



# 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, 5/30	Memorial Day - NO SCHOOL
	Packing Party 1pm-4pm
Thursday, 6/2	3rd Grade Play, 10:15am
Friday, 6/3	3rd Grade Play, 6:00pm
Wednesday, 6/8	Parent Council Meeting, 6:30pm
Wednesday, 6/8-6/9	4th Grade Trip
Wednesday 6/8-6/9	7th Grade Trip
Thursday, 6/9	3rd Grade Field Trip
	5th Grade Field Trip
Friday, 6/10	NO SCHOOL - Grading Day
	Packing Party, 9am-3pm
Sunday 6/5-6/10	8th Grade Trip
Monday, 6/13	Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
Tuesday, 6/14	8th Grade Farewell
Wednesday, 6/15	Amazon Pool Party, 3rd-8th
	McGowen Creek Field Trip, 1st/2nd (all day)
	8th Grade Graduation
Thursday, 6/16	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL</b>
	Packing Party 12-3pm
Saturday, 6/25	Packing Party, 9am-3pm

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Can beauty and grace be held in one's arms?

On one hand no, those are intangible concepts. On the other, yes. Our children display beauty and grace (and the youngest still can be held in our arms). Our children, with the guidance of staff and teachers also make beautiful objects and move gracefully during class plays, movement class, the Olympiad, the Medieval Games, track and field events and the May Day celebrations.

The classrooms are brimming with academic work, art & science activities, song and movement. Appreciations for the extra work teachers and staff put in to making authentic education occur. And don't forget the wonderful field trips our teachers lead. Special thanks to all our volunteers too!



I need help holding on to the things we use to generate beauty and grace. A series of packing parties will occur to SIFT, SORT, & STAGE all our school materials in prep for the moving company. The packing parties are May 30, 1:00 – 4:00 PM, June 10, 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM, June 16, 12:00- 3:00 PM, and June 25, 9:00AM – 3:00PM. These dates are for all the non-classroom spaces such as the stage and cafeteria. (Parent Council & Classroom Coordinators are determining how to help teachers, resource room and Title I staff). We have 34,000 square feet filled with supplies that need to shift to our new school.

Let's get up and move on. Let's hold the beauty and grace in our collective arms.

## CHICKEN-SITTERS NEEDED!



The Village School is in need of a family to take our six chickens for the summer. In exchange for caring for our sweet hens you will get lovely eggs, and endless hours of chicken watching! If

you are interested, contact Holly at 541-345-7285.

## GUITAR CONCERT

The Village School Guitar Classes are going to put on an end of year concert at Cozmic on Sunday, June 12th from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All are invited to come down and check out the awesome playing of our very talented 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Guitar Students!



Cozmic, also known as Whirled Pies Downtown, is located at 199 W 8th Avenue in Eugene. It is sure to be fun farewell to a great school year!

## THE VILLAGE SCHOOL LIBRARY

**PLEASE  
RETURN ALL  
LIBRARY  
BOOKS NO  
LATER THAN  
JUNE 9TH**



## LOST AND FOUND

With the warm weather, many jackets and sweaters have been found laying around the schoolyard. Please check the lost and found located outside the office to claim lost items, including May Day vases!

## LOVE FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN



## SUMMER MEAL PROGRAM

This summer, meals at no charge are available to all children and teens 1-18 year old. To find the nearest summer meal site, text "FOOD" to 877877, or call 1-866-348-6479 (1-866-3-HUNGRY), or visit [www.summerfoodoregon.org](http://www.summerfoodoregon.org).

# MEDIEVAL GAMES

The medieval games were lovely, if a bit wet! We jousted with sponges, tossed huge logs, stormed the castle, and scaled great fortress walls. All of our Village pages were knighted in the end, due to their virtuous acts, growth of skills, and deeds of glory.



## FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE: A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

The following segment is Part 1 in a four-part series of an essay written by Village School alumna Eva Happy:

### The Dark Side of Technology

In our fast-advancing and ever-changing world today, technology is undeniably a very real and important presence. Without it, many great advances in science and society would be entirely impossible. However, there is a dark side to this technology, one that must be acknowledged and explored in order for society to continue to progress. In this modern era of instant communication and connectivity, technology is making it more and more difficult for young people to figure out who they are, as well as create valuable connections with others and the greater world around them.

