



# 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, 4/30      Paint-prep work party at new school, 9am-2pm
- Monday, 5/2        Walk & Bike to School Day!  
  
Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 5/3-5/4    5th Grade at Greek Games
- Thursday, 5/5       1st/2nd Grade Field Trip  
May Day Festival, 1:15-2:45pm
- Friday, 5/6         NO SCHOOL
- Tuesday, 5/10      1st Grade Play, 6pm
- Wednesday, 5/11   All-School Picture  
Parent Council Meeting, 6:30
- Saturday, 5/14      Library Work Party - New School, 9am-2pm
- Monday, 5/16       Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 5/17      8th Grade Play, PM
- Wednesday, 5/18   8th Grade Play, AM  
Village School Board Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, 5/19-5/20 6th Grade Medieval Games
- Saturday, 5/21      New School Work Party & Volunteer Recognition, 9am-3pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK APRIL 29TH, 2016

The month of May was possibly named for Maia – a Greek goddess which embodied the concept of growth. Here at The Village School we could say May is named for the goddess of **activity**.

What is your preferred activity? We kick off walk, bike, and roll to school month on Monday, May 2. Join in for health of self and planet. Perhaps you want to donate time or flowers for our May Day Festival, Thursday, May 5. Enjoy the beauty of our children and the rhythm of the seasons. Lend a hand at the work party Saturday, April 30. Step up and serve with others to prepare our new school. Help out during staff & teacher appreciation day May 12 and/or volunteer appreciation day on May 21. Give Thanks. Rally with the children and participate in upcoming medieval games and/or Greek games.

Jump in and help out your preferred way. May is active. Perhaps the name is derived from The Village School goddess known in ancient times as "Activia."

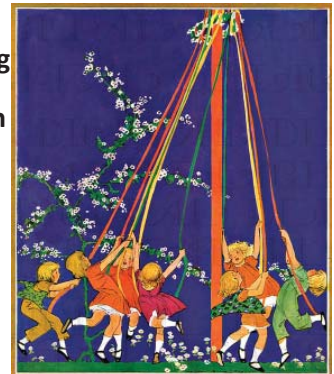
## MAY DAY CELEBRATION 2016

Spring is finally here! May is just around the corner and with it, our Annual Village School MAY DAY Celebration.

**Families are invited to attend on Thursday, May 5th from 1:15 to 2:30pm.** All students from Grades 1 through 8 will be performing/helping in our Celebration of Spring, performances of music, song and dance, and winding and weaving the colors of the rainbow around our May Pole. Other festivities include making flower garlands, face painting, enjoying fresh fruit snacks, plus an assortment of fun games!

**On the morning of our celebration – Thursday, May 5th– we will need LOTS of fresh flowers –** for decorating the May Pole, making flower garlands and filling May Baskets as we are no longer receiving flower donations from Trader Joe's. Please share the beauty of your gardens with the school! **Please bring flowers and greenery to the office Wednesday afternoon or Thursday morning.**

**To volunteer, please sign-up at:** <https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/signup/1301411c2c0>



## WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH KICKS OFF ON MONDAY, MAY 2ND



Monday, May 2nd kicks off Walk & Bike to School Month. Plan ahead to walk/bike/skate to school! On Monday morning, the Eugene Emeralds Sluggo will be walking with students from Friendly Park, leaving at 8am!

Students who walk/bike/skate to school can enter a raffle for prizes, purchased through funds generously donated by Point2Point Solutions. All students will also be

offered healthy treats as they arrive. So arrive a few minutes early!

During the month of May, each class will tally the number of students that walk/bike to school. The class with the highest percentage of participation will win a bike blender party!



If you live too far away to walk to school, or have a hazard between your home and the school, then split your trip into two parts. First drive or take a bus part way to the school. Then walk the rest of the way with your children. It will be an invaluable learning experience for both of you.

