



The Village Voice



This is our school, Let peace dwell here
Fill all the rooms with happiness.
As many hands do make a house,
So many hearts do make our school.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Tuesday, 9/15 | 6th Grade Leaves for Pine Mountain |
| Wednesday, 9/16 | All School Meeting with Title I 5:30-7:30 6th Grade Returns |
| Friday, 9/18 | 4th Grade Field Trip |
| Wednesday, 9/23 | School Pictures Green Team Meeting 3:15 |
| Thursday, 9/24 | 5th Gr. Leaves for Opal Creek 4th Grade Field Trip 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Grade Class Meetings, 5:30-7:00 |
| Friday, 9/25 | School Pictures 5th Gr. Returns from Opal Creek |
| Monday, 9/28 | School Pictures |

We welcome all these new faces as well as appreciate some new roles for old faces. Holly McRae has moved from the kitchen to the office where she is the new desk assistant. We also have a whole group of new families; please greet them wherever you find them.

Our very special Rose ceremony, (the welcoming with roses from class 8 to our entering first grade), took place today. The All-School Meeting is next Wednesday at 5:30pm in the cafeteria, the building development committee will be sharing a timeline showing how we can all participate at the desired level in the design, remodel and organizing aspects of next year's move, and our admin team will be bringing all the nuts and bolts for implementing a successful 2015/16 school year. Don't miss it!

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COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON

Today at our first school assembly, we performed a skit to kick-off the Community Service Walk-a-Thon. Half of the proceeds are shared with our garden and kitchen. The other half is split between 8 environmental education nonprofits, one for each class. The sponsored groups are assigned to the grades as follows:

- 1st Grade: Nearby Nature
- 2nd Grade: Cascades Raptors Center
- 3rd Grade: Huerto de la Familia
- 4th Grade: NextStep Recycling
- 5th Grade: Walama Restoration
- 6th Grade: Food for Lane County Gardens
- 7th Grade: Whole Earth Nature School
- 8th Grade: School Garden Project

Look for your Walk-a-Thon Kit in your family mailbox including pledging materials. We also launched a new, more powerful online pledging tool at: www.classy.org/village.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK SEPTEMBER 11, 2015

Welcome Back to Village School! Hope your summer was fabulous and now, wow, here we are, ready to embark on a new school year already. This year is somewhat special, our last year at Willard and our first year of all-day kindergarten.

Let's begin with introductions. We are excited to introduce these wonderful people to the Village School Staff:

Melanie Hyers, Lower Grades Spanish instructor
Robin Seloover, Americorps Garden Coordinator
Sylvia Halley-Derieux, Kindergarten Assistant
Alyson Byas, Title 1 Instructional Assistant
Summer Pursell, Kitchen Assistant
Jamie Sajovic, Math Tutor

MAKING PAYMENTS FOR VILLAGE KITCHEN MEALS

To pay for meals online, go to: <https://www.mymealtime.com/signin.aspx>

If you have not previously done so, please create a profile. Once you have a username and password, you will need a specific student ID number (contact the office if you need this information) to pay for your child's meals. Make sure to choose the Village School, NOT the 4J School District when asked which school your child is attending.

On this website you can view which meals your child has eaten, view your balance and make payments, with a small fee. Payments can also be made in the school office by paying with checks or cash.



WANTED: YOUR COMPLETED FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to complete the *free and reduced lunch application* that came in your back to school packet, and turn it into the office. Part of our school's Title I funding is based on the number of qualified households we have, so we encourage everyone to see if they qualify. Extra copies are available in the office. If you received a *direct certification letter* from the school district that lists your student(s) eligibility, please turn that into the office instead of the *free and reduced lunch application*. Contact Sherri in the office for details.

ATTENTION: ALL STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS WILL NOW RECEIVE BOTH BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR FREE!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED

We are already starting to de-clutter in preparation for next year's move and appreciate any help we can get by parents taking home left items or relieving the school of no longer needed items that have been around for years. Look for lots of upcoming possibilities in future newsletters to help clean and organize areas around the school.

