

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, 4/9 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

Building Development
Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 4/19 Trial Drop-Off Day
- Wednesday, 4/20 Village School Board Meeting
5:30-7:30
- Friday, 4/22 Electronics Recycling Roundup
- Wednesday, 4/27 Mentorship Evening, 5-8pm
- 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



5th Grade Artist

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK APRIL 1ST, 2016

"If you want to go fast, go alone, if you want to go far go together," is an African proverb that is fitting for The Village School on at least two levels.

First, being inclusive and soliciting perspectives from all the stakeholders with an interest in The Village School takes time and requires a process. As is often said about democracy, it is messy and time consuming. And yet even though the process may be slow, the lasting effect of the process is likely to endure for a longer period of time.

Secondly, I personally want The Village School to last in perpetuity. It is profound that we have secured our own building. With the help of many like you our school and its mission will go far into the future.

I take to heart, and maybe you will too, something Buckminster Fuller said, "I look for what needs to be done - after all, that's how the universe designs itself."

Please join in and help move the school along a path leading far into the future.

MOCK DROP-OFF DAY AT OUR NEW SCHOOL TUESDAY, 4/19

Please mark your calendars, and plan ahead to bring your child to school on Tuesday, 4/19 to our NEW LOCATION at 3411 Willamette Street. We will be starting our day at the new location to evaluate transportation improvement needs, and gain a better sense of how families will access the site.

Children will be joining their teachers, taking a tour, and participating in a tree planting ceremony. All students will then gather for an Earth Week Assembly. 1st-8th grade students will walk back to our current campus at approximately 9:45am. (Students that bike to the new site, will walk their bikes back with their class). The kindergarten class will be taking a bus.

A map will be available soon showing how to access the new school, routes for walking/biking, and parking.

A MESSAGE FROM ANGELA LARSON

Village School Families,

Thank you for the warm support you have given me during my time at Village. I will miss you all so very much, but know that the new special education teacher, Whitney Hess, will take good care of your children academically, socially, and emotionally. Please stop in and say hello to Whitney if you are near classroom 10. I hope you all have a wonderful spring and summer.

Best,

Angela Larsen

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! Call the office at 541-345-7285 to sign-up, or go online:

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

Thank you,
Britten Kimbell

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

The 4th Grade Class kicks off the electronics round-up on Earth Day, **April 22nd**. Bring your electronics to recycle, and help the 4th grade win a recycled robot! Recycle bins will be set-up until 4/29.

GRATITUDE FROM THE 5TH GRADE

The 5th grade class would like to thank everyone who came to our skate party on Sunday. We raised a lot of money for our 8th grade trip. Thank you also to Columbia Gorge Organic and Whirled Pies for their generous donations! We had a lot of fun and hope you did too!



THANK-YOU VOLUNTEERS!

A big thank-you to all of the volunteers who came to the paint-prep work party last Saturday. Volun-

teers removed nails, filled holes, cleaned the walls, and prepared three rooms for painting. This work will help the school save significant money as we hire painters to paint the rooms.

Please join us at our next paint-prep work party on 4/16!

To learn more about other volunteers needs, see page three.



New School News! 4/8/16

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

WE NEED YOU!



Paint Prep Work Parties

Saturday, 4/16
Saturday, 4/30
9am-2pm

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

Contact Matt McRae
at [trail_digger@ya-
hoo.com](mailto:trail_digger@yahoo.com) if you can
make it or have
questions.

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 & back-splash
- 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.

Upcoming Meetings

Monday, 4/11 Fundraising Committee Meeting,
6:30pm at 16 Tons Cafe

Saturday, 4/16 Paint-prep work party, 9am-2pm

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

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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.

FILM SHOWING

AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

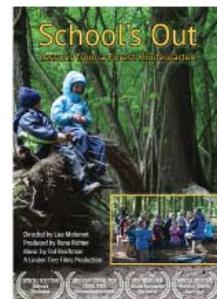
School's Out

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. Nancy Gutierrez, Executive Director of the Great 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:

