

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

Saturday, 10/24	Garden Work Party 9-11:30am
Monday, 10/26	1st & 8th Grade Field Trip Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30pm
Tuesday, 10/27	2nd & 3rd Grade Field Trip 5th Grade Field Trip
Thursday, 10/29	Kindergarden Field Trip Halloween Carnival & 2:20 Parade
Friday, 10/30	No School Day - Conferences
Monday, 11/2	No School Day - Conferences
Wednesday, 11/4	Parent Council 6:30-7:30pm
Friday, 11/6	Dia de Muertos Celebration 5:30-7:30pm

The Site Committee will meet again next Monday at the new site. We are putting together work groups and timelines. Please attend if you can swing it. There is no requirement demanded and it's fun to brainstorm and watch this whole design be put together. There is room for every level of commitment from project leadership to worker bee to supportive observer. It is also fun to walk around the new campus and imagine what we might create for the future. Hope to see you there. The faculty is very close on finishing room assignments and their plan will be presented Monday night also.

We are planning now also for Dia de Muertos Friday, November 6th. We have some very talented musicians this year, invited by Señora Pamela, mark your calendars!

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

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK OCTOBER 23, 2015

Greetings! It has been one of our most peaceful weeks so far. Grading day gave everyone a chance to breathe and get caught up. The Register Guard article on our lunch program was fantastic, good job Kitchen!

Next week brings Halloween fun. The sixth grade will host a Halloween Carnival for all the classes to attend, ending in the Halloween Parade in the afternoon. There are several field trips happening this week and next, please talk to your class teacher or class coordinator for more information.

The garden needs some help and we are having a Garden Work Party on Saturday. We hope to see you there!

Don't forget to schedule Parent/Teacher Conferences for next Friday, the 30th and Monday November 2nd.. No school for students.

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



3rd Grade Artist

THE VILLAGE KITCHEN IN THE NEWS!

What a pleasure it was to have the Register Guard visit our school this week. They heard about our recent national recognition, The Golden Carrot Award, and wanted to visit the garden and kitchen. It was fun to see a photo of the fourth graders in the garden on the front page of the paper Wednesday morning! Check out the article here: <http://register-guard.com/rg/news/local/33623614-75/wheres-the-beef-is-not-part-of-lunch-menu-at-eugenes-village-school.html.csp>

The award and media attention coincides with the launch of our kitchen's GoFundMe Campaign. We are very excited to be moving to our new site next fall but are also concerned because the new school does not have a working kitchen! We need to raise \$120,000 by March to build a school kitchen that will serve over 25,000 healthy and delicious scratch-made meals each year.

Please help us spread the word about this campaign by sharing it far and wide!
<https://www.gofundme.com/villagekitchen>



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DIA DE MUERTOS CELEBRATION A MESSAGE FROM PAMELA PEARCE, MIDDLE SCHOOL SPANISH TEACHER

I am busy getting ready for our Dia de Muertos festival. Mark your calanders for **Friday, November 6th - 5:30-7:30pm!** You can be a part of this preparation by donating marigolds, folk art and bringing in pictures of people you want to remember for our Ofrenda (altar) that I will be setting up this week. I am thrilled that we will have some special musical guests this year. Some of the musicians arriving from Guanajuato, Mexico to perform at the Jordon Schnitzer Museum for their annual Day of the Dead exhibit will be staying on an extra few days to perform our school's festival- many thanks to Armando Morales from Oak Hill School for that. I encourage everyone to come, participate and help your children to participate in our beautiful multicultural event. I also encourage everyone to go see all of the art and music celebrating this iconic Mexican holiday at the Jordon Schnitzer museum October 29th through November 2nd.

We are currently looking for volunteers to help in a variety of ways. To sign up, visit: <https://www.help-counterweb.com/ci/events/committeeJobsSummaryAdmin/65763273-63341053>

BUILDING DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE UPDATE

Everyone is invited to participate in the preparations of our new school! **The next meeting is coming up on Monday, October 26th at 5:30 pm.**

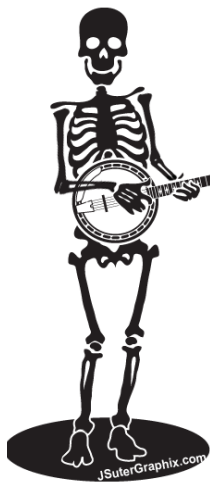
The committee will meet on-site at 3411 Willamette Street. Children are welcome, but there is no child-care provided.

