



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

- Sunday, 11/8 Village School Fundraiser at 16 tons 4:00-9:00pm
- Monday, 11/9 Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm
- Wednesday, 11/11 **Veterans Day - NO SCHOOL**
- Thursday, 11/12 4th Grade Field Trip
Grounds sub-committee meeting. 6:30pm 16 Tons
- Wednesday, 11/18 Board Meeting 5:30-7:30
- Thursday, 11/19 6th Grade Play 10:15-11:15am & 6-7pm
- Monday, 11/23 5th Grade Field Trip
Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:30pm

We appreciate all the effort that has been put out to get students to school on time, well-rested and fed, as we go into this dark time of year. Thanks for all you do for our school! Kent

TONIGHT!

EL DÍA DE MUERTOS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH
THE VILLAGE SCHOOL CAFETERIA
5:30-7:30 PM

PLEASE BRING:
A Latin inspired potluck dish to share
Your own dishes, utensils and cups
A photograph (labeled) of a loved one for the ofrenda

STUDENT PERFORMANCES
POTLUCK, BAKE SALE
FACE PAINTING & CRAFTS

We are delighted to welcome visiting musicians and dancers from the group "Los Ambristes" from Querétaro, Mexico accompanied by members of the LJO Fandangeros to play "Son Jarocho", the folkloric music from the Veracruz region of Mexico.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK NOVEMBER 9, 2015

Greetings! Halloween is over but the fun continues tonight with Dia de Muertos. Doors open at 5:30PM for food, crafts, dance and music. We have very talented guest musicians, student performances and a beautiful altar, Estar alli o ser cuadrado!

Next week brings a K-2 Lantern Walk on Thursday as well as the 4th Grade Fish Creek Field Trip, same day. The First Grade Bike Blender Party is on Friday. No school on Wednesday, Veteran's Day.

The Site Committee, now known as the BDC, (Building Development Committee), is meeting every other Monday at the new site, and this Monday is on the schedule. Several project groups have begun discussions and the room assignments will be presented at this meeting. All are invited, hope to see you there.

Parent Council met last night and has lots of good ideas for fundraising, helping classrooms move and even a possible new festival next year. Please read the notes from the meeting which are now posted on our website.

RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS

For the month of November our students, staff and community are invited to participate in Kindness Month at the Village School.

Our Staff and OEA Choice Wellness Program would like to inspire a culture of kindness in our school, homes and community. Starting next week, a Kindness Tree will be set up each day in the courtyard. There will be leaves of kindness with little random acts of kindness written on them as ideas of actions we can do for each other. We will also have blank leaves for you to fill out with your own acts of kindness.

To participate, all you need to do is choose a leaf, do that act of kindness, and pin your leaf on the Kindness Tree when you are done. By the end of the month we hope to bring a sense of thoughtfulness to our community by seeing a full tree of kindness leaves. Make someone's day and share a little kindness.

SCHOOL PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED LOOK IN YOUR FAMILY MAILBOX



Nortwest Exposures will be offering **retake photos on Sunday, November 15th**. They will also be offering a Family Portrait Special (\$95 / regularly \$195), on the same day. Contact Judi Lamb at 541.654.1921 to schedule.

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



GOT SHIRTS?



16 TONS SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

We're excited to announce that 16 Tons, a favorite local spot next to Market of Choice, has offered to host a monthly fundraiser for the Village School to raise money for our new school kitchen. Our first event takes place **THIS SUNDAY** from 4-9pm and will happen the first Sunday of each month after this. So, join your friends down at 16 Tons this Sunday where \$1 from every purchase of beer, wine, sandwiches and crepes sold will be donated to our school. See you there!

SUNDAY NOVEMBER 8

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

4-9pm

16 Tons Cafe

GREAT FOOD	GOOD TIMES
 <small>Micro Roasted Coffee</small>	 <small>Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner</small>
 <small>Craft Beer, Wine & Cider</small>	 <small>Open Bar - 8pm</small>

VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

\$1 donated from every purchase of Beer, Wine, Crepes & Sandwiches!

HOLIDAY WREATH SALE 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER



These beautiful wreaths are made with the freshest greens from the Pacific Northwest. Starting with a Noble Fir base, we add generous clusters of Berried Juniper, splashes of Incense Cedar, and adorn each with Ponderosa Pine Cones ~ a wonderful welcome for your house. (Wreath finished outside diameter 22" - 24")

Wreaths cost \$20 each. Please pre-order yours by Thursday, November 21st. Wreaths may be picked up starting Tuesday, December 2nd before or after school. Please make checks payable to: The Village School, and deliver your orders and payment to the front office.

If you have questions, please call Carrie Janes 541-345-0946 or email carrence68@yahoo.com

Happy Holidays and thanks for supporting this year's 8th Grade Class Trip!!

New School News!

The building sale is set to close by the end of this month! Last Thursday, October 29, Village School Administrators, Main Lesson Teachers and board members met to discuss the future of our new building and site. They are working on a vision statement which will be aligned with the Village School mission and hopefully help guide us all in our work. Look for an upcoming draft of the vision statement in the next week or so.

