Thursday, October 1, 2026
Virtual Family Cooking Class - Taquitos with Cilantro Lime Sauce with Miss K (Home Cook & Nutrition Educator, Healthy Kids NYC)
[zoom.us/cx0KDXK]



Monday, October 5, 2026
School-wide Breakfast.



Tuesday, October 6, 2026
(NHHM) Family Game Night (Lotería, UNO, Trouble)
https://forms.gle/LmVfgi3jAUap1Pw69
Food and Snacks Provided



(NHHM) October School Visit Read Aloud

Thursday, October 8, 2026
Student vs. Staff Soccer Tournament (during lunch)
[google.gle/EZYoLH]
Sign-up in Main Office or with Mr. Leon



VA High School Information Night
5:30-7:00 PM
5:30 - 7:00PM [Zoom Link]
Meeting ID: 4023-634-7797
Passcode: passcode-8520



Friday, October 9, 2026
Family Movie Night
5:30-7:00 PM
Food and Snacks Provided
https://forms.gle/LmVfgi3jAUap1

Monday, October 12, 202
No School - Indigenous Peoples' Day.

Tuesday, October 13
Everybody Eats Rice Cultural Potluck Lunch
12:00-2:00 PM
https://forms.gle/jwoBLcbpeksREBmx6
No fish or (fish ish or peanuts)

Thursday, October 15, 202
NHHM Assembly

Friday, October 16, 2026
VA Fun Friday Brooklyn B
Trip (Pier 2 Roller Skating F

Wednesday, October 21, 2
Vision Screening
(School-Wide)

Wednesday, October 28, 2
VA Trunk or Treat
School-wide event
https://forms.gle/73fu4eisokLQrXHg

Thursday, October 29, 202
VA Character Dress Down

Saturday, October 31, 202
Family Fright Fest Trip ~
Six Flags ($75.00 per person)
https://forms.gle/DmuvzRNVVw3ZEwgC7

Upcoming Events

Game
Night Sign
Up link

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Village Academy's

VIRTUAL ESCUELA SECUNDARIA NOCHE INFORMATIVA

Acompáñanos mientras te ayudamos a orientarte en el proceso de admisión a la escuela secundaria y te damos a conocer los numerosos programas que ofrecen las Escuelas Públicas de la Ciudad de Nueva York. Ten en cuenta que ofrecen más de 700 programas en más de 400 escuelas secundarias.

Jueves, 8 de octubre de 2026

5:30-7:00 p. m.

¡Esperamos verte allí!

Enlace de Zoom:
https://zoom.us/j/95994494315?pwd=ujWa7Wx15Urh5uf3kOrfkO00wgvFat2.1
ID de reunión: 966 4998 9778 | Contraseña: 234500

www.vanyc.org

Síguenos en redes sociales

X: @theVAway
Facebook: @VILLAGEACADEMY319
Instagram: @villageacademy

Upcoming Events

QR Code to let us know what you are going to donate:
https://forms.gle/j5huy9M8vcVoGK8m7

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Heritage Month

VILLAGE ACADEMY FÚTBOL GAME

VA Freshman VS Families

TUESDAY OCT 27TH DURING LUNCH AT 12:15 PM

For more information please see Mr. Leon to sign up



District Discovery Day

Date: Wednesday, October 21st

- **Classroom Observations:** Parents step into classrooms during normal school hours to watch live lessons, observe teaching strategies, and see how their children interact with peers and curriculum.
- **Interactive Workshops & Activities:** Participate in workshops for covering academic support, curriculum overviews, or hands-on activities where parents are alongside students.
- **Showcasing Student Work:** Students display recent projects, art, science experiments, or writing portfolios to visiting families.
- **Build Partnership:** Connect directly with teachers, administrators, and fellow school families.

