



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, 11/23 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**

- Wednesday, 12/2 Board Meeting

- Thursday, 12/3 Winter Concert 6:30-7:45

- Sunday, 12/6 16 Tons Kitchen Fundraiser

- Monday, 12/7 BDC Meeting 5:30-7:30pm

- Thursday, 12/10 6th Grade Play
8th Grade Fundraiser 8-8:30

- Friday, 12/11 8th Grade Fundraiser 8-8:30

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK NOVEMBER 20, 2015

Wet Greetings! Well, there's no bright sun, no 70 degree days, no light after 5PM, must be No Vember. Happily there are lots of festival activities coming up with warmth and light to share with friends and family. The Winter Concert is on December 3 at First Congregational Church and the Grade Six play is scheduled for December 10th.

The Monday New Site Project Meeting, (every other Monday), will meet again this Monday, 11/23 at 5:30. All are invited and there is something for everyone in our remodel and moving projects. Stay tuned to Base-Camp and our weekly updates in the Village Voice, (let Holly know if you want to join Base-Camp).

We appreciate all the effort that has been put out to get students to school on time, well-rested and fed, as we move through these busy times approaching the Holidays. Thanks for all you do for our school! Kent

WINTER CONCERT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3RD, @ 6:30 PM FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH



The Village School's Annual Winter Concert is just around the corner. The event will be held at the First Congregational Church at 1050 E. 23rd St. in Eugene on Thursday, December 3rd from 6:30-8:00pm. This is a very special event for our students and families, during which each class offers a gift of song to our community.

Please spend some time with your students reflecting on appropriate ways to present and receive these gifts. Each class has worked hard to prepare for this concert and are presenting their songs not only with excellent performing skill, but also with the heartfelt desire to truly share the power of music. Let's honor these gifts with our respectful attention and with appropriate applause.

Students are expected to sit with their teachers and classes for the entire program. Chaperones are needed to sit with each grade to help supervise the children during the event.

We welcome friends and relatives to join us for this lovely evening of music and community. This is a special Village School holiday event, so all students and families in attendance are asked to dress for the occasion. We ask for your "Sunday best."

Our wonderful Handwork team has created lovely works of art to be raffled off at this year's Winter Concert. Raffle tickets are now available in the office. The cost is 1 ticket for \$1 and 6 tickets for \$5.

THE VILLAGE KITCHEN "KEEP US COOKING!"

The Village School Kitchen would like to thank the following people for their generous donations towards the building of a functioning kitchen at our new site:

Andy Peara and Alison Cantril
Sabrina Siegel
Ann Magee
Leslie and Aaron Davis
Sherri Marineau
Margo Van Ummersen
Pat Crandall
Adra Valentine
Randy Prince
Janice and Tom Huseby
Bill and Chris Steel
Shirley O'Donnell
Vannia and Derrick Hindery-Glasinovic
Shannon Boyd and Jon Bilenki
DeAnna Harrell

Beth Eiva
Erik Swinney
Char Heitman
Judy Walters
Toña Aguilar
Jocelyn Hollander
Jesse Donahue
Tanja Petal
Shirley Valentine
Jason Stone
Hope Crandall
Tracy Lomax
Kathy Lynn
Denise Fearn
Anonymous

We have raised almost \$4,000 in the last month! Our goal is \$120,000 due to the fact that there is no functioning kitchen at the new site. We also need to purchase our own equipment such as the stove, oven, walk-in cooler and dishwasher, as we are not able to take the equipment we are currently using.

Please help us spread the word far and wide!

You can check out our GoFundMe page at:

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



WALK A-THON FINAL RESULTS

We want to give a big round of thanks to everyone who helped out with raising funds for our 5th Community Service Walk-a-Thon. Together we raised over \$8,500! The funds raised support our kitchen and garden, and provide crucial funding for our eight community partners. Our illustrious 4th graders raised the most money, \$2,278.98, and will create a wild and crazy coat for Mr. Ratekin. Coming in second place with \$1,338.32, the 5th grade class will adorn a fabulous coat for Mr. Peara. We can't wait to see how fabulous our administrators will look, hopefully soon, with their new slysh coats! Again, many thanks to everyone who made this year's Walk a Thon a wonderfully successful expression of our commitment to our kitchen, garden and community.



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 four 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.

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 Monday, November 23rd. 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

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



SCHOOL PICTURES HAVE ARRIVED LOOK IN YOUR FAMILY MAILBOX



Nortwest Exposures will be offering **retake photos on Sunday, November 22nd**. 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.



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!



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



LOVING FOOD NOT WASTE IS A GROUP EFFORT AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL. WE REDUCE, REUSE AND RECYCLE OUR FOOD WASTE...

Reduce! First we teach and encourage zero waste. We ask our students to only take what they think they will eat.

Reuse! We feed our chickens some of the compost and a local farmer picks up the rest of our edible compost for his pigs.

Recycle! Finally, our compost such as hand towels and citrus peels get sent to the City of Eugene’s Love Food Not Waste Program.



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).

SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL **ALL DAY! 8AM-9PM**

16 Tons Cafe

GREAT FOOD	GOOD TIMES
 Micro Roasted Coffee	 Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner
 Craft Beer, Wine & Cider	 Open 8am - 9pm

VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN FUNDRAISER

Present this flyer on paper or mobile device & we will donate 25% of your total purchase!

SHOP LOCALLY OR ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL

We encourage everyone to use eScrip, Capella Scrip, and Unique Eugene Scrip. These programs help local vendors and bring fundraising dollars to our school. You can also donate online when you use Amazon.com.

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Go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click “Shop for Village School!” on the left. Links will appear for Click and shop from this link, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.

New School News! 11/20/15

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.

Sub-Committee Reports

Grounds Planning Subcommittee:

We received the survey from KPFF Engineers for the SE quadrant of the property today, and can begin studying the design for the vehicle turn-around.

The grounds committee met last week to begin discussions around the big picture for the development of the site. They discussed what excited them personally about the project, what elements they dream of seeing on the site, what special features that site already has, and what type of input they would like from both teachers and students. They observed the differences in the existing site with the new one - notably the limited flat outdoor grassy area at our new site. They talked about arranging the areas based on quiet and loud activities and keeping the central courtyard a quiet area for both gathering and growing beautiful plants and herbs.

Leslie Davis, committee chair, met with the teachers on site to talk about the spaces adjoining the classrooms as well as the larger outdoor site.

It appears that a good goal for this committee is emerging: to define the functions of the various outdoor zones and to choose one or two achievable projects before the beginning of the new school year. Another goal is to include the whole community, especially the children, in the development of the outdoor areas over time within a structured organization of the functions of the zones. The committee is excited to see the outdoor site used for curriculum enrichment (such as camas and other native plant propagation and history, vegetable and orchard tree care, playground design, soil science, etc.)

Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:

Committee members will be assessing the classrooms over the weekend to develop a project list of needs.

Fundraising Sub-committee:

The fundraising committee met last night to discuss the Annual Giving Campaign and outline first steps in launching a capital campaign.

Kitchen Sub-committee:

The project team is fine-tuning the kitchen plan. Estimates for equipment have come in at \$50,000. The next steps involve looking at costs for installation, plumbing, electrical, wall modifications and finishes. The kitchen has a GoFundMe campaign. Share with others to help raise the \$120,000 needed build our kitchen. gofund.me/villagekitchen

Transportation Sub-committee:

The group is still working with Safe Routes to Schools and the City of Eugene to develop a transportation plan, and a strategy for advocating for the necessary infrastructure.

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.



The original Dunn School, located at what is now 3411 Willamette Street was built in 1868.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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| 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.

IDENTITY POEMS 7TH & 8TH GRADES

In 7th and 8th grade Language Arts classes this fall the students wrote Identity Poems about one another. Each 7th grader wrote a poem about an 8th grader and each 8th grader wrote a poem about a 7th grader. Authors and subjects were anonymous until the poems were complete. Poems were comprised by information students gave on an Identity Questionnaire. All 52 finished poems are displayed on the hallway wall outside of the 7th and 8th grade classrooms.

