ANNUAL FUND 2025

Place-Based Education is more than our theme for the year—**it's how learning comes alive**. Math students incorporate real data from forest ecology studies. Woodworking students build tables. Preschoolers haul logs to furnish the outdoor classroom.

Every class is **connecting directly with land** and community, with education rooted in the rhythms and science of the land itself.

Place-based education is the process of using the local community and environment as a starting point to teach concepts across the curriculum. Emphasizing hands-on, real- world learning experiences, this approach to education increases academic achievement, helps students develop stronger ties to their community, enhances appreciation for the natural world, and creates a heightened commitment to serving as active, contributing citizens.

~ David Sobel, *Place-Based Education*

Our new preschool yurts **transform learning into a lived experience**, blending shelter and nature within our outdoor classroom**.**

Join us in bringing this vision to life! Your contribution directly gives every Village School student the experience of a place-based education—from the forest to the classroom.

As always, the Annual Fund is vital for supporting financial aid, ensuring our school remains accessible to local families.

Every gift helps us build a stronger, more vibrant school. Thank you for your generosity.

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