## ALL SCHOOL PHOTO WEDNESDAY 5/11



say  
**CHEESE**

The annual All School Photo will be taken on Wednesday, May 11th at 9:00am. Northwest Exposures will take the photograph, and families may pre-order their own copies now.

Order forms were placed in family mailboxes today, and extras are available in the school office.

## CAUGHT IN THE ACT OF DOING GOOD!



Robert W. Kaminski in about 100 different ways since he returned to our school as interim principal. Thanks for the signs, the earth day mural the fabulous leadership of our first assembly in our new school and all you're doing each and every day Bob. It's wonderful to have you back.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL BIRDS & BEES



The 3rd Grade students have been hammering and sawing away building bird houses. The 4th graders at The Village School have built native bee houses & each one is special in its own way.

100% of the proceeds go to support the bee education program. If you would like to buy a native bee house - especially the one that your child built, please contact Jen asap at 541-914-2225.

Healthy Bees = Healthy Gardens will have a booth at the Master Gardeners Plant Sale this Saturday April 30th from 9-3 at the Lane Events Center located at the Fairgrounds on 13th under the horse pavilion. Jen Hornaday will be featuring freshly harvested healthy spring honey that is helpful for allergies along with a few darker summer favorites. Please come support and buy pollinator seeds to plant in your own healthy gardens. There will also be pollinator jewelry, stickers & signs to help Jen care for the bees.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION SATURDAY, MAY 21ST



All Village School volunteers and their families are invited to join us in a celebration of all your hard work this year! More details to come!

## COMING TO A STAGE NEAR YOU!

The 8th grade has moved to the stage in preparation for their May 17th and May 18th performance of The Sides of Shakespeare The Clowns. V.2 Written by Mark Lewis and Kirk Boyd and Directed by Kirk Boyd with assistance from Jenny Nissell, Mika Scott and Andy Traisman.

The 8th graders are transforming themselves into Shakespeare characters and doing a marvelous job. We're really looking forward to performing and bringing the bard back to the Village Stage!



# New School News! 4/29/16

Bids are coming in for individual projects, such as replacing broken windows, lighting, and installing security cameras. Direction Services should be out at the end of next week, allowing us to start working on the middle school classrooms. The unneeded kitchen equipment has been sold.

We also have a list of small jobs we are hoping that volunteers can help us with. If you can assist with any of these projects, contact:  
holly@eugenevillageschool.org, 541-345-7285.

- Patch Sheetrock
- Remove rust stains on toilets with pumice stone
- Clean Bathrooms
- Remove Speaker in Handwork Room
- Remove coat rod in 5th grade classroom
- Remove cage and wooden bench in Resource Room
- Clean gym
- Clean cafeteria
- Remove box from gym
- Secure tables in the cafeteria
- Build platform (stage left storage closet)

**Paint Prep  
Work Party**  
**Saturday, 4/30**  
**9am-2pm**  
**If you have cordless drills,  
8-foot ladders, or dollies/  
handcarts, please bring  
them!**

**For questions, email:  
trail\_digger@yahoo.com**



The future Village School garden has been staked, and the grounds committee is working on plans for fencing. Stay tuned for details about an upcoming garden work party. If you have access to cardboard, we are starting to collect cardboard, and need help. If you have access to cardboard, and would like to donate it, contact Robin Seloover, our Garden Coordinator at: garden@eugenevillageschool.org.

We are excited to announce that Healthy Bees = Healthy Gardens was awarded a grant from Symantec that will help support the bee education program for the 3-5th graders at the Village School!! There will also be opportunities for Symantec employees to volunteer to help build the new bee yard & pollinator garden at the new school!

