

## **Principal's Message**

Dear Hope Valley School Community,

Hope Valley School is one of four elementary schools in the Chariho Regional School District. Our school community works together, like a well-oiled machine, to ensure the best learning opportunities for our exquisite children. After all, it is ALL about the children! In 2011, Hope Valley has received the prestigious award of being named a Blue Ribbon School. What an honor for an incredible school. Currently there are about 250 students at Hope Valley School in grades pre-school through four. In addition to general and special education programs, we also provide reading and mathematics support for students.

We hold high expectations for academics, attendance, and behavior for all Hope Valley students. Teachers will work with your children on the Common Core State Standards in both Math and English Language Arts. These standards will help students:

- develop a deep understanding of concepts, o think critically and creatively,
- work collaboratively,
- challenge ALL students,
- accomplish rigorous assignments and tasks, and o be ready for college and career readiness

Teachers will encourage students to question their assumptions and think deeply, rather than to merely depend on memorization and recall of information. In Chariho, we administer the RI Comprehensive Assessment System (RICAS), which assesses the common core state standards, in the spring to students in Grades 3 and 4. Our district also offers World Language (Spanish) instruction to all students in grades K-4.

The Hope Valley School PTO is a very active organization. I encourage all parents to attend monthly meetings and to become involved in their child's school. Our PTO works extremely hard to give students a tremendous amount of fun-filled activities throughout the year.

Parents are also encouraged to volunteer in the classroom or assist with field trips. All parent volunteers are required to complete and pass a background check. Check in with the school secretary for information on how to get a BCI completed.

Our staff members work very hard to stay connected with all families through regular phone calls, email messages and personal meetings. Some teachers also maintain their own web pages. I, too, like to keep families as up to date as possible. A weekly newsletter is sent home via email. In order to receive these updates, please sign up for my weekly emails to learn about what is happening at Hope Valley School. To subscribe, please visit the district homepage, click on newsletters on the far right under latest information and then follow the directions to subscribe to the Hope Valley School parent list-serve.

The entire team here at Hope Valley School strives to provide a busy and productive school year, filled with numerous learning opportunities for our students, as well as many social and enrichment activities for our children and families. Working in conjunction with parents and guardians, we hold ourselves to high standards to provide the very best educational opportunities for each child.

Please visit the Hope Valley School website for important information about our school at <http://www.chariho.k12.ri.us/hv>. You can also follow me on social media: Twitter @JoeGencarelli1 and on our Facebook page: Hope Valley School.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns. I can be reached via email at [giuseppe.gencarelli@chariho.k12.ri.us](mailto:giuseppe.gencarelli@chariho.k12.ri.us) or by phone 539-2321. E-mail works best since I am constantly in and out of my office.

Sincerely,

Giuseppe Gencarelli (Mr. G)  
Hope Valley School, Principal