



# 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

- Wednesday, 9/23 School Pictures (K,1st,5th)  
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  
(2nd,3rd,4th 7th)  
  
5th Gr. Returns
- Monday, 9/28 School Pictures (6th & 8th)  
Building Development  
Committee 5:30pm - 3411  
Willamette Street
- Friday, 10/2 Community Service  
Walk-A-Thon
- Tuesday, 10/6 3rd Grade Field Trip
- Wednesday, 10/7 Parent Council Meeting

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON

Last Friday, we announced our 5th Community Service Walk-a-Thon to our students with a goofy skit performed by office staff. Each grade from 1st to 8th sponsors an environmentally based local nonprofit organization. This week we had visits from the sponsored organizations to give students a clearer picture of who they are helping.

Students collect pledges with your help. We give half the money to these organizations and half to our kitchen and garden. Later we do a community service project at their sites. Last year we raised \$12,000. We hope to raise even more. We have put fundraising packets in your family boxes.

To facilitate your pledging, we have a new online venue for collecting pledges. If you go to [classy.org/village](http://classy.org/village), you can set up a webpage for your student and personalize it with pictures or even a video. You also can form a team of several students.

Once your page is set up, you can publicize it with an email to friends and family or a posting on Facebook or Twitter. There's lots of power with this new platform. We'd like to emphasize that online outreach is meant to be a parent led activity.

In sum, the Walk-a-Thon is one component of our goal to teach students the value of giving. We see this as an important part of being global citizens. Be sure to check your mailboxes. Let us know afterwards if you can help us with the event.

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK SEPTEMBER 18, 2015

What a great first full week! We got settled in with our new teachers and new students and had a beautiful Rose Ceremony last Friday afternoon.

On Wednesday evening we hosted our All-School night with an informative hour of presentations including Mike Magee's site update on our new home. Several class meetings followed and new Parent Handbooks were distributed. There is a lot of new information in the Parent Partnership chapter and a few other sections as well; so if you haven't looked at the handbook for a while please spend a little time familiarizing yourself with our updates. Also feel free to drop in and talk to Holly, Sherri, Andy or I about any questions or concerns you have as we start the new school year.

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### Cascades Raptor Center in 2nd Grade



## 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!**

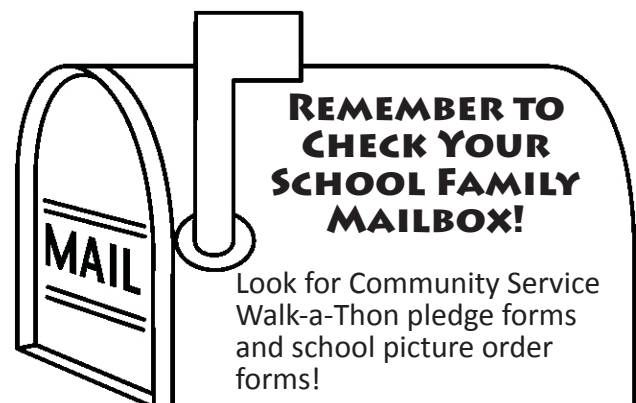
## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED

We still do not have a grades 1-5 Spanish teacher, if you know any good candidates let us know! The rest of our new hires, Sylvia (Kindergarten), Summer (kitchen), April (math tutor), Rene (theater enrichment), Albert (recess supervisor), Eric (martial arts), Leonie (arts-clay), Mari (arts- multimedia) and Robin (garden coordinator) are all settling in and doing a great job.

The staff is working on assigning rooms at our new home and visited the property yesterday to begin the fun and challenging job of choosing the best combination of space and program. It is important to get enough layout information to the site committee so that all of the grounds, playground and traffic committee members can get to work. Our first Building Development Meeting to share the timelines and process of development is September 28th at 5:30PM at the new site, 3411 Willamette Street. You are all not only invited but needed to get us going. There are work positions available at every level, from project managers to worker bees, so jump on in and have some fun!

We are continuing 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 a while. We are setting up a Saturday workshop soon to clean the cafeteria and downstairs storeroom. If you are willing to help please let Holly know.