## Upcoming Work Parties/Meetings

Monday, 5/2 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm

Monday, 5/9 Library Committee Meeting, 3:30, new school

Saturday, 5/14 Library Work Party, 9am-2pm

Saturday, 5/21 Work Party & Volunteer Recognition, 9am-3pm

## 8TH GRADE MENTORSHIP EVENING

The 8th Grade Mentorship evening is an annual rite of spring at the Village School. 8th graders find a mentor working in an area of interest that they may have and spend twenty hours outside of school between November and March with their mentor. In late April they present their reports to their community during an evening of food and celebration of their work and as a thank you to the mentors for their time and expertise. This years projects reflected student work in bakeries, pizzeria's, computer stores, bike shops, IT work at UO and Next Step, Very Little Theater, Doctor's offices, Phlebotomist, Hair Salon, Architects office, musicians, horse ranches, bead stores and photography. Sincerest congratulations to all the students who completed their projects and presented on Wednesday night on their excellent work. Thank you to the mentors for the generosity of their time and experience.

Student Name	Mentor Name	Project	Student Name	Mentor Name	Project
Fiona Berg-Robinson	Amanda Donofrio	Architect	Lily March	Naomi Driscoll	Horse Ranch
Caldor Chimielewski	Mei Bartels	Computer Programming	Enoch Martin	Gordo & Jess Wood	Bakery (Great Harvest)
Mella Charlton	Arlenee	Phlebotomist	Maya Messenger	Stacy Bierma	Harlequin Beads
Elijah Rubino	Martin Hurtado	Doctor	Tria Miller-Lopez	Layla Dudley	Hair Salon (London Salon)
Water Deer	Brady Shuman	Pizzeria (Whirled Pies)	Harper Neubeck	Mari	Bike shop (Arriving By Bike)
Remy Duran	Sand Kam	Fitness advantage Inc.	Dillion Nyberg	Lucas Weiss	Massage Therapist
Mike Gustafson	Scott Barkhurst & Achilles Massahos	Theater (VLT)	Eli Panero	Andrea	Positive Community Kitchen
Louak Hunter	Mike Owen	Computer repair	Sierra Pettiet	Marc Baber	Guitar & Singing
Diego Hurtado	Josh Painter	Computer repair	Silas Roberts	Tim Miller	Next-step/ UO IT support
Nate Janes	Gordo & Jess Wood Elizabeth Lennie	Great Harvest/ Metropol	Klarah Scott-Gallo	Christian Field	Photography
Samira Lamont	Mari Livie	Art	Madyson Utz	Annie Ware	Horse ranch



## THE KING OF IRELAND'S SON 2ND GRADE PLAY



## 7TH/8TH GRADE ESSAY CONTEST

"...You don't see many female skaters, I've always enjoyed things that girls stereotypically dislike, math, cars, tough sports etc. I'll probably start skating to school soon, it sure would be nice if I had some more safety gear or some new wheels."