Most of all, we are happy that you are all back, and we welcome you all with sincere appreciation. We know this year will have the normal daily challenges in our regular school program and also a whole new set of opportunities to grow together as we work on our new home. The faculty has chosen the theme of "collaboration" for this year, as we all work together to be industrious, brilliant, forgiving and persevering in arriving in our new home next fall.

Thanks for all you do for our children and our Village community, Kent



SCHOOL PICK-UP & DROP-OFF



We want students' transition between home and school to be conscious and meaningful. In grades K-4, we require parents (or the adult dropping off/picking up) to take their child to the classroom. Class times are as follows:

8:25am-2:45pm
8:25am-3:00pm

Grades K-4
Grades 5-8

Please drop off and pick up your children on time. Your Village School teachers and staff work hard to create an ideal learning environment for your children, and there are often meetings immediately after school lets out. Please respect this valuable after school work time.

VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN

We are so grateful to be back in action, doing what we love, with our dear friends, for the students and staff of this wonderful school!



We would like to invite you to volunteer with us this year. Our amazing program depends upon the dedication of many supporters who donate time and energy. We cannot do it without you. Please take a moment to look at our sample openings:

Monday through Friday

8:30 - 9:30, 10:30 or 11:30 - lunch prep
11:30 - 1:00 - lunch service
1:30 - 2:45/3:00 - clean up

Some of you may be able to do more, and others may need to adjust a time slot due to other commitments. We understand and value your participation at any level.

At this point, the times we have the most need is: Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and Friday afternoons.

Don't forget everyone who volunteers two hours in the kitchen gets a free lunch on their day of service!

This time of year our immune systems can be challenged. To help keep you and your families healthy here are a few tips:

-Get plenty of sunshine, water, exercise and sleep. Laugh, play, love and wash your hands a lot.

Food is medicine!

-These whole foods are high in Vitamin A: sweet potatoes, spinach, kale, leafy greens, cantaloupe, carrots, pumpkin, red pepper, winter squash and mangoes

-These whole foods are high in Vitamin C: bell peppers, dark leafy greens, kiwi, broccoli and Brussels sprouts, berries, citrus, pineapple, cooked tomatoes, cauliflower and peas

-These foods are high in Vitamin D: oily fish, eggs, shiitake, button and portobello mushrooms, tofu and soy milk, pork, and grass fed cow's milk and butter

-These whole foods are high in Lysine: Lean beef, cheese, turkey and chicken, pork, soybeans, white beans, fish, seafood, seeds and nuts, eggs, and beans

-These whole foods are high in zinc: seafood, beef and lamb, wheat germ, spinach, nuts and cashews, pumpkin and squash seeds, pork and chicken, mushrooms, beans.

-Echinacea, Elderberries and probiotics are also good ways to boost the immune system.

-Stick with organic and local as much as possible

Be well,
The Village Kitchen



SCHOOL- MEDIA AWARENESS GROUP

At The Village School, we feel strongly about limiting the use of electronic media. We want to encourage direct experience with the world, not a world mediated by electronics. Our school media policy asks parents to partner with us in protecting Village School children from exposure to electronic media.

We realize that limiting media exposure is increasingly difficult to achieve in our technology-driven world. We are starting a School Media Awareness Group for parents to discuss media usage at home and learn about the effects of media on brain development. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact Tom Happy (541) 344-8968.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Village School Library will open next Tuesday! It will be open to families Tuesdays/Thursdays 2:45-3:20pm

Limited supervision is available during this time; students in grades K-4 must be accompanied by an adult.

We are currently looking for volunteers to staff the library after school and during the day. Contact Holly for more information.



THE VILLAGE SCHOOL TEXTS, TWEETS, AND IS ON FACEBOOK

Sign up to get text messages from the Village School in addition to email and phone by texting the word "join" to 56360. You can also follow us on Twitter (@EugeneVillage) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool>) or search for The VillageSchool).