Lots of things going on next week; school pictures on Wednesday and Friday and grades 1-4 class meetings on Thursday the 24th. There are also field trips for fourth and fifth grades. Here we gooooo....into the new school year! Thanks for all of your support, Kent



## SCHOOL PICTURES BEGIN NEXT WEEK!



Northwest Exposures will be at The Village School starting on Wednesday to take school pictures. Please check the schedule below to see which day your child's class will be photographed. Picture orders are due on the morning of your child's picture day. Order forms were placed in family mailboxes last week, and there are more available in the school office. Come see the display outside of the school office to get an idea of Northwest Exposures' style.

Wednesday, September 23rd  
Kindergarten, 1st & 5th Grades

Friday, September 25th  
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 7th Grades

Monday, September 28th  
6th & 8th Grades

### THE VILLAGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

The Village School Library is now open to families on 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.



## 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.

### A KID IN EVERY PARK!

Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.

To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates, the White House, in partnership with the Federal Land Management agencies, launched the Every Kid in a Park initiative. The immediate goal is to provide an opportunity for each and every 4th grade student across the country to experience their public lands and waters in person throughout the 2015-2016 school year.



Beginning September 1st all kids in the fourth grade have access to their own Every Kid in a Park pass at [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov). This pass provides free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more!

The Every Kid in a Park pass is good for the 2015-2016 school year, until August 31, 2016. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting [everykidinapark.gov](http://everykidinapark.gov).

*Please send Village Voice  
submissions to Holly at  
[village@4j.lane.edu](mailto: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.

## THE VILLAGE SCHOOL WELLNESS POLICY

Last spring a group of Village School community members came together to update our school's wellness policy. This policy serves a guide for our school with language that addresses the following areas:

Nutrition Education, Nutrition Standard for All Food and Beverages Sold on School Grounds, Physical Health and Active Transportation, Environmental Health, Social Health, Sexual Health and Evaluation and Enforcement.

The policy can be found on our school's website.

If you are interested in becoming involved in the evaluation and updating of the policy in the future, please contact Toña Aguilar at [villagelunchlady@gmail.com](mailto:villagelunchlady@gmail.com)



**Eugene**  
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**SUNDAY**  
*streets*

**Friendly**  
Neighborhood  
Sunday  
**Sept. 20**  
Noon - 4 PM

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.



[eugenesundaystreets.org](http://eugenesundaystreets.org)



## TITLE I READING AND MATH SERVICES

2015-2016

Every fall, winter and spring Eugene 4j School District administers reading and math assessments to each of our students. If a student scores below the 30th percentile, she/he may be recommended by the building team to receive instructional interventions in reading and/or math with their progress monitored.

At the Village School, all students receive 90 minutes of reading instruction and 60 minutes of math instruction each day. If your child will be receiving additional reading or math instruction, his or her classroom teacher or the Title I Coordinator will notify you.

## 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).

# SafeRoutes

Oregon Safe Routes To School



Now is the perfect time to start new transportation habits! Whether your children will walk, bike, ride the bus, or carpool, a little planning and preparation can go a long way towards keeping children safe, healthy, and prepared to learn. The 4j Transportation Department's Safe Routes to School program can help with resources, information, and events to help get you and your family walking and rolling through the year.

This year the program is holding a massive family bike ride on **September 19th** that everyone is invited to and all schools are encouraged to sign up for National Walk+Bike to School Day on October 7th this year. Let's see how many people we can get walking and biking to school that day (and beyond)!

If you're interested in starting a carpool or walking/biking group you can enroll in the point-2point/LTD "SchoolPool" program. By signing up we can find other families to share in carpool duties or walking/biking buddies for students!

Remember, safety is everyone's responsibility: keep your eyes open, look out for each other and help everyone arrive to school safely. This means slowing down to 20 MPH in school zones, 25 MPH on neighborhood streets, and watching for children when driving. The best way to increase safety is to decrease the number of cars around a school and increase the number of students walking and biking so park and stride your way to health, safety, and fun this year!

If you have any questions or want more information you can contact the 4j Safe Routes to School Program Manager, Shane MacRhodes at 541-790-7492 or [macrhodes@4j.lane.edu](mailto:macrhodes@4j.lane.edu)

## THE VILLAGE CAFE'



Volunteers are needed at the Friday Morning Village Café. We need help setting up, restocking coffee & water as needed, and cleaning up when everyone has had their fill. The hours are 8am-9:15 (ish).