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.

Sub-Committee Reports

Grounds Planning Subcommittee:

The site survey should be completed soon and will provide details about locations of stormwater infrastructure and more. The first committee meeting is on 11/12. They will be looking at the elements that need to be included (playground, garden, outdoor classrooms, playing fields, etc.) and how they could be best arranged on the site. Several members saw Landscape Architect, Anita Van Asperdt, give a talk on natural playgrounds.

Sustainability Sub-committee:

Committee members walked through the site with BRING's RE:think program & EWEB to look at options for upgrading the lighting to be more energy efficient. EWEB offers a significant rebate for upgrading. Chris Halaska is in the process of getting quotes on the actual cost, to see if this is something that can be done as part of moving in, or if it will be a longer-term project.

Buildings (interior) Sub-committee:

The teachers and administrators have agreed on the placement of different classes and uses in different rooms. Their recommendation will now go to the board for approval. 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:

The GoFundMe campaign for the kitchen has raised almost \$2,400 in 15 days (<https://www.gofundme.com/villagekitchen>). There will be monthly 16 Tons Village School fundraisers starting THIS SUNDAY from 4-9 and the 1st Sunday of every month in the future. The fundraising committee met on Thursday the 5th and discussed the Annual Giving Campaign as it relates to the new building and will be discussing capital campaign strategies in their next meeting on 11/19.

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 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. They are organizing attendance at the Southeast Neighborhood Association meeting this month to introduce ourselves, and hopefully do more outreach soon.

Kitchen Sub-committee:

The committee is currently working with Pacific Restaurant Supply getting quotes for all equipment and fine tuning the kitchen layout. Current plan options under consideration for the VS kitchen.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, 11/12	Grounds sub-committee meeting - at 16 Tons 6:30pm
Monday, 11/9	BDC Meeting - at new school 5:30-7:00pm
Thursday, 11/19	Fundraising sub-committee meeting - staff lounge 6:30pm

Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided.

FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE

A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

There was a child went forth every day;
And the first object he look'd upon, that object he became;
And that object became part of him for the day, or a certain part of the day, or for many years, or stretching
cycles of years.

The early lilacs became part of this child,
And grass, and white and red morning-glories, and white and red clover, and the song of the phoebe bird...

Our child's teacher presented this poem, "There Was a Child Went Forth," by Walt Whitman, to us when we met with her for our parent teacher conference the other day, small segments of which I have copied here. The beauty and magnitude of it's truth rung in our hearts and moved us both deeply. I have pondered it since, and reflected with gratitude upon the objects the Village School offers to our children each day: the wool and cotton yarn and wood and bamboo needles in handwork, the cloth napkins and handmade ceramic bowls at lunch, the beeswax crayons, the round-edged paper, the wooden flutes, the art-filled classrooms... for each of these things and many others I am grateful to have become part of our children.

The poem goes on to list the people the child encounters, their language and manner, the smells and sounds, the landscapes... and so on. And I reflect on the thoughtful ways ideas and concepts are presented to our children at this school, and the timing and pace at which they are introduced, designed to match the readiness of their tender minds and hearts. I reflect on the wisdom and heart expressed to our children by the teachers, staff, and families at the school. I reflect upon the carefully crafted mission of the school, and how it aspires to enrich our children with developmentally nurturing curricula and equally to protect them from the predatory barrage of the indiscriminate media milieu that pervades the culture of consumerism. Again, I feel grateful to have these become part of our children.



This poem calls me to reflect more deeply upon our children's experience in the world, and our power to affect that experience across the spectrum of positive and negative. When I am aware of the profundity of the impact their experiences in childhood have on who they become for the rest of their lives, I am likely to be much more thoughtful about what I choose to introduce to them at each point in their development. I am so grateful that the Village School's mission is mindful of this reality, and endeavors to honor, enrich, and protect the precious childhood of each young person at the school. We are blessed to have such partners in our dreams for our children.

The poem ends: These became part of that child who went forth every day, and who now goes, and will always go forth every day.

— Parent of two Village School students

We invite you to share your musings/ideas/practices on the topic of childhood, family, and media. E-mail JaneHappy@aol.com or drop it in the Happy family box, and let us know whether or not you want your thoughts to be included in future VV issues.

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

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

University of Oregon

20th Annual **STUDENT JEWELRY SALE**

The 20th Annual University of Oregon Student Jewelry Sale will be held in the lobby of Lawrence Hall on campus. The sale will take place on Tuesday, November 10 from 9am-4pm. Students and alumni of the Jewelry & Metalsmithing program in the UO Department of Art will present jewelry that is inventive, thoughtful and unique. Each student is responsible for the design and fabrication of at least 12 pieces of jewelry including rings, pendants, brooches, earrings, etc. Each student creates a body of innovative jewelry using traditional and nontraditional materials ranging from silver to plastic and rubber. This is part 1 of 2 opportunities this term students will have to gain professional skills in developing a body of production work, sales and exhibition.

All pieces are under \$35 in order to raise funding for guest lectures and studio equipment. The sale has enjoyed immense success in past years. Be sure to mark your calendar!