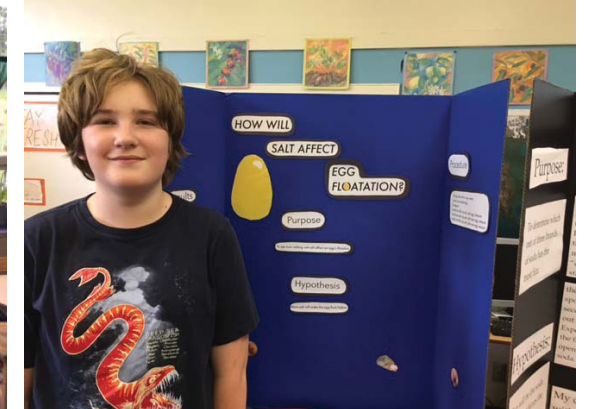
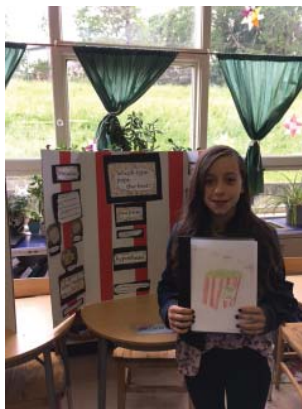
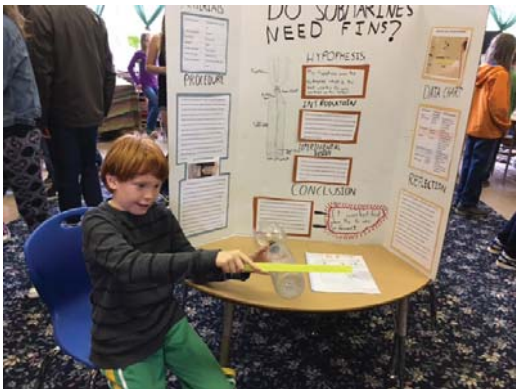
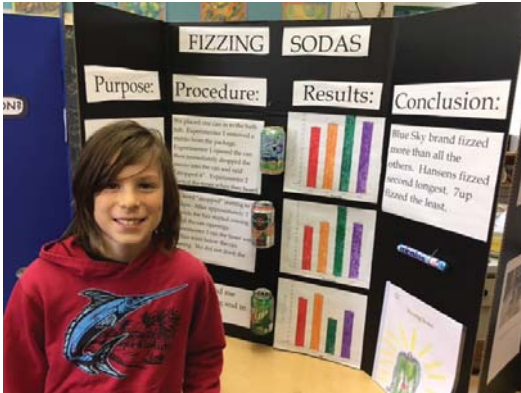
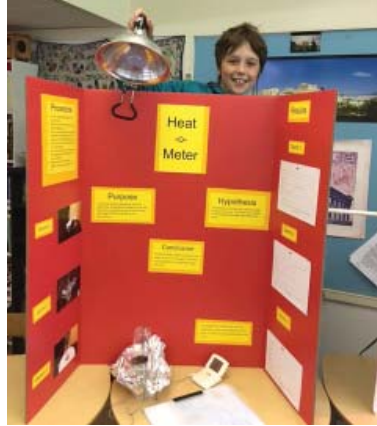
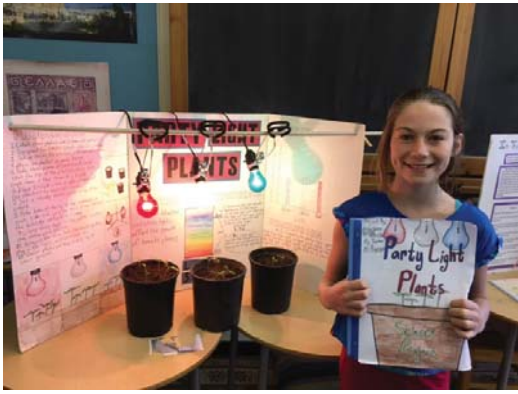
So ends the persuasive essay of 8th grader Fiona Berg-Robison in the first (and likely last) \$50 Tactics Board Shop Gift Card Essay Contest.

I won this gift card from a drawing at the Banff Mountain Film Festival. My first thought was "I'll give this to one of my students." I quickly realized it would be impossible to choose as I have many 7th and 8th graders who love to skate (or is it love to board?). So I made it a contest and taught a mini-lesson on the art of persuasion and the format for writing an effective persuasive essay.