One incredibly important aspect of technology and social media is the way in which it impacts our ability to connect with others. What with the excessive amount of time that teens and young adults spend every day on social media, this issue is becoming more and more relevant in our society. As Karl Albrecht writes in his article "The Digital Trance: Down the Electronic Rabbit Hole", teens are spending an average of seven hours a day entranced by digital entertainment, as compared to the American Academy of Pediatrics' recommendation of two hours. This fact in it of itself is disturbing enough; however, it is the impacts that this extreme use of social media is having on these young people that is most disconcerting. Social anxiety -- the fear of social interaction -- is normal in humans; everyone has felt the nerves that accompany introducing one's self to a stranger, or holding a conversation with someone who one admires or looks up to. However, Albrecht brings up the question of whether the ability to "disappear" into our own cyber-lands whenever a situation becomes uncomfortable is in fact worsening our social skills, and our ability to socialize as a whole. The answer is unequivocally yes, as when one is given a free "out" in every situation imaginable, one never learns how to cope with situations that may stretch one out of their comfort zone. In Susan Greenfield's article "We can't ignore that IT is changing our brains", she mentions that "[...] many studies point to an associated trend for [...] increased narcissism, low self-esteem and concealment of the 'real' self" when social media is used as the primary means of communication, which ties into this idea of the loss of real communication. Similarly, Greenfield brings up the concern that perhaps technology is causing social skills to diminish in young people, as well as shortening their attention span. In our world today we have the ability to "socialize" with others without ever leaving the safe confines of our homes. Teens and adults alike spend hours every day on social networking sites such as Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram, to name a few. In this way, the definition of "friend" has been totally redefined by social media, blurring the line between what is considered a real connection and what isn't. In Hannah Maines' article "How Social Media Affects Mental Health", she states that "social networking 'friends' can provide the illusion of companionship", without any real emotional interaction occurring. This fact is particularly disturbing as it relates to young adults, because it is these young people who will soon become our world leaders, forced to make important decisions in conjunction with others. The ability to effectively communicate with others is one that is pertinent to the success and advancement of society, and technology may be negatively affecting our ability to do so.

We invite you to share your thoughts, family practices, stories and advice on the topics of the interface between childhood, family, and media with our school community. Drop them in the Happy family box, or send them to [JaneHappy@aol.com](mailto:JaneHappy@aol.com).



# New School News! 5/27/16



If you have not yet been able to contribute your 40 volunteers hours this year, there are some great opportunities coming up to lend a hand. There is a very short time line to pack up our school before the movers arrive. Soon you will be contacted by your class coordinator seeking help to pack up individual classrooms. We have scheduled the following dates for Packing, Sorting & Sifting Parties:

**Monday, May 30th (1-4pm)**  
**Friday, June 10th (9am-3pm)**  
**Thursday, June 16th (12-3pm)**  
**Saturday, June 25th(9am-3pm)**

- Painting of the classrooms has continued this week, and they are looking great! A HUGE thank-you goes out to all the volunteers who spent countless hours prepping the rooms for the painter.
- Broken windows will soon be replaced and the carpets will be cleaned.
- We will be moving a swing set from Howard Elementary School to our new location.
- The asbestos has been abated from the kitchen, and remodeling will begin mid-June.

## Upcoming Meetings

6/13 Development Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm

# Village Classified

## 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:

Kindergarten Teacher  
Administrative Assistant  
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)



**Wacky-Happy performance fun for 7 – 13's**

**Art Drama Music Dance**  
Brilliant Teachers Brilliant Teachers Brilliant Teachers Brilliant Teachers

**Space available in the July 5 – 16<sup>th</sup> camp**

*25% discount to any camper who brings a friend or sibling*

*Scholarships available upon request*

**Register and get more info**

**[www.eugeneimaginethat.com](http://www.eugeneimaginethat.com)**



### **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library**

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their preschool years, you are giving them the biggest boost toward a successful education that they will ever get.

Dolly Parton's Imagination Library can help! **Every child who lives in the City of Eugene can receive a new book each month by mail from ages birth through four. Free!**

The books are a gift to keep. All you have to do is read to your children – which will make a huge difference for their futures and the future of our community!

Sign up at the Library website on the Kids & Parents page: [www.eugene-or.gov/library](http://www.eugene-or.gov/library)