

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, 10/21 **No School Day**
Board Meeting 5:30-7:30
- Saturday, 10/24 Garden Work Party
9-11:30am
- Monday, 10/26 Building Development
Committee Meeting 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 10/27 5th Grade Field Trip
- Thursday, 10/29 Kindergarden Field Trip
Halloween Carnival &
Parade
- Friday, 10/30 **No School Day**
- Monday, 11/2 **No School Day**
- Wednesday, 11/4 Parent Council
6:30-7:30pm
- Friday, 11/6 Dia de Muertos Celebration
5:30-7:30pm

The Site Committee met again last Monday and took things a step closer in organizing our remodel at our new school. The teachers and staff are very close to finishing the interior room assignments, next it's on to the exterior design group to locate playground, gardens, traffic patterns and any fun additions like a gazebo, labyrinth or amphitheater. 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!

Remember, no school next Wednesday, (Grading Day). Again, thanks for everything you all do to help our school keep that great "Village Vibe". Happy October! Kent

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK OCTOBER 16, 2015

Greetings! Moving into the heart of the Fall; not so easy to get up in the colder mornings. Our Fall Conference last Friday went off without a hitch, we had a great keynote address, (which we have on tape), and very solid workshops all day. The other principals reported that their staffs felt well hosted and enjoyed the day.

Our Title I Math and Science night was also a success, the dinner was tasty and the children were absorbed in their learning stations after an active play period outside. The event was well attended, (over 40 families), and the concentration of the students in their activities was a pleasure to watch, (see the pics). Tana Bailey, our Title 1 Coordinator, did a great job running this event, as usual.



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 26th at 5:30 pm.**

The committee will meet on-site at 3411 Willamette Street. Children are welcome, but there is no child-care provided.

For more information about the move, agendas for upcoming meetings, and ways to engage visit:
<http://www.mediate.com/village/pg1046.cfm>

FROM THE GARDEN

MAKE A DIFFERENCE ON OCTOBER 24!

Make a Difference Day is a national day of volunteerism. Come on out and have fun putting our school garden to bed for the winter. We will meet on Saturday, October 24 from 9-11:30am.

Gardeners of all ages and abilities are welcome. Warm and cool beverages will be provided.

RSVP to Robin at garden@eugenevillageschool.org



ATTENTION! UPDATED IMMUNIZATION FORM REQUIREMENTS

Earlier this Spring, the legislature and governor approved Oregon Senate Bill 895 which invalidates religious exemptions for vaccinations signed before March 1, 2014. As a result, parents seeking non-medical exemptions from vaccinations are subject to new requirements.

Parents of children who have a religious exemption to immunizations signed before March 1, 2014, will be receiving a letter next week describing the new information we need continue the exemption. *Please turn in the information by December, or your child may be excluded from school in mid to late February, 2016.*

If you have any questions, contact Sherri Marineau at: sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org

DIA DE MUERTOS CELEBRATION



The Village School's Dia de Muertos Celebration is coming up on **Friday, November 6th - 5:30-7:30pm**. We are currently looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. We are also seeking

marigold donations - fresh or dried. Please let Holly know if you have flowers to donate - or sign-up for a volunteer shift at:

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/events/committee-JobsSummaryAdmin/65763273-63341053>

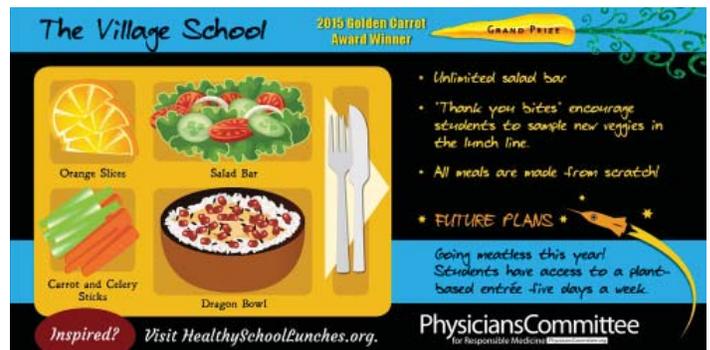
THE VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN RECEIVES THE GOLDEN CARROT AWARD!



The nonprofit Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine awarded a grand prize to the Village School in the 2015 Golden Carrot Awards. The Village School received the award and a \$2,015 cash prize this week, which is National School Lunch Week. The Village School was recognized for its exceptionally healthful plant-based school lunches and outstanding health promotion initiatives.

The Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine established the Golden Carrot Awards in 2004 to recognize food service professionals doing an exceptional job of improving the healthfulness of school lunches. The Physicians Committee looks for programs that encourage kids to eat lots of fresh fruits and vegetables and that offer plenty of vegetarian, low-fat, whole grain, and nondairy options.

To learn more about the Golden Carrot Awards visit: <http://www.pcrm.org/health/healthy-school-lunches/carrot/2015-golden-carrot-award-winners>



The Village School 2015 Golden Carrot Award Winner **GRAND PRIZE**

- Unlimited salad bar
- "Thank you bites" encourage students to sample new veggies in the lunch line.
- All meals are made from scratch!
- **FUTURE PLANS** •

Going meatless this year! Students have access to a plant-based entrée five days a week.

