



# 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, 12/6            16 Tons Kitchen Fundraiser
- Monday, 12/7            BDC Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
- Wednesday, 12/9        Transportation Committee Mtg  
4:30 at 16 Tons near MOC
- Parent Council Meeting  
6:30 PM
- Thursday, 12/10        8th Grade Fundraiser 8-8:30am  
& 2:45-3:30 pm
- 6th Grade Play 10:15am &  
6pm
- Grounds Committee Mtg.  
6:30pm at Market of Choice
- Friday, 12/11            8th Grade Fundraiser 8-8:30 am  
& 2:45-3:30 pm
- 4th Grade Field Trip



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK DECEMBER 4TH, 2015

Holiday Greetings! The Winter Concert was fabulous last night with great student instrumental and vocal performances, good cheer and humor all around, a delightful beginning to our Holiday Season. I would also like to thank Holly McRae, our Volunteer & Communications Coordinator for her behind-the-scenes efforts that helped the event run smoothly and without a hitch. (look for photos on page 5).

Both Andy and I love our jackets, created by the 4th and 5th grade classes. A big "congratulations" goes out to all the classes who worked so hard to earn over \$9000 for the Community Service Walk-A-Thon! Eight local environmental organizations, our kitchen and garden will all benefit from your efforts!

Last night we kicked-off the Annual Giving Campaign. This is the one time of the year that we ask all families to donate what they can. This year, funds raised will be used to prepare our specialty classrooms with the following: risers for choir & guitar equipment, new furniture for the Spanish class, new tables, lighting and storage for handwork, and improvements to the gym and climbing equipment.

I simply cannot express how important it is that we reach 100% participation - meaning every family donates to the campaign. When opportunities arise for foundation or corporate funding, one of the first questions we are asked is how much support we receive from the families who benefit directly from their involvement with The Village School. Being able to say that 100% of our families support the Annual Giving Campaign improves our success in obtaining grants. Your gift will help us receive assistance from private foundations and other sources outside the immediate Village School families. Our goal is \$15,000 – and WE CAN DO IT! You can donate online at [happyvillage.org](http://happyvillage.org), or simply drop your donation off in the office.

Our new school site is officially ours! Congratulations to the site committee and board on the successful navigation over the last few years to owning our own property! Thanks also to staff who have sacrificed so much to save money for the purchase. Learn more about what is happening with the new site and upcoming meetings on the New School News update on pg.4.

16 Tons next to Market of Choice has generously offered to host fundraisers to help our school raise the \$120,000 needed to renovate the kitchen at our new school. Swing by anytime during the day, and they will donate 25% to our school. Make sure to bring the flier (in this newsletter) with you or present it on your mobile device.

We are looking forward to the 6th Grade Play this coming week, with a morning performance for students and a 6pm performance for families.

There is only one week left of school before the winter break. There are many students out sick, so please do what you can to encourage frequent hand-washing, covering of coughs, and keeping children home when they are unwell. Thank-you!

## HOLIDAY SALE DONATIONS REQUEST



The 8th grade class is looking for gently used holiday items for their fundraising efforts. If you have anything to donate, please place in the bin marked "8th Grade Donations" under the mailboxes. Also please consider donating craft holiday items for the sale, even if you would just like to donate part of the proceeds. Contact Jennie at [jdillon71@gmail.com](mailto:jdillon71@gmail.com) with questions.

## TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING (FOR NEW SCHOOL)

ALL PARENTS and STAFF ARE INVITED!! We are having a meeting next Wednesday, December 9th at 4:30 p.m. at 16 Tons Cafe (near Market of Choice) to discuss creating our Transportation Action Plan with Safe Routes to School representative, Shane MacRhodes. We've been asked to brainstorm about the "Six "E"'s:



Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, Evaluation, & Equity

What can we do, as a school, to make walking, biking, and rolling the best way to get to the new Village School site? All are welcome, and we appreciate your input.

If folks can't make the meeting, but have ideas, they can always email me directly: [eiva.beth@gmail.com](mailto:eiva.beth@gmail.com)

## FROM THE KITCHEN THANKS TO CORNBREAD CAFE



This Monday we made Chili and Cornbread for lunch. The local restaurant Cornbread Cafe donated the cornbread muffin mix to our kitchen. It's vegan, gluten free and delicious! The children were excited about the muffins. Toñas chili was so yummy and just perfect for the cold day.

THANK YOU CORNBREAD CAFE!  
Thank you, Toña!

## 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](http://www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool) or search for The VillageSchool).



## HOLIDAY WREATH SALE 8TH GRADE FUNDRAISER

If you forgot to order a wreath, there are 20 extras that will be sold before and after school on Monday 12/7 - First Come First Serve! \$20

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.



