

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

- Saturday, 4/2 Paint-prep work party at new school, 9am-2pm
- Sunday, 4/3 5th Grade Work Party, 2-4pm
- 5th Grade Fundraiser at Skate World, 4:30-6:30pm
- Monday, 4/4 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm
- Saturday, 4/9 5th Grade Work Party, 2-4pm
- Wednesday, 4/13 Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm
- Thursday, 4/14 5th Grade Play, 10:15am
- Friday, 4/15 7th-8th Grade Track Meet
- 5th Grade Play, 6:30pm
- Saturday, 4/16 Paint-prep work party at new school, 9am-2pm
- Monday, 4/18 Village School Fundraiser at Mazzi's 5-9pm
- Tuesday, 4/19 Trial Drop-Off Day
- Wednesday, 4/20 Village School Board Meeting 5:30-7:30



3rd Grade Artist

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK APRIL 1ST, 2016



Dear Families,

I am delighted to return to The Village School as the interim principal. I have visited each classroom and the children are lovely, creative and working hard after their Spring Break.

I believe in this school. I want it to last in perpetuity. I need your help. We have a new building.

Folks, there is a barn raising going on! The same volunteers are doing the heavy lifting. (Now I only have enough helpers to lift one wall and we have four and a roof!) I am looking for ALL PARENTS to give extra time to volunteer when called on to get the new building ready for our children. See page 3 to learn about what is happening with the new school, and upcoming volunteer opportunities.

I hope to see many new faces as well as the familiar folks I have counted on in years past to do good things for our school and children.

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

YOU ARE INVITED TO A SKATE PARTY!



All Village School families and their friends are invited to a Skate Party this Sunday April 3rd at Skateworld!
4:30-6:30pm

Pizza, photo booth, bake sale and more!
\$3-5/person, \$10-20/family (suggested donation)

Proceeds will go to the 5th Grade Class as they save for the 8th grade field trip!

ADVERTISE IN THE YEARBOOK

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in the 2014-15 Village School yearbook?

Ad sizes and pricing are:

- Business card size ad: \$25
- Quarter page ad: \$40
- Half page ad: \$65
- Full page ad: \$120

The ad submission deadline is May 15th. Contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or holly@eugenevillageschool.org to set it up.

STAFF FITNESS AND YOGA ROOMS NOW OPEN!



Village School staff are now able to be more active and improve their well-being thanks to grant funds provided by OEA Choice Trust and our Employee Wellness Program. Funds have provided a fitness and yoga room for staff to use at our new school site. These rooms are set up to allow staff easy access to fitness equipment and an area to do yoga and meditation. Staff showed our beautiful rooms off this week when we had a visit from our friend, Maureen Caldwell. Maureen is now our Employee Wellness Program Officer at OEA Choice and we couldn't have been more excited to see her and show her our new digs.

TREE OF LIFE



Fourth graders Lily, Hazel, Finnan and Nora created the Tree of Life, a collection of celebrated virtues now displayed in the library. We welcome all to stop by the library and be inspired by their creative and inspiring project!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

The 7th/8th grade Interscholastic Track Meet is coming up quickly, (April 15th) and we need parent volunteers. No Track experience is needed.



We are looking for the following: 9-10 volunteers to help with the running events (running a stop watch) 2 volunteers for the long jump and high jump (marking the jump) and (assisting the person running the event) 2 volunteers for shot put (marking shot) 4 volunteers for javelin (flag markers) 4 volunteers for discus (flag markers) 1 volunteer to run the 1st aid station and 1 volunteer to oversee the snack station The discus and shot put will start later in the day (approximately around noon) all of the other events will begin around 10:15. Please let the office know which event you are interested in helping with. We look forward to seeing you there and thanks in advance for all of your time and help with making this event a success!

<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/130140e1092>

Thank you,
Britten Kimbell

New School News! 4/1/16

Ready to get your hands on our new school? now is the time!!!

IT IS BARN-RAISING TIME!

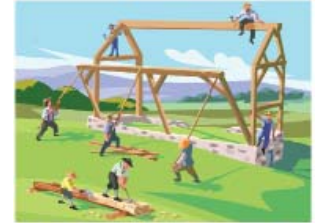


Paint Prep Work Parties

Saturday, 4/2
Saturday, 4/16
9am-2pm

Help us prepare the rooms for painting including cleaning walls, removing hardware, patching holes, etc.

Contact Matt McRae at trail_digger@yahoo.com if you can make it or have questions.



As Mr. Kaminski mentioned, we need all hands to help prepare our new school. We can use help right now with the following tasks that anyone can do:

- Moving left-over furniture to a central holding spot
- Painting preparation (cleaning, clearing walls, patching holes, etc.)
- Resurfacing chalk boards
- Cleaning highly stained toilets
- Cleaning carpet
- Sorting & organizing storage spaces at existing site
- Assisting teachers & staff with preliminary packing

We are also looking for volunteers with specific skills to help with the following:

- Leading volunteers to build the fence around our garden.
- Replacing tops of built-in cabinets & desks with nicer surfaces
- Replacing classroom sink counter tops & backsplash
- Repairing, constructing & installing cabinet doors & drawers
- Resurfacing tile floors
- Removing interior walls
- Design & construct coat/boot storage system
- Removing musical instrument cage
- Building bookshelves for library

Please email Holly at holly@eugenevillageschool or call 541-345-7285 if you can help with any of these projects or have connections in the community that you would be willing to approach.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!
WE WILL BEGIN SCHOOL AT THE NEW
LOCATION ON APRIL 19TH.**

IN AN EFFORT TO BETTER UNDERSTAND PARKING NEEDS, SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS, AND HOW FAMILIES ACCESS THE SITE, WE WILL USE THIS AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW TO ADDRESS SAFETY AND ACCESS CONCERNS.

MORE INFORMATION WILL BE COMING SOON - STAY TUNED!

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, 4/4 Library Committee Meeting, 3:30pm, at the new school

Monday, 4/4 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm

Monday, 4/18 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm

Village Classified

Spring After-School Programs

Do you have a student who loves to tell stories?
Check out these great offerings at the Salmon House:

Wild Imagination Group for Elementary Schoolers

This group is all about fun and discovery of the wonder of words. Sessions include action packed word-play, oral and written storytelling, exploration of poetry, engaging crafts, and games. Meets Thursdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning April 7th.

Workshop Wednesdays for Middle Schoolers

In this group, we'll explore a variety of writing styles and genres: poetry, fantasy, mystery, sci-fi and more! Participants will hone their narrative skills and create original works to be compiled in a group anthology. Meets Wednesdays from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. beginning April 6th.

Classes meet once a week for 8 weeks. Tuition is \$95 per student. Space is limited. Sign up at salmonhousewriters.com or call (541) 326-6112.



Salmon House Writers Workshop

a center for creative writing in the heart of downtown eugene

527 West 12th Ave.
(541) 326-6112
salmonhousewriters.com



Nearby Nature Summer Daycamps
Open for Registration!

Looking for a way to get your kids outside this summer? Then you should check out Nearby Nature's outdoor daycamps in Alton Baker Park! These camps are a wonderful medley of hands-on adventure, play, nature, science, art, and gardening. Kids hike, catch bugs, pick berries, canoe, bike, and do experiments. They sing, do crafts, play games, tell stories, act, and build forts. They also simply play outside! Nearby Nature camps run June 20-September 2, last one week each, and serve kids 3-13 years old. Half and full day options are available and enrollment is limited to 12 per camp. For registration and scholarship information, see <http://www.nearbynature.org/programs/daycamps> or call 541-687-9699.