

**WEEKLY ENVELOPE UPATE from the OTPTO for
April 3, 2014:**



- **CDW DRAMA CLUB PRESENTS “JOSEPH AND THE AMAZING TECHNICOLOR DREAMCOAT” THIS WEEKEND.** Go to www.cdwdrama.com for more information and ticket purchases.
- **TBD’s ART SHOW & INVENTION CONVENTION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THURSDAY, APRIL 10TH.** See attached flyer for details!
- **THE OLD TAPPAN BOE WILL BE INTRODUCING AN APPOINTING TWO NEW ADMINISTRATORS AT ITS APRIL 7TH MEETING.** You are cordially invited to attend. Please see the attached memo for more information. See attached flyer for details.
- **THE OTPTO IS EXCITED TO BE BRINGING MATT BELLACE, PHD. TO PRESENT TO CDW STUDENTS ON THURSDAY APRIL 24TH** Matt Bellace is a nationally renowned speaker and comedian who will present on why resilience can be a positive prevention approach to bullying. **HE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A PARENT PRESENTATION AT THE OTPTO MEETING SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 24TH. PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS; YOU WON’T WANT TO MISS THIS!**
- **THE FACE OF ADDICTION, A FAMILY PORTRAIT – DRUG ABUSE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD,** a must see program for adults and teens, free to the public. Sponsored by Hills Valley Coalition, David Sheff, NY Times Best Selling Author, will discuss how “addiction is a preventable and treatable disease, not a moral failing,” that impacts all aspects of family life. He reveals how addiction really works, and how we can mobilize our community to combat it. **To be held at Pascack Valley High School, Wed., April 23rd at 7PM.** (Resource Fair Information starts at 6PM)
- **THANK YOU TO ALL THE VOLUNTEERS WHO MADE THE INTERNATIONAL DANCE FESTIVAL, AT TBD, A HUGE SUCCESS.** The students did an outstanding job. This would not have been possible without these extremely talented parent volunteers:
 - India- Rubina Bhatia and Effie Mathew
 - Greece - Stephanie Timotheou, Allison Orrechio, Chrissy Stamos, Diana Bedoya
 - Korea - Julia Park and Hee-Jae Kim
 - Israel- Ruth Espina
 - Italy- Diana Morrissey and Danielle Rizzo
- **CONGRATULATIONS TO MRS. WRYNN’S 4TH GRADE CLASS FOR BEING MARCH’S BOXTOP WINNERS!** The overall leader for the year is Mrs. Wang/ Ms. Gioia’s 4th grade class.

- **THE OTPTO IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE OUR PARTICIPATION IN THE TD BANK AFFINITY PROGRAM.** TD Bank Affinity program offers us the opportunity of raising funds for the OTPTO just by having a TD Bank Account. More details are attached, all banking information is confidential and no money comes from your accounts. Please contact Melissa at Melissa@OTPTO.org if you have any questions, or contact TD Bank in Norwood for more details.
- **PIZZA LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED ON MONDAY, APRIL 14TH,** to make up for the Monday Snow Day Pizza Lunch that was missed.
- **MARTIN G. PODMAYER OTPTO SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION IS NOW AVAILABLE ON-LINE.** This year the Old Tappan PTO is offering two (2) \$1,000.00 Martin G. Podmayer Scholarship Awards to graduating high school students who plan to continue his/her education at a four-year credited college/university or pursue training in a technical/vocational school. To be eligible to apply, the student must be a resident of Old Tappan, New Jersey and graduate of Charles De Wolf Middle School, Old Tappan, New Jersey. Applications are due on May 5, 2014 and can be found on the OTPTO website.

UPCOMING EVENTS!

April 3 – Northern Valley Coalition (NVC) Meeting at 8PM at NVOT Auditorium

April 7 – BOE Meeting 8PM, CDW Lynch Gym

April 10 – Invention Convention 6-7PM


April 10 - Art Show 3-7PM

April 23 – *The Face of Addiction, A Family Portrait*, Pascack Valley High School, Wed., April 23, 7PM

April 24 – OTPTO Meeting with Matt Bellace presenting on subject of bullying. 11:15AM – 12:45PM
BOE Conference Room

April 29 - Box Top submissions are due for April

May 5 – Applications for Martin G. Podmayer OTPTO Scholarship is due.



