

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, 11/18 Board Meeting 5:30-7:30
8th Grade Bake Sale - after school
- Thursday, 11/19 1st & 2nd Grade Lantern Walk 5:30-6:45pm
Fundraising Sub-committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm
- Monday, 11/23 5th Grade Field Trip
Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- Wednesday 11/25 3rd Grade Author's Afternoon 1:30pm
- Thursday, 11/26 **NO SCHOOL DAY**
Friday, 11/27 **NO SCHOOL DAY**
- Thursday, 12/3 Winter Concert 6:30-7:45
- Sunday, 12/6 16 Tons Fundraiser
- Monday, 12/7 BDC Meeting 5:30-7:30pm

The First Grade Bike Blender Party is today, to celebrate their incredible participation on Walk & Bike to School Day in October. Safe Routes to Schools has provided us with a Bike Friday bicycle to use with the blender that will work for all ages and sizes!

The Site Committee, now known as the BDC, (Building Development Committee), met Monday at the new site, and projects are beginning to get underway, stay tuned to Basecamp and our weekly updates in the Village Voice, (let Holly know if you want to join Basecamp).

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

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. For the month, 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.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK NOVEMBER 13TH, 2015

Greetings! Dia de Muertos was beautiful and entertaining last Friday evening. The performances by the students and the visiting musicians were fabulous and the ofrenda was truly breathtaking. Thank you Pamela, Holly and Sherri and teachers! I would also like to thank Andy von Engel for designing the beautiful poster.

4th grade artist

It has been a busy week, with the Kindergarten Lantern Walk last night and field trips. Yesterday the third grade class visited Ruby and Ambers Organic Farm and the fourth grade traveled to Triangle Lake to learn about salmon and watch them spawn.



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.

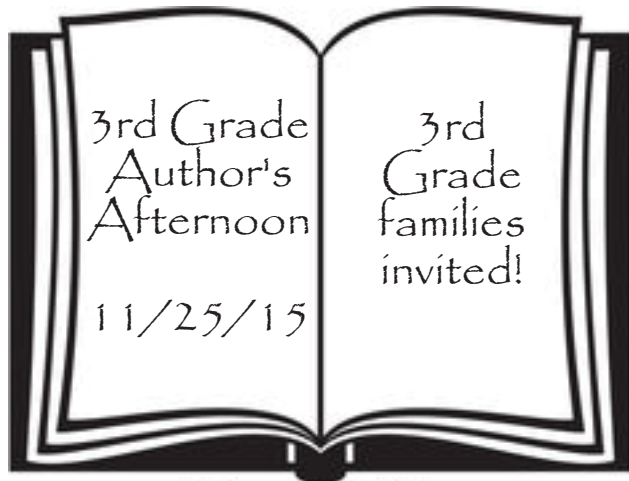
SCHOOL PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED LOOK IN YOUR FAMILY MAILBOX



Northwest 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.

MISSING SOMETHING?

The lost & found is bursting at the seams! Items have been moved outside the office doors. Please go through and claim your items by Wednesday, 11/25.



SECOND GRADE COAT COLLECTION

The 2nd graders are working on a community project. They are collecting clean and gently-worn coats to help bring warmth to those in need. All coats will be distributed to local children and adults free of charge. Coats can be dropped off outside the second grade classroom, room 3 or in the box by the office. Thank you for supporting second grade's efforts to spread the warmth!



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



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!!

HOLIDAY TRUFFLE SALE A Benefit for the 8th Grade Class Trip

These delicious truffles were a hit two years ago and are sure to be this year as well. Truffles are made entirely from scratch, including the turning of cacao bean into chocolate!

We are offering five flavors this year: dark chocolate, milk chocolate/eggnog, coconut, and cinnamon/chai. \$2.00 per truffle and they will be gift boxed. Customize your order, think gifts!!

Order forms are due with pre-payment in the office by 12/1 and your order will be ready for pick up 12/7.

For questions, call Colleen at (541) 954-2284. Several 8th graders will be actively involved in these creations and would sure appreciate your support in sending them to the San Juan Islands in June.