Upcoming Events



Trunk Or Treat! Sign Up Link:

https://forms.gle/vvbNrexk7fM4YANr5



Upcoming Events



Students Must be accompanied by an adult (18 years or older)



Dr Lee's School Wide Announcements



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

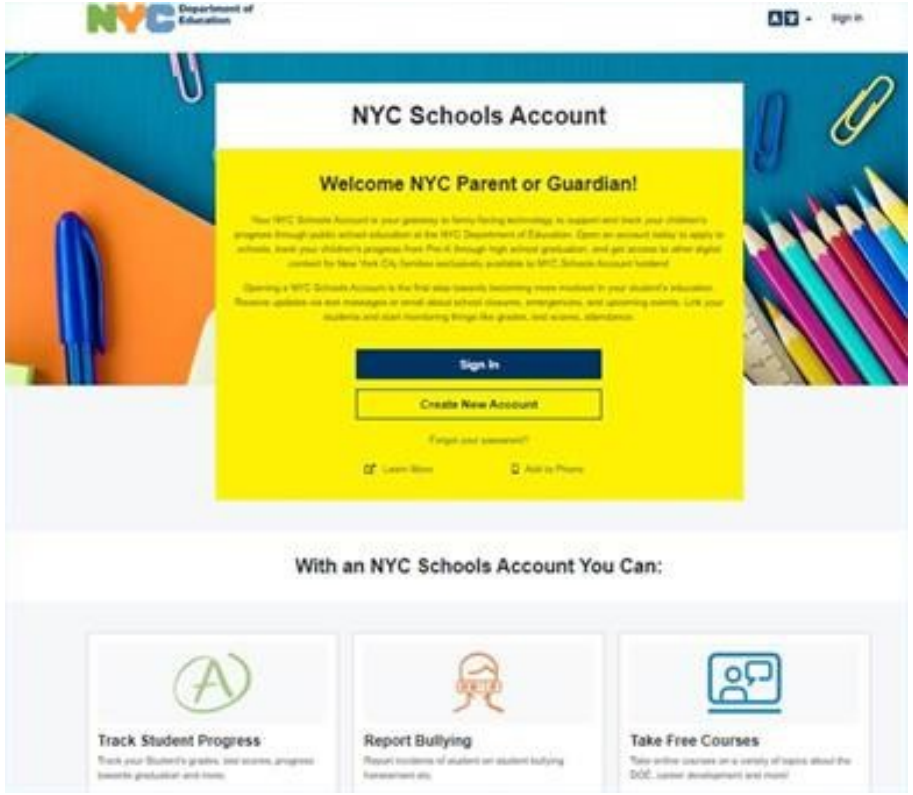
- Students are to pass at least 2 lessons in iReady per subject each week and actively use i-Ready for at least 90 minutes each week.
- Each student will have an independent reading book. They will read for 45 minutes each day.
- Students will complete at least two book projects monthly and submit them 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 (Humanities Essay, Math Problem of the week and skills practice, Science Lab, etc).

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



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.

WHY IS ATTENDANCE IMPORTANT?

THE MOST RECENT FEDERAL DATA SHOW THAT IN THE 2020-21 SCHOOL YEAR, AT LEAST 14.7 MILLION STUDENTS NATIONWIDE WERE CHRONICALLY ABSENT. THIS MEANS THAT CHRONIC ABSENCE HAS ALMOST DOUBLED FROM STUDENTS, PRE-COVID-19, WHO WERE MISSING SO MANY DAYS OF SCHOOL THAT THEY WERE ACADEMICALLY AT RISK. CHRONIC ABSENCES — MISSING 10 PERCENT OR MORE OF SCHOOL DAYS DUE TO ABSENCE FOR ANY REASON—EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED ABSENCES AND SUSPENSIONS—CAN TRANSLATE INTO STUDENTS HAVING DIFFICULTY LEARNING AND GRADUATING FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

WE ARE AWARE THAT MANY OF THESE ABSENCES, ESPECIALLY AMONG OUR YOUNGEST STUDENTS, ARE EXCUSED. OFTEN ABSENCES ARE TIED TO HEALTH PROBLEMS, SUCH AS ASTHMA, DIABETES, AND ORAL AND MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. OTHER BARRIERS INCLUDING LACK OF A NEARBY SCHOOL BUS, A SAFE ROUTE TO SCHOOL OR FOOD INSECURITY MAKE IT DIFFICULT TO GO TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY. IN MANY CASES, CHRONIC ABSENCE GOES UNNOTICED BECAUSE SCHOOLS ARE COUNTING HOW MANY STUDENTS SHOW UP EVERY DAY RATHER THAN EXAMINING HOW MANY AND WHICH STUDENTS MISS SO MUCH SCHOOL THAT THEY ARE FALLING BEHIND AND THIS IS WHERE VILLAGE ACADEMY IS TRYING TO BRIDGE THE GAP !