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



TAKE "NOTE" OF THIS EVENT - A COZMIC CONCERT!

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.

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, should have received a letter this 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

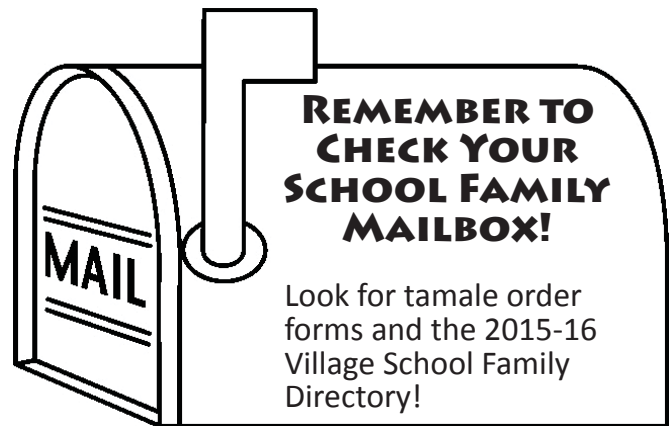


TAMALE SALE! FUNDRAISER FOR THE DIA DE LOS MUERTOS FESTIVAL

It's that time of the year again! Each year the Village School sells delicious tamales as a fundraiser for the Parent Council. To order, fill out the forms you received in your family mailbox, and return to the office with a check made out to the VILLAGE SCHOOL by: Thursday, October 29th.

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).



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

FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE

A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

Sometimes we parents need a break, or we just need to get work done without the kids underfoot. At those times it can be so tempting to set them up with a video, tablet, phone... With a little preparation and/or creativity, however, we may find that unplugged activities can be just as effective at giving us the time we need, while keeping their imaginations and bodies active and engaged in the real world.

Here are some ideas for un-plugged activities for kids that require minimal parent involvement:

Handwork:

Have a stash of yarn, fabric, needles, crochet hook, etc., handy in a basket for them to use for their original handwork creations. The VS has prepared your kids well for this option!

Arts and crafts:

Have a stash of pens, crayons, paper, stencils, stamps, stickers, glue, scissors, stapler, hole punch... give them free access and let them loose to create.

Paper-airplane test flights:

Demonstrate how to make an airplane, or borrow a book about it from the library, then hand over a ream of paper (or the recycling bin), a tape measure, etc. They can measure flight distances, etc. as they try different designs.

Neighborhood spies:

Encourage snooping. Track down some spy gear (binoculars, trench coat, notepad) and encourage them to gather observations on what's really going on in the neighborhood.

Civil engineering and laundry 101:

Let them build a blanket fort, then have them practice folding blankets/sheets when it's time to clean up.

Obstacle course time trials:

Have them set up a course (indoors or out) using pieces of wood, boxes, buckets, chairs — anything that can be jumped over, under or around. Tell the children to time each other around the course.

Old fashioned scavenger hunts:

Send them on a scavenger hunt — there are lots of lists for various indoor/outdoor settings available in a quick online search.

Nature treasure hunt:

Give them a basket and send them out in the yard to gather seasonal treasures.

Story time:

Reading books on their own if they're able, or listening to audio books from the library can offer hours of entertainment — and can be enjoyed while doing other meditative activities like drawing or doing handwork.

When it's time to clean up, see if you can get them to make that a game too — that ideally doesn't involve too much parent involvement!

Please share your family's favorite ideas for unplugged play: drop them in the Happy family box, or e-mail JaneHappy@aol.com.

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

Handmade Garden Loom for sale. Great for tapestry weaving, children's projects, etc. Free delivery in Lane Cty. \$55 Donna Crispin 541.683.7689 or leave a note in my box in the office.



Halloween Party
Thursday, 10/29
4:00pm - 6:00pm
Girls ages 10-18
Free!

You are invited to the annual Halloween Party at Ophelia's Place! There will be Halloween inspired snacks, crafts and other spooky activities. Come in costume, or as yourself!

Facilitated by OP staff and interns. Please call us at (541) 284-4333 prior to attending Ophelia's Place activities to schedule an orientation.

ART for ALL HALLOWEEN FIELD DAY

Saturday, October 31, 2015
NOON to 4PM

Dress Up with the Ponies
and Take A Ride
Goodies Galore

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Meet our Animals,
and Discover
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