Go to [www.eugenevillageschool.org](http://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

## FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE

### A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

When our daughter was in preschool we introduced her to her first videos. While we appreciated the role videos could play in keeping her occupied and entertained at times when we wanted to be free to focus elsewhere, we weren't prepared for the great hunger that she quickly developed for them. Immediately we were barraged with daily requests to watch videos. We quickly realized that we had opened a Pandora's Box. For a few weeks we engaged with our daughter in a new unpleasant dance, which involved a lot of begging on her part and a lot of "no" on ours. Our effort to find a way out of this unpleasant dynamic inspired the creation of the "fun-time basket." Into a basket we placed a dozen or so little cards, on which I had drawn various pictures to symbolize different activities: dancing, playing music, painting, play dough, baking... also included was a card for video-watching. Instead of saying "no" when she asked if she could watch a video, we would redirect her to the fun-time basket, from which she would draw a card, and then partake in the activity represented on the card. Once a card was drawn it was placed under the basket, where it remained until all the cards had been played, and then they all went back into the basket to start over again. I admit that there were times when I didn't really feel like participating in an activity she had drawn, such as getting out the instrument box and making "music" with my preschooler, but the joy she expressed made it worth it (and afterwards that card went to the bottom for a while:)). The fun-time basket was a big hit with our daughter. From a parent perspective, it was a great success: it restored some harmony in the family, promoted a greater variety of creative play, and succeeded at breaking the video deadlock.

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](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu) by Wednesdays at 12:00 PM. Thank you!*

## KITCHEN FUNDRAISER THIS SUNDAY!

Support the fundraising efforts to build the kitchen in our new school, enjoy food/drinks, and spend time with friends and family at 16 Tons located next to Market of Choice. They will donate 25% of the proceeds to the Village School! See you there!

# SUNDAY DECEMBER 6th



## ALL DAY! 8AM-9PM

16 Tons  
Cafe

### GREAT FOOD



Micro Roasted Coffee

### GOOD TIMES



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!

## 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



# New School News! 12/04/15

We now officially OWN the new building!...so it is time to roll up our sleeves and get started making it the school we all dreamed of!

If you are interested in joining one of the sub-committees, email Holly at [holly@eugenevillageschool.org](mailto:holly@eugenevillageschool.org) and ask to be added to the group.

## Sub-Committee Reports

### **Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:**

Committee members have been going through the classrooms assessing their condition. Once this is complete, teachers will walk through with committee members to agree on the work to be completed. When this task is completed in January, work parties can be scheduled.

### **Fundraising Sub-committee:**

The Annual Giving Campaign kicked off at the Winter Concert with a new approach this year. We offered the ability to donate during the event or to make a pledge that you will donate in the month of January with the goal of having 100% participation. Our expectation is that with a shorter and more focused annual giving campaign, we can raise \$15,000 by the first of February. Please turn in your donations or your pledge forms to the office if you didn't have the chance to turn them in during the event.

### **Kitchen Sub-committee:**

The project team has finalized 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](http://gofund.me/villagekitchen)

### **Transportation Sub-committee:**

With the help of Safe Routes to Schools, we have a draft Transportation Plan. The group will be meeting on 12/9 to discuss "Six "E"'s: Education, Encouragement, Engineering, Enforcement, Evaluation, & Equity

If you can't make the meeting, but have ideas, they can always email me directly: [eiva.beth@gmail.com](mailto:eiva.beth@gmail.com).

### **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.

### **Grounds Planning Subcommittee:**

The Grounds committee will be meeting on 12/9 to set priorities, narrow down the arrangement of the outdoor spaces and their functions.

What could we do with this slope?



## Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, 12/7	Building Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:30pm
Wednesday, 12/9 Mtg	Transportation Committee 4:30 at 16 Tons near MOC
Thursday, 12/10	Grounds Committee Mtg. 6:30pm at Market of Choice

Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided.

# WINTER CONCERT 2015





Thanks to all who donated t shirts for our middle school fence weaving project. On Wednesday we took our completed circular yarn weavings out into the cold sunshine, attached them to the chain link, and wove a collection of bizarre and wonderful eye designs.



### Third Grade Author's Afternoon



# VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



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Leaburg, 541-896-3483

## 6th Annual

### Give Back to Schools Program

Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and **50%** of the proceeds will be donated to the school of your choice. All trees are \$5/ft. This is open to everyone and there is no limit.

Our Noble Firs are locally grown at Spring Creek Holly Farm and at our wholesale facility Whitewater Ranch using low impact and sustainable farming practices. We have pre-cut and choose and cut trees available. We also offer handmade holly wreaths, table decorations and bulk greens.

Start a new holiday tradition and come out and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and help support your favorite school.

Spring Creek Holly Farm is open the day after Thanksgiving until December 23, from 9am to 5pm every day of the week.

Spring Creek Holly Farm

[www.sphf.com](http://www.sphf.com)



Whitewater Ranch

[www.whitewaterranch.com](http://www.whitewaterranch.com)

## SHELTON McMURPHEY JOHNSON HOUSE

### VICTORIAN HOLIDAYS



#### Holiday High Teas

December 13, 14, 20, & 21, seatings at 1 p.m.  
Tickets \$30, by advance reservation only.

#### Very Victorian Holiday Party & Silent Auction

December 11, 5:30 p.m.  
Tickets \$25 for the public.

Victorian Family Holidays  
December 6, 11a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Crafts & Storytelling

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