Inspired? Visit HealthySchoolLunches.org. PhysiciansCommittee for Responsible Medicine

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

MATH & ENGINEERING NIGHT SUCCESS!

Thanks for all of those who came to our annual Math and Engineering Night! This year, we had 100 attendees and several new stations. There were math games, magnet experiments, and even matchbox cars to race and record their level of aerodynamics. The kids, of all ages, had a good time. A big shout out to Toña and her kitchen crew for putting together the yummy baked potato bar.

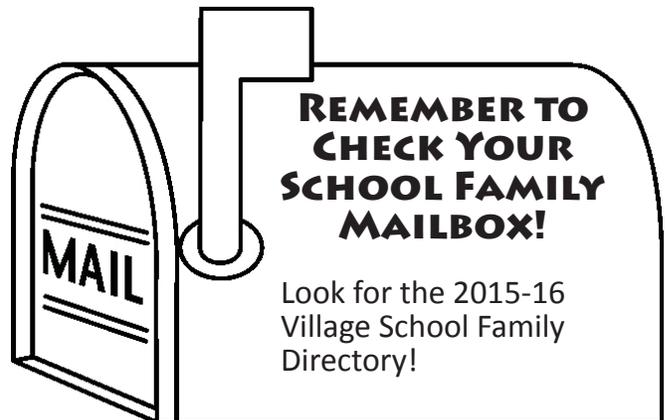


TAKE "NOTE" OF THIS EVENT!

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.



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).

FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE

A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

I read a fascinating book recently, Michael B. Crawford's "The World Beyond Your Head: On Becoming an Individual in an Age of Distraction". It affirmed the way in which we have chosen to raise our son with rich real life experiences. The concept of "embodied perception" is especially apt to the encouragement of a media free childhood. Crawford writes: "The world is known to us because we live and act in it and accumulate experience... We think through the body. The fundamental contribution of this school of psychological research [that of embodied cognition] is that it puts the mind back in the world, where it belongs, after several centuries of being locked within our heads. The boundary of our cognitive processes cannot be cleanly drawn at the outer surface of our skulls, or indeed of our bodies more generally. They are, in a sense, distributed in the world we act in." Are our children acting in our shared world when their faces are glued to a screen? Are they "embodied"? Are they developing their "cognitive processes"? Our family enjoys engaging with nature and with friends and family - building campfires, skipping along river rocks, sharing meals. I believe in these kind experiences and wouldn't want to waste sweet childhood with too much screen time. We want our son to grow in awareness of our shared world with respect for Nature and the real faces of the people we live with.



More from Crawford: "The problem of distraction is usually discussed as a problem of technology. I suggest we view the problem as more fundamentally one of political economy: in a culture saturated with technologies for appropriating our attention, our interior mental lives are laid bare as a resource to be harvested by others. Viewing it this way shifts our gaze from the technology itself to the intention that guides its design and its dissemination into every area of life." (My emphasis) He argues for the "right not to be addressed" or marketed to. Our Village School community is a great place to stand for this right!

"...the possibilities for beautiful human action in the world as it is - the undiscovered possibilities of fit - seem inexhaustible. This can inspire wonder and gratitude: the most creditable of religious intuitions is available within this-worldly ethics of attention. For there does seem to be something benevolent in the disposition of things, relative to us. Such are the rules of gravity and buoyancy that surfing is possible. That's the kind of universe we inhabit. Being alert to such possibilities, and giving their occurrence in the world their due in wonder: to encounter things in this way is basically [...fully engaging], in the sense that we are drawn out of ourselves toward beauty."

Let's focus more on the rich experience we do want for our children rather than just saying no to media.

Leslie Davis - 2nd Grade Parent

If you are mindful of the impact of media/technology on your family, please send your thoughts, concerns, and practices, etc., to janehappy@aol.com



FRIENDLY PARK WORK PARTY

Sunday, October 19th
9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon

In order to keep the park pesticide-free, neighbors park and users are asked to lend a hand! For more information visit:
<http://www.friendlyareaneighbors.org/>

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

ART for ALL HALLOWEEN FIELD DAY

Saturday, October 31, 2015
NOON to 4PM

Dress Up with the Ponies
and Take A Ride
Goodies Galore

www.animalrescueteaching.org
85671 Chezem Rd. Eugene, OR



Experience our Farm,
Meet our Animals,
and Discover
Animal Rescue
Teaching for Any Level
of Learner

Small Cabin For Rent on Mr. Matthew's Family Homestead \$600 Month(includes all utilities)



Located on 5 acres, about 1.5 miles past the Raptor Center(off Fox Hollow Road). The land is mixed woods, close to hiking trails, and only 10 minutes from The Village School.

We are looking for someone(or some folks) who is/are interested in living in community, and working together on animal and garden projects. Work trade available in exchange for garden and animal(goat milk, chicken eggs) food.

For more information talk to Mr. Matthew or email him at psolidarity@yahoo.com

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.