Old Tappan PTO Assembly Programs Presents:

**The Resilience to Rise:
Supporting students in coping
with pain, loss and failure**

MATT BELLACE, PHD
Speaker & Comedian

Thursday, April 24, 2014—11:45 to 12:45 pm

Location: Board of Ed Conference Room at Charles DeWolf School

ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND!!

Join nationally renowned speaker & comedian

Matt Bellace, Ph.D.

for a dynamic and humorous presentation on building resilience in teens through positive social support and healthy coping mechanisms, such as natural highs. You will learn why resilience is the positive prevention approach to bullying prevention. Matt also will discuss how to improve communication between parents and teens around emotional topics and current research on adolescent brain development.

For more information visit www.mattbellace.com

ART SHOW & INVENTION CONVENTION

T. Baldwin Demarest Thursday, April 10th

Art Show @ 3 - 7pm

Invention Convention @ 6 - 7 PM

Framed Artwork \$30 - Cash or Check

Make Checks payable to OTPTO

You're Invited!

The students of T. Baldwin Demarest Elementary have come together to create artwork for a spectacular art show celebration! Every student has their own masterpiece framed and on display. You do not want to miss this!

Bring Home Your Framed Art

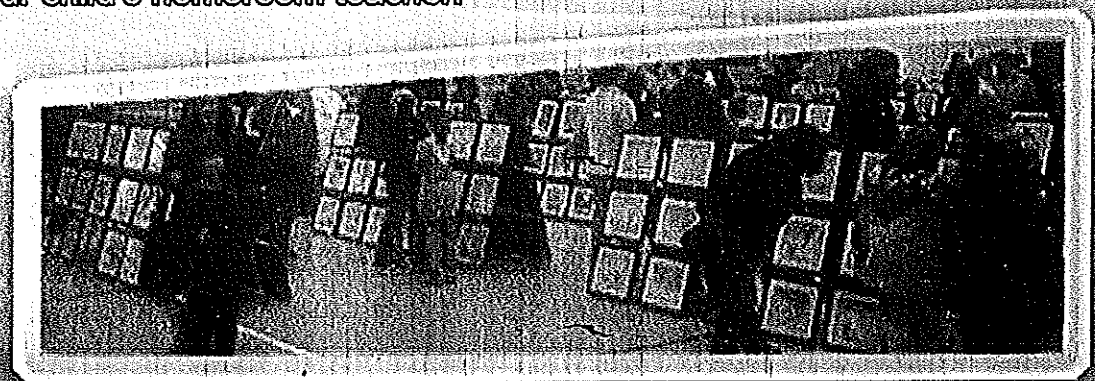
Purchase your child's framed original art to proudly display in your home or office. In addition, a percentage of the sales go directly to your child's school.

Gifts for the Family

You may also buy reproductions at the art show. A framed reproduction of your child's art is an amazing, personalized gift for grandparents, friends or other family members.

Ways to Purchase

Attend the school's art show and purchase the framing package for your child's art. If you can not attend the show, you may prepay by sending a check made out to OTPTO to your child's homeroom teacher.



DRUG ABUSE IN OUR BACKYARD

A Must-See Program For Parents And Teens / Free and Open to the Public

The face of
ADDICTION
A family portrait

Pascack Valley High School, Wednesday, April 23, 7 pm
Resource Fair Information Tables Open at 6 pm

David Sheff

New York Times best selling author of *Beautiful Boy: A Father's Journey Through His Son's Addiction*, and *Clean: America's Greatest Tragedy*.

David will discuss how "addiction is a preventable and treatable disease, not a moral failing," that impacts all aspects of family life. He reveals how addiction really works, and how we can mobilize our community to combat it.



Loeb Family
and Friends



BERGEN COUNTY
Prevention
Coalition
An Affiliate of The Center for Alcohol and Drug Research
A Program of Children, Youth and Family Services



Detective
Adam Hampton,
Hillsdale P.D.



Continuing the Conversation — Thursday, May 1, 2014 – 7:00-9:00 pm
Parents/Guardians are welcome to participate and ask questions in an informal interactive session about teen substance use & abuse and other at-risk behavior. Led by Pamela Martorana, LPC and Janice Georgallas, LCADC, LPC, MS.
rsvp: familyhelper370@aol.com, space is limited.
Kinderkamack Counseling, 23 South Kinderkamack Ave., Montvale, NJ.