VILLAGE SCHOOL GREEN TEAM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9/23

The first Green Team meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 23rd at 3:15pm in the courtyard. Please come listen, share, and brainstorm ideas to help green our school this year. Come discuss: Walk-a-Thon outreach, Earth Week planning, watershed adoption/restoration and other service learning projects, and ideas for the coming school year. All parents and staff are welcome. No childcare provided but if anyone wants to help the effort by offering this, that would be great.

NEW KINDERGARTEN PLAY AREAS!

We now have two new Kindergarten play areas. A small one is right outside the back kindergarten room, so that during free play time children can play outside, rain or shine. The larger area is tucked away at the northern edge of the playground around the overarching oak trees, complete with a swing, very large sand area, a lockable supply box, straw bales, and tree rounds. The play areas reflect the importance that The Village School places on outdoor creative play.

Many thanks to some dedicated Village folk. Shawn Earl put in many hours building 2 supply boxes with the help of Krista Swanson. Zack Larson knocked out an all weather canopy using a design by Kent Ratekin, our principal. Oliver Redig built our smaller sandbox. Sylvia, our new kindergarten staffer, painted the boot shelf a delicious raspberry red. Alexis unloaded sand and helped put together a wonderful swing. Heidi Guzek helped in many ways.

What a crew!

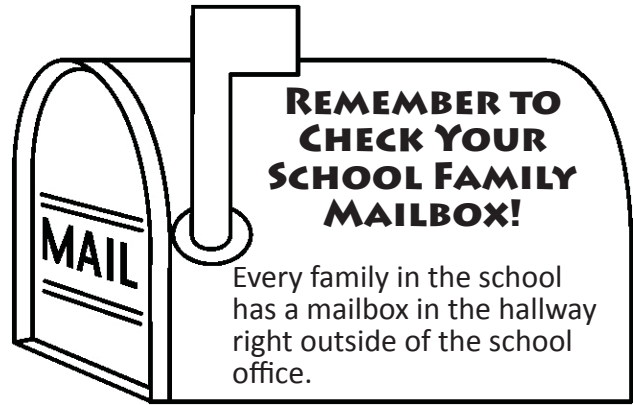
Thank you all so much

Kay Cosby, Board Member and volunteer

*Please send Village Voice
submissions to Holly at
village@4j.lane.edu by
Wednesdays at 12:00 PM.
Thank you!*

VILLAGE CARE NEEDS

Village Care, Village School's after school care program will be creating a quiet and cozy space for the after care children. They are seeking donations for the following: a clean carpet, bean bags, small chairs, a small table, and a small book shelf. And any arts and crafts materials (esp. paper and paints) are also welcome! Please leave deliveries next to the cabinets in the NW part of the cafeteria. The Village Care Team is most grateful and appreciative for any donations of these items!



MORE CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL



We are in need of more help for this very important job, which gives you a nice opportunity to greet friends on their way to school. Please let Holly know if you can help with this important task in the mornings or afternoons on a regular basis.

SHOP LOCALLY OR ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL



We encourage everyone to use eScrip, Capella Scrip, and Unique Eugene Scrip. These programs help local vendors and bring fundraising dollars to our school. You can also donate online when you use Amazon.com.

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Go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Links will appear for Amazon.com Click and shop from this link, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.



Walk and Roll Around a Car-Free Route

Walk - Bike - Skate - Dance - Yoga - Hula Hoop - Fitness Classes - Live Music and much more!
All FREE and open to the public.



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SCHOOL PICTURES WITH NORTHWEST EXPOSURES PHOTOGRAPHY



The Village School will be welcoming back Eugene's own Northwest Exposures Photography. Details were sent home in back to school packets. Photos will take place on Wednesday 9/23 & Friday 9/25.

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

Hello Village community!

I just wanted to let you know that I am available for childcare and babysitting. Flexible evening & very weekend availability.

CPR & First Aid certified. Cooking experience.

Call or text me at: (541) 521-0218 or email me: burns_robin92@outlook.com

Robin Burns
Village School Recess Monitor