This is a fun and easy way to add up volunteer hours! If four people can commit, then each person can take one Friday per month. Of course you are welcome to be there EVERY FRIDAY if you are available! Please let Kirsten know if you are interested. Stop by this Friday at the Village Café or call her at 541-246-5005.

## THE VILLAGE SCHOOL ROSE CEREMONY

Each school year at the Eugene Village School begins and ends with a Rose Ceremony. Last Friday, at our first assembly, the new eighth graders presented roses to the first graders as they begin their journey through the grades. Next June, another rose ceremony will take place. The first graders will offer roses to the eighth grade students marking another significant transition.



## SCHOOL- MEDIA AWARENESS GROUP

Welcome to our new Village Voice feature, a regular column on media and technology. For this issue, we have reprinted the section on media and technology from the Village School Handbook. Look for more in future issues, and if you are interested in contributing to this new feature, please contact Tom Happy at tomhappy@aol.com.

### Media and Technology

A powerful link between our school and home is the judicious use of electronic media. From TV to smartphones to social media, our lives are dominated by 24/7 media exposure. According to the Kaiser Foundation, children and youth use four to five times the recommended amount of technology with serious consequences. While media consumption by itself is not the proven leading cause of any health problem in the U.S., it can contribute to numerous health risks, say experts. Richard Freed, author of "Wired Child: Debunking Popular Technology Myths" states that digital entertainment is now the "dominant activity in children's lives". In his twenty plus years of practice he has seen hundreds of young patients who struggle in school. He believes that many negative symptoms, failing grades and difficulties completing homework are caused by too much screen time.

In fact, technology overuse may be rewiring kids' developing brains in ways that could explain the growing number of children diagnosed with anxiety and other psychiatric disorders. Brain imaging techniques show that video gaming stimulates the same pleasure pathways as drugs and alcohol. Video or internet game addiction, which is gaining recognition by mental health professionals, can be devastating to the entire family. In addition, the content of most television programs, video games, and movies show a glaring disregard for the innocence of childhood.

Electronic technology and media have the power to take us outside our bodies and outside time: they mesmerize and often addict us, and by their very nature – think of the word media – they mediate our experience of the physical world.

Since a primary goal of the Village School Waldorf-inspired education is to ground students in their bodies, in three-dimensional space and in human interaction, our school aims to offer students unmediated experiences. The purpose of our Village School curriculum is to engage the students' will and imagination. Please join us in protecting your children from overexposure to electronic media.

## 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.

**amazon.com**

Go to [www.eugenevillageschool.org](http://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.

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## 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.

## 7TH AND 8TH GRADE ART



# VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



## REHEARSALS TUESDAYS

ENSAYOS TODOS LOS MARTES

Youth Choir (ages 10-14) 6-7:15 pm  
Coro Juvenil (edades 10-14)

Children's Choir (ages 7-9) 5-6:15 pm  
Coro Infantil (edades 7-9)

Music for Preschoolers (ages 4-6) 5-6 pm  
Música para preescolares (edades 4-6)

## OPEN TO ALL ABIERTO A TODOS

TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE from area elementary schools  
TRANSPORTE DISPONIBLE desde las escuelas primarias de la zona

Fall tuition *Inscripción de otoño* \$125

FULL/PARTIAL NEED-BASED SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE  
OFRECEMOS BECAS TOTALES Y PARCIALES SEGÚN LA NECESIDAD

## DIVERSE EXPERIENCE

EXPERIENCIA DIVERSA

world, folk & sacred music in many languages explored- focus on song & movement  
*exploración en música del mundo, música sagrada en diferentes idiomas, con énfasis en el canto y el movimiento*

enthusiastic, experienced teachers will instruct in Spanish and English  
*profesores entusiastas y experimentados enseñaran en español y en inglés*

## SEPT. 22ND - 5 PM

### FALL KICK-OFF! INICIO DE OTOÑO

1st 'try it out' open rehearsal, info. meeting & registration. Meet the staff and enjoy an ice cream sundae.

Whole family welcome! *Primer ensayo 'de prueba' abierto al público, reunión de información y registro. Conoce a los profesores y disfruta un helado sundae. ¡Toda la familia es bienvenida!*

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