Attendance Matters

- We need your help getting the students to school!
- School starts at 8:00am and core classes like English, Math, Science, and History are in the morning too so make sure your student doesn’t miss out!
- As of right now, the overall school’s attendance is 92.5%. Our school attendance goal is 95%. We can do it if we all help the students!

Perfect Attendance Challenge Party!
We keep track of classes that have perfect attendance. When they have a certain amount then they receive a pizza party!









TCCNY × VILLAGE ACADEMY

THE CHILD CENTER OF NY

Strengthening Family. Building Community.

The Child Center of NY @ Village Academy

Community school • After-school • PAP •

A coordinated support vision for students and families

Multiple supports

COMMUNITY SCHOOL

School-day access to student and family support

1. **Attendance Supports:** Success mentoring, phone calls, incentives, parent meetings etc.
2. **Family Engagement:** Provide referrals, Annual PAPP program, events, workshops etc.
3. **Student Engagement:** Activities (lunch clubs after school clubs), incentives, culinary, music etc.

AFTER-SCHOOL

Extended Learning, enrichment, and trusted relationships

1	KEEP LEARNING	Homework routines and skill practice.
2	EXPLORE INTERESTS	Arts, movement, projects, and choice.
3	BUILD RELATIONSHIPS	Consistent adults and peer connection.

Two support streams. One coordinated experience.

The school day becomes a front door to whole-family support

COMMUNITY SCHOOL SUPPORT TEAM:

- **CSD: Byllye Taylor**
- **Youth Advocate; Steffi Rangal**
- **Youth Advocate: Swinton Lee**

Families can ask for help:

1 **Notice earlier**

We track data and support your child holistically. We provide mental health campaigns monthly, a trusted adult to work with, provide fun engaging activities and more.

2 **Connect simply**

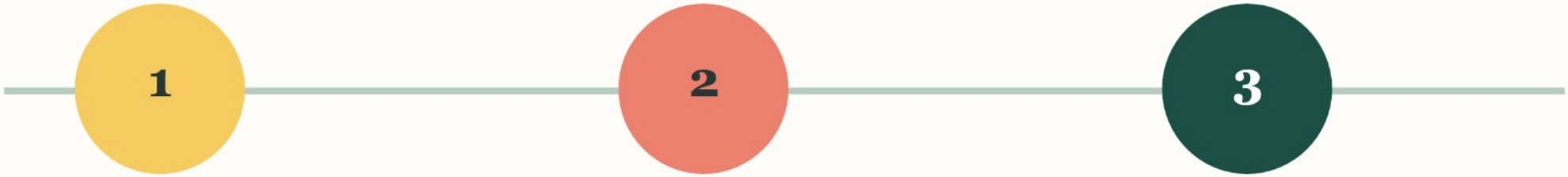
School and program staff recognize needs and open a conversation. We make phone calls regularly to invite you to events or keep you abreast regarding your child.

3 **Stay informed**

We want families to be as engaged as possible this year. Stay tuned for more activities.

After-school extends the day—and deepens belonging

Cynithia Smalls - Program Director Cynithiasmalls@childcenterny.org
Genoveva Vargas - Assistant Director Genovevavargas@childcenterny.org
Nyemiah Collins - Office Manager Nyemiahcollins@childcenterny.org



KEEP LEARNING

Homework routines and skill practice

EXPLORE INTERESTS

Arts, movement, projects, and choice

BUILD RELATIONSHIPS

Consistent adults and peer connection

Monday –Friday 2:40-5:30pm

From an idea to a Business Owner .



Are you Interested in Starting your own business?

01	EXPLORE	Clarify the idea, motivation, and family goals.
02	TEST	Work with Village at our events to test your expertise. Are you good at hair, event planning, party decorations, food etc.
03	PREPARE	Build a simple plan; connect to legal, tax, or financing help. We Will create workshops throughout the year to help you achieve your goal.
04	LAUNCH	Take a first step, review results, and adjust with support.

Participation is optional. Specialized legal, tax, and financing guidance comes from qualified partners.

Village Academy Small Business Interest Sign Up

We need your support

1) Have your child come straight to school and go 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.



Thank You For Joining

Next PTA Meeting: ???