**Hills Valley
Coalition**
www.hillsvalleycoalition.org

Introducing
Northern Valley Coalition



The Northern Valley Coalition (“NVC”) is a grassroots community-based organization of individuals working to provide and promote a safe and substance free environment for youth and families in the Northern Valley.

Join us on

April 3rd

In the NVOT Auditorium

At 8 PM

(Following the Drive Safer Presentation from 7-8 PM)

Join the effort

Your energy & ideas are needed

Signup will be available at this meeting

Memo To: All Parents/Guardians
From: Dr. Jeffrey Feifer, Superintendent of Schools
Re: Appointment of New Administrators

You are cordially invited to attend the next meeting of the Old Tappan Board of Education, which will be held in the Lynch Gym at CDW at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, April 7, 2014. At the meeting, the Board of Education will be introducing and voting to appoint our next Superintendent of Schools, Ms. Danielle Da Giau, and our new Supervisor of Instruction, Mr. Thomas Santagato.

Ms. Da Giau offers the experience and vision to continue the high-achieving and pupil-centered traditions of the Old Tappan schools. She embraces the belief that educators, administrators, and the community must work together toward a shared goal of providing the best possible education to their students. Danielle has strong ties to the Northern Valley, having served as a principal in Closter's middle and elementary schools since 2005. Prior to that, she taught sixth and seventh grades in Glen Rock and fifth grade in Clifton. Following a period of studying abroad at Sorbonne Universite in Paris, France, Ms. Da Giau earned a B.A. from Rutgers University, an M.A. from Montclair State University, and is completing her Ed.D. at Teachers College, Columbia University. The Board and Ms. Da Giau have completed the process of contract negotiations and her contract has been reviewed and approved by the Executive County Superintendent of Schools. I'm confident that Ms. Da Giau will provide outstanding district leadership and will support the excellent work that the Old Tappan Educational Community does each day on behalf of our students.

Mr. Santagato emerged as the top candidate for the position of Supervisor of Instruction following an extensive search process for an experienced special education supervisor who also has supervised general education programs. For the past five years Mr. Santagato has been serving as the Director of Special Education and Student Support Services for the Oradell Public School. In this capacity, he supervised all special education personnel and programs, served as Test Coordinator, and supervised district programs in Basic Skills; English as a Second Language; Gifted and Talented; Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying Prevention; and Nursing Services. Prior to this position, Tom was the Assistant Director of our Region III *Valley Program* for students on the Autistic Spectrum. Before Northern Valley, he worked at the Phoenix Center in Nutley, N.J., where he was Supervisor of Behavior, Professional Development Coordinator, Child Study Team member, In-House Case Manager, and Teacher of Adaptive Physical Education for grades K-12. Mr. Santagato earned his B.S. in Physical Education, K-12, at Queens College, NY, and his M.A. in Administration at Caldwell College. He is certified in New Jersey as a Superintendent of Schools, Principal, Supervisor, and Physical Education Teacher. He is also a Certified Instructor of Non-Violent Crisis Intervention and has completed all coursework to become a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. We look forward to Mr. Santagato joining our staff as of July 1, 2014. I believe that Mr. Santagato will be of great help to all staff members and will make significant contributions to our programs for special needs and general education students throughout our district.



**Art & Lifestyle Auction to benefit
Old Tappan High School Music Department**

Sponsored by

Golden Knights Music Parents Association

Please join us on

Saturday, April 5th, 2014



Westy Self Storage
95 Hudson Avenue
Norwood, NJ

Thank You to Westy Self Storage for their generous contribution of their lobby for this event.

Preview: time 6:30 p.m. ~ Live Auction: time 7:30 p.m.

Assorted Hors d'oeuvres, Desserts, Wines & Refreshments

Ticket Price: \$15.00

For Reservation and Information Call: Robin Martin 201.741.3462

There will be art for everyone's taste and budget, in all media and price ranges. Artwork includes Limited Edition Lithographs, Serigraphs, Giclees and Etchings as well as original oil paintings, animation cells and sports & music memorabilia. These are beautifully framed and matted. All opening bids are for the most part 30% - 50% under gallery prices.