



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

Monday, 1/11	Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, 1/13	Parent Council Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday, 1/14	Fundraising Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm
Friday, 1/15	Village School Re-enrollment Forms Due
Monday, 1/18	No School - MLK Jr. Holiday
Wednesday, 1/20	3rd Grade Field Trip 8:45-11:45 Board Meeting 5:30pm
Friday, 1/22	School Talent Show 5:30-8:00pm

The Board had an inspirational retreat right before break and is working on defining our current vision and increasing communication and clarity with all of our policies and procedures. Please let Mike Magee know if you have an urge to contribute in any way to this governing school body.

Hopefully you have had a chance to walk around our new school grounds and become inspired about possible gardens, landscaping and play areas. The site committee will be meeting again this Monday, January 11th at 5:30 at the new site, open to all community members.

The All-School Talent Show is right around the corner, on the 22nd, so get ready for the real fun. Thanks for all you do for our school, Again, Happy New Year!
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REMINDER

NO SCHOOL MONDAY, JANUARY 18



IN HONOR OF MLK JR DAY

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK JANUARY 8TH, 2016

Happy New Year! Wow, 2016, the first check I wrote really brought it home as I signed the date; a new year with a presidential election and a move to our first Village owned school site. Fasten your seat belts folks!

Things are off to a smooth start here on campus. Teachers and staff are returning to our creaky buildings like a well oiled machine. Title staff are already engaged in Winter Testing, main lesson and specialty teachers are right back at the lessons and our organic, vegetarian lunches are hitting the spot on these cold, wet days.

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL'S GOT TALENT!

Take your friends and family out for a fun night at the Village School's ALL-SCHOOL 8th annual talent show and spaghetti dinner!

Where: Village School Cafeteria
 When: Friday, Jan. 22nd
 What Time: 5:30-8:00 pm
 Cost: \$20 for a family of four (\$3 per extra person), \$6 per person (individual)



"Auditions" will be held on Tuesday the 19th in Room 14 at 3:05 pm. All acts must be 3 minutes or less. Sign-up sheets will be made available to students in their classrooms. Students wishing to perform will then bring the completed form that explains what they will be performing to meet with the 8th grade students.

Funds raised at the Talent Show will be used for the Annual 8th Grade Trip to the San Juan Islands in June. This is the biggest and most expensive trip that Village School students have the opportunity to take. It is a culminating experience for our graduating students. The All-School Talent Show is by far the biggest fundraiser for this trip. Every donation made will help lower the cost for each student. See you there!



SUPPORT OUR SPECIALTIES AS WE MOVE INTO OUR NEW SCHOOL!

Handwork Spanish Choir Guitar Marimba



Annual Giving Campaign

December 2015–January 2016

Goal: 100% Participation
\$15,000

All donations are tax deductible
See back page on why 100% is important
and how funds will be used.

Support our Specialty Classes at our New Site, Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign

The Annual Giving Campaign has so far raised \$3750. The campaign will conclude at the end of January, so please get your contribution as soon as possible. If you need a form, please stop by the office. You can make donations to the Village School's Annual Giving Campaign with the following options:

Credit Card - To donate using your credit card, go to our website: <http://www.happyvillage.org/>

Check - To give by check, make it payable to "The Village School" and mail it to The Village School, 2855 Lincoln St, Eugene, Oregon 97405. Please earmark your gift to Annual Giving anywhere on the check or accompanying letter.

RE-ENROLLMENT IS COMING!

Please check your family mailbox for your student re-enrollment form when you return to school in January. Return this important form to Sherri no later than Friday, January 15, 2016 at 3:00 PM to ensure that your children keep their places at the Village School, and notify the office of any siblings you wish to enroll for the 2016-2017 school year. You **MUST** submit a re-enrollment form by this deadline in order to be guaranteed that current students will have places in next year's classes and siblings get priority placement. The Village School is not responsible for saving or reinstating spaces which are lost due to late submission of re-enrollment forms. If you have questions, please ask Sherri (541) 345-7285 ext. 102, sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org.

WONDERING ABOUT WINTER WEATHER?



When school is closed or delayed due to hazardous winter weather, you want to know as quickly as possible. There are several ways to get the news on snowy or icy days:

Text-message alerts: to sign up, text "join" to 56360

Find out via Twitter: @EugeneVillage

Check our website: www.eugenevillageschool.org
or check the 4J website: www.4j.lane.edu

Radio and television news stations and websites

If there is a change in the school schedule due to inclement weather, we will follow the Eugene 4J school district decision. If school is in session and on regular schedule, we will NOT make an announcement. Weather-related school closure decisions normally are made early in the morning and announced via all methods by 6:30 a.m. These decisions are made district wide and are the same for every 4J school. On potential snow days when 4J is not in session, we follow the lead of the Springfield School District at www.springfield.k12.or.us/weather

If school is in session, families are encouraged to consider road conditions in their areas and make their own decisions based on safety. Parents' individual decisions about school attendance will be honored.