New School News! 11/13/15

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 committee met last night to begin the planning process including creating an inventory of desirable components for the . The traffic flow discussion (turnaround) will depend on the completion of the site survey now underway. 4J will remove the temporary building by late March, 2016.

Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:

Staff are working to establish the baseline standard for all classrooms. All classrooms will be brought up to this standard prior to move in. A punch list to aid in inventorying the classrooms for plumbing fixtures, electrical fixtures, needed repairs, etc.

Committee members did a walkthrough with EWEB. EWEB provided a very ballpark estimate of \$60k to upgrade lighting including adding dimmers, occupancy sensors, and replacing lighting fixtures.

Fundraising Sub-committee:

The fundraising committee recently met to discuss the Annual Giving Campaign, and how it will fit in with fundraising efforts for the new school. It was decided to focus efforts of the Annual Giving Campaign on meeting the needs of the specialty classrooms in the new building. At the next meeting, they will be discussing a larger capital campaign and future fundraising events.

Transportation Sub-committee:

The Transportation group attended the SE Neighbors meeting on Tuesday, November 10th. They used the meeting as an opportunity to meet neighbors, and introduce some of the transportation projects that we will be looking for support as we move forward. The group is still working with Shane MacRhodes and the City of Eugene to develop a transportation plan.

Kitchen Sub-committee:

The project team is actively getting pricing estimates on equipment, and is in the process of finalizing the layout. The kitchen has a GoFundMe campaign! Share with others to help raise the \$120,000 needed build our kitchen. gofund.me/villagekitchen

Moving Sub-committee:

Long before we move the school, we need to sort through all the things we've collected over the years. If anyone is interested in helping with small organizing projects at the current site, please contact the office.

School grounds



Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, 11/19	Fundraising sub-committee meeting - staff lounge 6:30pm
Monday, 11/23	Building Development Committee Meeting
Monday, 12/7	Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:30pm

Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided.

DIA DE MUERTOS CELEBRATION



FROM THE GARDEN

LAWNMOWER, the chicken, GOES TO THE SPA!

Last Thursday our black, many-feather chicken, Lawnmower, had a bath with the help of 6 fourth grade students. We started by watching a short video showing how to bathe a chicken and did a little pictorial study of chicken anatomy. We prepared our area (Robin's office has a nice, deep sink in it) with plastic and towels, put our gloves on and fetched our chicken. "I liked holding her and carrying her up," said Luke. "I have never heard of giving a chicken a bath. It was pretty fun and a little gross. It was cool how she wasn't really wild," said Sarah. The children were careful to work quietly and to keep the chicken's head covered so that she wouldn't spook. Lawnmower's bath water was warm and included a scoop of Epsom salts. The children were careful to keep water out of her eyes, nose and ears. "We washed her off in the sink....And we poured water on her and got her tail feathers clean," reported Daniel. Blow drying Lawnmower's feathers was Norah's favorite part. Simon really liked taking pictures of the whole bathing and drying process. We can report that Lawnmower is cleaner and healthier after her day at the chicken spa!



PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS, PUMPKINS!!

Tuesday's third grade garden group worked to gather, weigh and load pumpkins into the truck to donate to those in need at the Eugene Mission. Fourteen pumpkins were donated following the Dia de Muertos Village School celebration. Students each chose a pumpkin, guesstimated its weight and then weighed the pumpkin. Some people got really close to guessing the actual weight!

Total pounds of pumpkins weighed and donated ... 163 pounds!

Thank you third graders!!



4TH GRADE FIELD TRIP TO RUBY & AMBER'S ORGANIC FARM



VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

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

**GLOBAL MARCH
FOR CLIMATE
SOLUTIONS**

**SATURDAY
NOV. 28TH
2-4 PM**

2:00 Youth Speakers
OLD Federal Bldg. (211 E. 7th)

2:20 March!

3:00 Community Art
Alton Baker Park
Make video card to world leaders:
OFF Fossil Fuels,
ON Clean Energy!

350 EUGENE
world.350.org/eugene/

WEAR YELLOW!
Create the World's Largest Sunflower