

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, 6/12 Garden Fence Work Party, 10am
- Monday, 6/13 3rd Grade Field Trip 10:15-11:45
- Tuesday, 6/14 8th Grade Farewell , 10:20am
- Wednesday, 6/15 Amazon Pool Party, 3rd-8th 1-3pm
McGowen Creek Field Trip, 1st/2nd (all day)
8th Grade Graduation, 7pm
- Thursday, 6/16 **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
Packing Party 12-4pm
BBQ 5pm
Packing resumes at 5:30pm
- Monday, 6/21-22 Lazure Painting Workshop (more info on pg. 5)
- Saturday, 6/25 Packing Party, 9am-3pm

GUITAR CONCERT

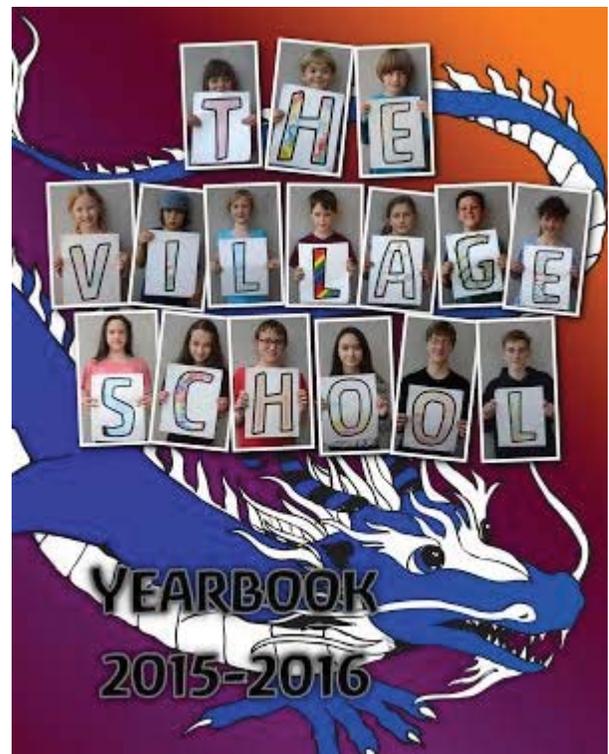
The Village School Guitar Classes are going to put on an end of year concert at Cozmic on Sunday, June 12th from 7:30 pm - 8:30 pm. All are invited to come down and check out the awesome playing of our very talented 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Guitar Students! The 5th Grade Choir will also be performing around 6:30pm!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are preparing for an incredibly busy, yet beautiful week. At the same time we are saying “hello” to summer, we say goodbye to our graduating 8th grade students, the staff that are moving on, and to our current school building. In the coming few days, say thanks to those staff, volunteers, and students that have worked so hard throughout year. Give hugs. Walk through the garden, and reflect on all that has happened in this special place. And please, lend a hand – there is still so very much to do. See pg. 5 to learn about how to help.

2015-16 YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE MONDAY 6/13



Get ready for the 2015-16 Village School yearbook. This year’s book will be available for purchase in the school office for \$20.

STUDENT MEDICATIONS IN OFFICE

If you brought medications into the office at some point this year for your child(ren), please stop by to pick them up before the office closes for summer vacation. Thanks!

WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL MONTH SUCCESS!

Starting May 2nd, Village School Students:

Made 1457 walk/bike trips to school!!

Saved 93 gallons of gas!

Avoided 1674 pounds of CO2 emissions!

Traveled 2185 miles! (enough miles to walk to walk to Mexico City!



During the month of May, Village School students were challenged to walk & bike to school as much as possible. Each class kept track of their active transportation trips. The

3rd Grade Class had the highest participation, and became the Golden Bicycle Award



Recipients, and received a bike-blender smoothie party! Well done Village School Students!

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. All items not claimed will be donated to St. Vinnie's on 6/17/16.

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.



FROM THE KITCHEN

We love nourishing our teachers as well as our students! Many thanks to Horton Road Organic Farm for their recent donations of mesclun mix.



Our future kitchen needs a lot of work! This photo shows where a new stove and sink will be going in. Many thanks to Mike Magee for his help with this huge endeavor. We will be doing more fundraising over the summer to help pay for the kitchen remodel. If you have any ideas or time and energy to assist with fundraising for the new kitchen please contact Toña: 541-510-8604 or villagelunchlady@gmail.com



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.