Sage August Lower

The Dream.

I shoot the ball up into the air
the world stops
my ears are ringing
ringing with the music of my best friends
chanting my name
"Remy! Remy! Remy!"
I look over at my coach
Solomom Harris
he smiles at me and says
"You made the winning basket!"
I look up, the world starts again
I see the ball go in
and the buzzer sounds
announcing the end of the 4th quarter
my friends crowd around me
they lift me high into the air

The Dream.

by Taylor W

Tumbler on the mats.
Flipping, summersaulting, cartwheeling,
Running on the track, fluidity, freely
Sometimes I can feel like I'm one with the wind
Strolling through the mall looking in the windows of pet stores and
dogs I wish I could have.
Feeling it's warm muzzle in the crook of my neck
Listening to music. The sound of pop fills my ears.
Going on treasure hunts remind me that my life is a treasure hunt
stops, the prized unknown.
Traveling to different states I've been to seeing family I know
while wishing, dreaming, I was on a plane to Paris.

By Lily Ma

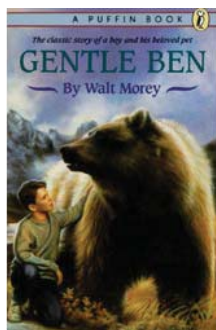
Bodin Paul

To look out over Italy
Lightly strumming my red electric guitar
waiting for that perfect cord to come along
and hit me
The Twang
The hum
Perfection
Coming home from school
The hum of the little electric scooter engine
My thoughts drift back to my home away
from home
ITALY
The language
The life
Perfection

by Fiona Berg-Robison

GENTLE BEN - BOOK REVIEW BY HAILEY, 4TH GRADE

I just finished reading the book called Gentle Ben. Here is what its about: A 13 year old boy named Mark Anderen is lonely in Alaska. Especially after the death of his older brother Jamie. But then Mark finds Ben, an Alaskan brown bear, who turns out to be his best friend. The people of Orcka City find out about Ben, then they try to destroy him. Can Mark and his parents save Ben before it's too late? My personal thoughts about the book are it's good and interesting. My recommendation is for boy and girls ages 8+. My rating is 4 out of 5 stars.



VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



I am the owner of an 8 year old paint mare who is currently for lease. Although it breaks my heart to do this, I am also open to selling her if the right person comes along. I have owned her for 5 wonderful years, and am now in a place in my life where I am pursuing a career path that will undoubtedly take me out of Oregon and I am no longer in a position to be able to be a horse owner. If this were not the case, then I would keep her forever, for this horse is very dear to me. Her well-being is of the utmost concern, so although I recognize I am not in a position to continue being her caretaker/person I am also committed to finding someone who will love her as I do. She is broke to ride and easy going, but also has the personality of a mare and is fairly sassy so she requires someone with horse experience. Not for beginners. She is 15.3 hands, dark brown and white, and registered with the APHA. She is also homozygous for the tobiano gene. She is solid on trails, has been ridden on roads and at Mt. Pisgah extensively. A little spooky with blowy objects like plastic bags (we are working on this) but not afraid of cars, dogs, or loud noises. She is good in the arena as well, but lazy and prefers to be outside. She is a western horse, but I have thrown an English saddle on her before and she looked great. She is lanky and tall, but also well built. Although she is quite flashy, I have never shown her and I don't think she would enjoy competition. She was started in natural horsemanship, and would be a great pleasure horse for an intermediate or advanced rider looking to connect with an incredible horse. She is mellow, but sensitive, and requires someone who will put in the time to truly bond with her. Although she can be feisty at first, once you put in the time with her she is truly a doll. My preference is to find someone who will come lease her out of our barn, and see if it's a good match before we discuss possible long term lease or sale plans. Price is flexible. For more information contact:

Calla Wilson-Traisman at 541-556-5557 or callaw.t@gmail.com

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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!

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WEAR YELLOW!
Create the World's Largest Sunflower