IMMUNIZATION FORMS STILL NEEDED!

Parents of children who have a religious exemption to immunizations signed before March 1, 2014, should have received a letter in October describing the new requirements needed to continue the exemption.

If you have not done so yet, there is still time to turn in your updated immunization forms. Please turn in the information or your child may be excluded from school in mid to late February, 2016.

VOLUNTEER IN THE MARIMBA CLASS!



Our wonderful Jennifer Sellers is looking for some parent volunteers to help on Tuesdays and Thursdays. No marimba experience required, but musical abilities would be helpful. Volunteers are needed for three classes (11-11:45, 11:45-12:30, 1:15-2:00). If you are interested email Jennifer at: Jrts57@hotmail.com

SMARTER BALANCE TEST OPT-OUT

This week parents were emailed information pertaining to the Smarter Balance tests that will happen at The Village School sometime between February 9th and June 10th. In the email, information was shared about the tests and forms were given for parents who are choosing to have their children opt-out of the tests. Additional copies of the forms are available in the office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office as well.

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 (www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool or search for The VillageSchool).



GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is coming. On Thursday February 18th, two days before Heart of the Village, "grand" family and friends will visit your children's classrooms, sample some of our music and lunch, and get to know our school a little better. Last year's event was a great time, and we highly recommend it! Please pick up invitations in the school office.



DISCOUNTED INTERNET FOR FAMILIES THAT QUALIFY FOR THE NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM.

Internet Essentials from Comcast is offering high-speed home internet to families that have at least one child that qualifies for free & reduced lunches through the National School Lunch Program, for \$9.95/month. To learn more and apply, visit www.internetessentials.com or call 844-238-5089.

SEEKING DONATIONS FOR RECESS EQUIPMENT

We are looking for the following items for our students to use at recess. If you have donations, please bring them to the office. Thanks!

- Rubber Gym Balls
- Basketballs
- Footballs
- Frisbees
- Airpumps



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

New School News! 1/8/16

It is time to roll up those sleeves, and get starting on preparing our new school! Do you have specific skills (carpentry, electrical, painting, landscaping, etc.) that you are willing to bring to the effort? If so, please e-mail Holly at holly@eugenevillageschool or stop by the office, and learn how to get involved. We are looking to have a big site cleanup work party in January, and K-5 main lesson classroom cleanups in February. Stay tuned!

Sub-Committee Reports

Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:

The Buildings group has been continuing our walkthroughs of the new school, looking at it from many different angles. We've had people evaluate the exterior (lots of little things to fix, but nothing major), and some of the office spaces (quite dirty, but in decent shape), walk another lighting contractor through to get quotes on upgrading, and get a tutorial on how to run the aging heating system. We're learning a ton about our site's idiosyncrasies and are slowly coming to grips with all of the responsibilities of ownership. Please let us know if you're interested in helping evaluate or repair the rooms!

Fundraising Sub-committee:

The Fundraising committee is encouraging families to complete the Annual Giving Campaign pledge form or make donations. The campaign ends February 1st, and we are looking for 100% participation from all families. Please give what you can, no gift is too small! Funds will be used to fix-up and enhance our specialty classrooms in the new school!

Kitchen Sub-committee:

The project team has finalized the kitchen plan. Estimates for equipment have come in at \$50,000. The next steps involve looking at costs for installation, plumbing, electrical, wall modifications and finishes. The kitchen has a GoFundMe campaign. To date, we have raised \$5,765. Share with others to help raise the \$120,000 needed build our kitchen. gofund.me/villagekitchen

Transportation Sub-committee:

With the help of Safe Routes to Schools, we drafted a Transportation Plan. The group is currently drafting a letter for the city of Eugene Traffic Engineer with what safety improvements we would like to see around the site.

Moving Sub-committee:

Long before we move the school, we need to sort through all the things we've collected over the years. If anyone is interested in helping with small organizing projects at the current site, please contact the office.

Grounds Planning Sub-committee:

The grounds committee met yesterday afternoon on-site to walk through with teachers. The next meeting will be on Thursday, January 21st at Market of Choice. They will be taking all the input gathered and start designing the grounds with a focus on the vegetable garden, playground and deer fencing. If you can't make the meeting, but would like to provide input, email leslie@wholegardensnw.com.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, January 11th	Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7:00 pm
Thursday, January 14th	Fundraising Committee Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
Thursday, January 21st	Grounds Committee Meeting - 6:30pm, Market of Choice
Monday, January 25th	Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7:00 pm