



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, 10/12	Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00 pm 3411 Willamette Street
Wednesday, 10/14	Title 1 Math & Science Night 5:30-7:00pm
Thursday, 10/15	5th Grade Field Trip
Wednesday, 10/21	No School Day Board Meeting 5:30-7:30
Tuesday, 10/27	5th Grade Field Trip
Thursday, 10/29	Halloween Carnival & Parade
Friday, 10/30	No School Day

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK OCTOBER 9, 2015

Greetings! Our beautiful Fall weather continues but it's getting just a little darker and colder each day. Of course, the only morning it has rained recently was Wednesday, official "Walk and Bike to School Day!" It didn't slow our hearty bunch down much as the First Grade won the "Golden Bike" award and party with 85% participation. The overall school effort was very impressive, we could barely get around all the bikes. (This brings up thoughts for possibly having more bike pods at our new site next year).

I am writing this article Thursday as our school is hosting the annual Waldorf-Inspired Charter School Conference tomorrow. Our sister schools will be here all day for lectures and workshops. Stephen Sagarin, PhD, has flown across the country to deliver our keynote address, "Our Children, Our Technology, Our Future", followed by job-alike discussions and thematic workshops. It should be a great Professional Development day for our staff.

Next Wednesday is our **Title I Math and Science Night**. Please come with the whole family to our free dinner and math and science games and activities, (see our separate article about the event).

The Site Committee will be meeting again Monday, Oct. 12th, check out our update and info on how to attend and participate with this exciting remodel and move. The teachers and staff are close to finishing the interior room assignments. It will be fun to see where everything is going to be next year and get started on cleaning, painting and building for our students.

We still have some room to improve on late morning arrivals, thanks for all efforts you and your family make to arrive at school on time, especially as the mornings grow darker and colder! Again, thanks for everything you all do to help our school keep that great "Village Vibe". Happy October! Kent

WALK-A-THON APPRECIATIONS

Last Friday, the Village School children, staff, and volunteers participated in our 5th Annual Community Service Walk-a-thon! It was a beautiful, sunny day at the South Eugene High School track, and participants had fun running, walking, and skipping around and around.

We would like to thank all of the amazing parent volunteers who did a variety of important jobs which contributed to the event's success. Thank you to the supply-hauling, set-up and clean-up crews, the lap counters, the snack, water, and First Aid leaders, and the chaperones! It's volunteers like you who make it possible for our school to have such memorable events.

Now it's time to collect your pledges and turn them into the school office. We can't wait to share the fundraising total with our awesome community organizations.



FROM THE GARDEN

Hello to all. My name is Robin Selover and I am the new Garden Program Coordinator. I am a part time AmeriCorps member and I am at Village School all day on Tuesdays and Thursdays. I am very excited to be a part of this beautiful educational environment that you all have created.



I have been a part of designing, building and coordinating educational gardens in Eugene at the Courthouse Garden and currently at Edison Elementary's Schoolhouse Garden. I teach at UO (College of Ed) and LCC (Art Department). I look forward to meeting many more new families. I thank you all for such a warm welcome!

The chickens are back and I could use some help with their care. If you are interested in light chicken duty please feel free to email me at garden@eugenevillageschool.org. I will also be coordinating a fall cleanup garden party to come soon.

HAVE YOU VISITED THE 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.

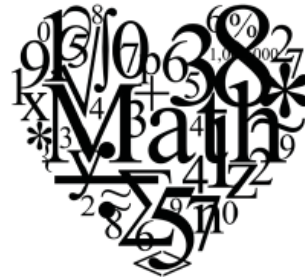
We are currently looking for volunteers to staff the library after school and during the day. Contact Holly for more information.



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

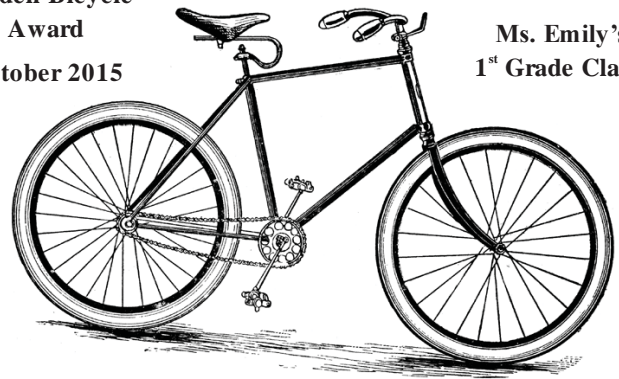
TITLE I FAMILY NIGHT YOU ARE INVITED!

