



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, 11/2	NO SCHOOL DAY- Conferences
Wednesday, 11/4	Parent Council Meeting 6:30-7:30pm
Thursday, 11/5	Fundraising Committee Meeting - Staff Lounge
Friday, 11/6	Dia de Muertos Celebration 5:30-7:30pm
Monday, 11/9	Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm
Wednesday, 11/11	NO SCHOOL DAY
Thursday, 11/12	4th Grade Field Trip
Wednesday, 11/18	Board Meeting 5:30-7:30

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.

Dia de Muertos is Friday, November 6th , starting at 5:30PM with a potluck, activities and performances. We have some very talented guest musicians this year, invited by Pam, our 7/8th grade Spanish teacher. Estar alli o ser cuadrado!

Don't forget to set your clocks back on Sunday, November 1st.

Have a fun, safe and memorable Halloween 2015!
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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK OCTOBER 30, 2015

Greetings! With last week's calmness behind us we're ramping up for Halloween this weekend and Dia de Muertos next Friday. Yesterday was a wild and spooky scene all throughout the school with a good time had by aliens, princesses, cats, insects, tie-dye sharks and vending machines, ending with our Parade and Ghost of John song in the courtyard.

Today is a Parent Conference Day, as is Monday. Parent Council meets Wednesday at 6:30 with childcare available. Tell Holly if you will need childcare that evening.

The Site Committee, now known as the BDC, (Building Development Committee), is meeting every other 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.



RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

In November, the Village School Staff Wellness Program would like to inspire our staff, students and community to look at ways to be kind to each other.

Next week you will see our Kindness Tree set up in the courtyard with leaves of kindness to choose from. These leaves will have little random acts of kindness written on them as ideas of actions we can do for each other to help inspire a culture of kindness in our school, homes and community.

Make someone's day and share a little kindness.



EL DIA DE MUERTOS CELEBRATION

- Bring a Latin-inspired main dish, salad or side dish to share. Bring enough food to feed your family plus one other to make sure there is enough food to go around. Please label the dishes or include a brief ingredient list. No drink or dessert items as we are selling these.
- Please bring your own labeled plates, silverware and cups (to tread lightly on our planet).
- Mexican cookies and beverages will be available for purchase. This helps finance the festival, including supplies for classroom activities. All families are requested to bake either "Soul Cakes" (no nuts) or "Mexican Wedding Cakes" (nuts) to bring for the bake sale. Recipes are available outside the office.
- Ofrenda (remembrance table): bring photos of a loved one, or of a public figure that has made a difference in the world. (Please label your items: use photocopies rather than original photos).

FROM THE GARDEN

Thanks so much to UO students Arron and Tony and Arron's sons, Austin and Justin for joining me in the garden last Saturday. We got so much done! Many hands make light work and camaraderie too. Please let Robin know how you would like to get involved in our school garden. You can drop her an email at garden@eugenevillage-school.org or a note in her mailbox.



THE VILLAGE KITCHEN "KEEP US COOKING!"

We are excited to have launched a fundraising campaign to raise funds for our new kitchen. Please help us spread the word about this campaign by sharing it far and wide!

<https://www.gofundme.com/villagekitchen>



HEALTHY BAKE SALE OPTIONS!

Check out the great healthy bake sale recipes that VS parents and Wellness Committee members Jennifer Chastain and Meg Orion brought in as a resource for families wanting to make healthier sweets! This resource can always be found on our school website under the Wellness Policy tab. New recipes will be added throughout the year. If you have a favorite that you would like to share please submit to Holly in the office. View the recipes here: <http://www.happyvillage.org/pg1045.cfm>



New School News!

Welcome to the New School News. It will take many hands to prepare our new school site before moving next fall. There are numerous opportunities for parents and community members to get involved in this exciting project! We are excited to share with our school community what is happening!