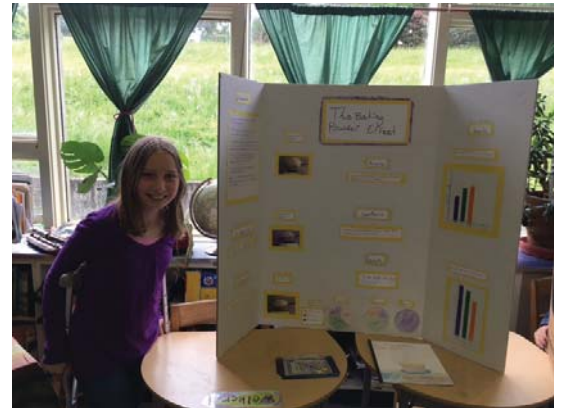
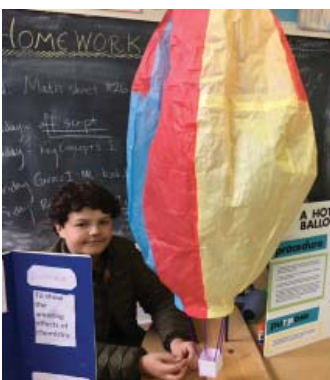
The contest was optional. Essay's were written and submitted by Riley Beauchamp, Sukadeva Berg-Olson, Maya Catlin, Nathan Gustafson, Bodin Sherlock, Dancing Spirit, Water Deer, Issac Vandagriff and, the winner in a very difficult decision...Fiona Berg-Robison.

Thank you to all my students who took the time to write such convincing essay's--I wish I had more gift cards. My advice is take your wonderful persuasive arguments and try them on your loved ones to see if they might lend some support to your skateboard dreams. You might be surprised by the answers you get!

# 5TH GRADE SCIENCE FAIR



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## FILM SHOWING

AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

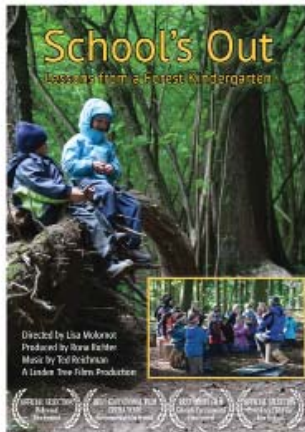
### School's Out

Lessons from a Forest Kindergarten

**APRIL 30TH, 7-9 PM**  
Saturday

**COZMIC**  
8th & Charnelton

**\$3-20**  
Sliding-scale donation  
*Your donation will enter you to win fabulous door prizes.*



"Every parent and teacher should see this film."

Dr. Marcy Buddem, Executive Director of the Gesell Institute of Child Development, CT

**All proceeds will benefit:**  
Hazelwood Outdoor Kindergarten's Scholarship Fund



**Learn more about local camps and programs that connect children with nature:**



## EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Your favorite school is hiring for the 2015-16 school year!

Please spread the word about these great Village School staff member positions:

Registrar and Bookkeeper  
Spanish Teacher: 1st-8th Grades  
Recess Supervisor  
Substitute Teacher

To apply, interested applicants should visit:  
<http://www.eugenevillageschool.org/pg1005.cfm>



South Eugene Rowing Club is hosting summer camps! Discover the joys of rowing in a fun, team environment and enjoy summer mornings at Dexter Lake. Open to everyone entering 8th-12th grades; no previous experience necessary. Attend one or both sessions, July 25-29 or August 1-5, 8 am-noon. Transportation to the lake is provided to and from South Eugene High School. For more information and online registration please see: [SouthEugeneRowingClub.org](http://SouthEugeneRowingClub.org)

Eugene Waldorf School  
2016 Vacation Raffle

Eugene Waldorf School's annual fundraising raffle is even better this year! Two tropical vacations are available: Hawaii and Mexico. Plus this time there are only 5000 tickets printed!

The winning tickets will be drawn during the annual Eugene Waldorf School May Fair. You need not be present to win.

Ticket sales end Sat, May 7th 2016 3:30 pm PDT.  
<https://eugenewaldorf.org/raffle>

Tickets are \$10.00 each or 3 tickets for \$25.00

Every raffle ticket purchased will have a coupon. Dr. John Sullivan of Smiles4Oregon has offered to give \$10 for each ticket redeemed to the local school of the purchaser's choice! Save your ticket stubs and visit Smiles4Oregon, and the Village School can receive \$10! Smiles4Oregon is located at: 498 Harlow Road, Suite 1, Springfield, OR 97477