The Village School's Annual Title I Family Night is Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30-7:30 PM. This year, we're going to explore engineering and math. Discover the fun through hands-on activities for the whole family. Come and enjoy a complimentary baked potato bar dinner at 5:30 PM.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Golden Bicycle Award
October 2015



Ms. Emily's
1st Grade Class!

GOT SHIRTS?

The Middle School art classes need your old T-shirts (all colors) for a large scale weaving project. If you can donate any, drop them in the marked box near the office. Thank you!

Mari Livie

VILLAGE KITCHEN UPDATE

Inspired by the community service aspect of the walk-a-thon, last Friday the Village Kitchen decided to do some fun fundraising for Chef Ann Foundation, a group that works to improve school food for children all over the U.S. By posting some #RealSchoolFood photos we raised money and awareness for better school food. Here are a few of our favorites:



TAKE "NOTE" OF THIS EVENT!

Please join Sr. B. and the Village School Guitar Classes at Cozmic on Sunday, October 25th from 7pm - 8pm.

Our Guitar Teacher, Jonathan Bilenki, is hosting a performance and fundraiser there and then. The event is open to the public and will be appropriate for all ages.

Come on out and enjoy the efforts of the middle school music makers, have a slice of pizza and perhaps make a donation. Proceeds will go towards new equipment for the guitar classes like an electric bass, acoustic guitars, strings, picks, capos, and straps.



BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Everyone is invited to participate in the preparations of our new school! **The next meeting is coming up on Wednesday, October 12th at 5:30 pm.** The committee will meet on-site at 3411 Willamette Street. We will be reviewing the task outline, discuss priorities, and discuss overall elements of the site design. It is an exciting time for the Village School, and we would love you to be a part of it!

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).

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!



3rd Grade Artist

THE VILLAGE CAFÉ



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.

FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE

"We have such a brief opportunity to pass on to our children our love for this Earth, and to tell our stories. These are the moments when the world is made whole. In my children's memories, the adventures we've had together in nature will always exist."

— Richard Louv, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder*

"For ourselves, and for our planet, we must be both strong and strongly connected — with each other, with the earth. As children, we need time to wander, to be outside, to nibble on icicles, watch ants, to build with dirt and sticks in the hollow of the earth, to lie back and contemplate clouds..."
Gary Paul Nabhan & Stephen Trimble, *The Geography of Childhood*, 2004

"Passion does not arrive on videotape or on a CD; passion is personal. Passion is lifted from the earth itself by the muddy hands of the young, it travels along grass-stained sleeves to the heart. If we are going to save environmentalism and the environment, we must also save an endangered indicator species: the child in nature. — Richard Louv, *Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature Deficit Disorder*, 2005

"Imagination is more important than knowledge."
— Albert Einstein

"Hands-on experience at the critical time, not systematic knowledge, is what counts in the making of a naturalist. Better to be an untutored savage for a while, not to know the names or anatomical detail. Better to spend long stretches of time just searching and dreaming." — E.O. Wilson, *The Naturalist*, 1994

"The most effective kind of education is that a child should play amongst lovely things." — Plato (Greek philosopher, 428? – 347 BC)

"While I worry about what my children are exposed to in a negative sense when they have 'screen time,' I am equally if not more concerned about what they are missing while engaged with a screen, such as their scope of imagination, hands-on creativity, connection with nature... Childhood is such a precious time, I don't want to squander it!"

— Parent of two Village School students

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

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A notice from the Department of Human Services

The Lane County Branch of the Oregon Department of Human Services Child Welfare Program is actively recruiting homes for children in foster care in our county. There is a critical need for stable, nurturing foster homes in our community. The greatest needs are for families that can take larger sibling groups (3-5 children) so they can stay together, homes for toddlers/preschoolers – not babies, but not in school yet and homes for teens.

Without safe, loving foster homes in each community, children are forced to change schools and leave friends and familiar surroundings just when they need those things the most.

Not everyone can be a foster family, but some can – if you are interested in more information call: 541-726-6644, ext.2248 or email: holly.a.steer@state.or.us.

To learn ways your family can support foster families in our community, contact FAAPAlane@gamil.com.