The Building Development Committee was created to organize around the efforts. We have created sub-committees for volunteers to work on a specific aspect of the project. The sub-committees have chosen to communicate through a website called Basecamp. If you are interested in joining one of the sub-committees, email Holly at holly@eugenevillageschool.org and ask to be added to the group. If you are not interested in the planning process, but want to help out when we are looking for volunteers, stay tuned! We will be posting updates in the newsletter, and on our website as the project moves along.

We would like to acknowledge Village School parent, Mike Magee, who has been donating a tremendous amount of time lending his professional expertise as an architect, and serving as the project manager.

Summary from last Building Development Committee Meeting on October 26th, 2015

The Committee worked on establishing a process to work together and to best communicate within the different committees and among the school community. The following process was proposed:

All active subcommittees are asked to report out at the regular bi-weekly building development committee meetings. They will mention highlights, decision points, anticipated costs, timelines, and pertinent next steps. The regular reporting from subcommittees can provide the basis for articles in the Village Voice, the "New School" page on the Village school website, and others.

Subcommittees are encouraged to get feedback from teachers, the best method to do this is to attend a teacher staff meeting on Thursdays, if possible. If that's not possible, ask a teacher to bring the inquiries to the staff meeting on behalf of the volunteer subcommittee.

Sub-Committee Reports

Grounds Planning Subcommittee:

The site survey should be completed soon and will provide details about locations of stormwater infrastructure and more. Mike Magee will share the survey with the committee as soon as it is available.

Moving Subcommittee:

There was agreement that we should get an estimate soon for the cost of hiring a professional moving company to move the school.

Buildings Subcommittee:

The teachers are working to come to agreement on what the base condition should be for each room. Once determined, the committee can get to work bringing all rooms up to this standard.

Teachers and administrators are actively discussing the placement of different classes and uses in different rooms. The building inspection report done in June will be made available to the sub-committee to determine the necessary repairs and upgrades.

Fundraising Sub-committee:

Andy Peara is planning a fundraising committee meeting for Thursday, November 5th at 5:30pm in the Staff Lounge. The VS Kitchen has launched a GoFundMe campaign to raise money for the new kitchen.

Transportation Sub-committee:

The City of Eugene will initiate a speed study for Willamette. This should take until approximately January to get results. The committee is going to work with the traffic engineer to explore the various options for crosswalks across Willamette and Donald. The committee is working with Safe Routes to Schools to create a walk/bike map that will be useful in planning and advocating for traffic calming in the area.

Kitchen Sub-committee:

Mike Magee has been working with kitchen staff and volunteers to draft the plan.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, 11/5	Fundraising Committee Mtg. 5:30 - Village School
Monday, 11/9	BDC Meeting - at new school 5:30-7:00pm

Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided.

FIELD TRIP FUN

On Monday October 26th the 1st grade and their 8th grade reading buddies took a field trip together to Farmer John and Marsha Sundquist's Rivers Turn Farm in Coburg. As the pictures show is was a beautiful day of harvesting, Broom Corn, Turnips, Beans, Squash and of course PUMPKINS!



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!*

HALLOWEEN AT THE VILLAGE



A HALLOWEEN POEM BY JOSEPH (3RD GRADE)

A witch makes a potion in a magic pot.
Hehehe hahaha
Frogs and spiders and snake skin,
toss it up and throw it in.
Put in a little bit of spider web.
This potion can burn off your head.
The witch flies off on her magic broom stick
She lights the wick
Of a candle tonight
While she is in mid-flight.
Now that's how the story goes,
Now I told you, now you know.



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



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.

Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art Día de los Muertos/Day of the Dead Celebration

October 29 & 30 and November 1 & 2
6 - 9 p.m.
FREE

This popular annual event is filled with music, poetry, art, dialogue and a traditional ofrenda is constructed to celebrate the holiday. The event is co-sponsored by Oak Hill School in conjunction with the Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, MEChA de UO, Adelante Sí, el Instituto de Cultura de Guanajuato, el Instituto Estatal de Migrante Guanajuatense y sus familias, CBT Nuggets, and Latin American Studies Program. See more at:

<http://jsma.uoregon.edu/DiadelosMuertos>