7TH GRADE FIELD TRIP - ASHLAND & SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL



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

The following segment is Part 3 in a four-part series of an essay titled “The Dark Side of Technology,” written by Village School alumna Eva Happy:

In order to properly convey the message that technology is a detriment to society, it is necessary to address the opposing argument. As Karl Albrecht admits, technology “[...] makes possible a rich variety of personalized experiences”. This is true; it is an undeniable fact that our ability to connect to others anywhere, at any time, has incredible benefits. Modern technology has indeed made possible unbelievable advancements in science and many other fields, and social networking has brought people together in ways that in the past would never have been possible. In Kelly Wallace’s article “The upside of selfies: Social media isn’t all bad for kids”, she argues that despite the damaging aspects of social media on young people, “[...] it can help build self confidence, too.” In fact, in a survey performed by Common Sense Media, “[...] one in five teens said social media makes them feel more confident”. But what does this really mean? For hundreds of years, young people have grown up to be just as confident and capable as the youth of today, without the help of modern technology. It is crucial for teens to learn self-acceptance and self-confidence through their own personal exploration of who they are, rather than through reliance on other’s feedback and approval for their sense of self-worth. Wallace writes “when [my daughters] post selfies, all the comments I see are [positive]”, which she uses as proof to argue that social media is beneficial to young people rather than harmful. But what are these comments really doing for these youth? What sort of values are these superficial forms of praise reinforcing? Certainly not the kinds of values that will prove to be beneficial in future. Social media is teaching teens to look to others for approval, rather than to cultivate their own personal sense of self. This reliance on the opinions of others can be hugely problematic when one is faced with opposition or criticism; if one has not developed the ability to cope in the face of adversity and to find strength and approval from within, minor situations can quickly be blown entirely out of proportion. A healthy, functional young adult must be able to be self-reliant and independent, a skill which is being severely impeded by social media.

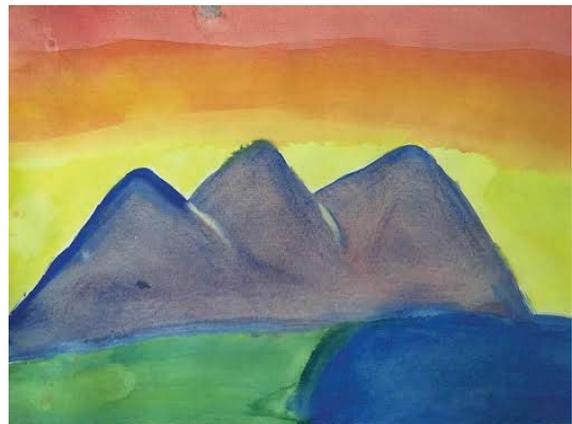
We invite you to share your thoughts, family practices, stories and advice on the topics of the interface between childhood, family, and media with our school community. Drop them in the Happy family box, or send them to JaneHappy@aol.com.

GRADE 3 - SUMMER INSPIRED ART

The Radio, by Ezabelle
The radio blazed
As heat seeped through the
window

Italy, by Liam
On the plane I'm bored
We land, so many people
We are in Milan

Ice Cream, by Phoenix
Ice cream in a bowl
Ice cream is good in summer
Salted caramel, yum



Mayson, Aiyanna, Kaleb and Miss Alison read George's Marvelous Medicine by Roald Dahl and then we made our own marvelous medicines using ordinary house hold ingredients (mostly). Don't worry-we didn't take any ourselves!! We did have lots of fun making our concoctions!!
--Alison Cantril

New School News! 6/10/16

Sorting & Sifting Parties:

Thursday, June 16th (12-4pm)
5pm - BBQ
5:30-9:30 - more sorting!
Saturday, June 25th(9am-3pm)

If you have not yet been able to contribute your 40 volunteer 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 coordinators, seeking help to pack up individual classrooms.

Garden Fence Work Party Sunday, June 12th, 10am

We need 4 able bodied heavy lifters to help install the posts for our fence. If you have fence building experience and a love of our school garden, please sign up to help.

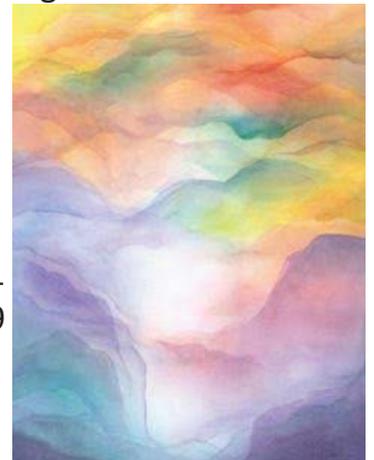
Ron Constable is leading the effort and can be contacted at rjconstable@hotmail.com with any questions about work, skills and tools needed.



Lazure Painting Workshop 6/20-6/21 9am-4pm

We are lazure painting the new classrooms! Lazure is the technique of applying layers of thin and transparent paint with a rhythmical movement using large brushes. The result is a soft and beautiful atmospheric color. We are offering a two day lazure workshop to train volunteers to help us paint the classrooms. Refreshment will be provided.

The workshop will be held at the new school and lead by Karen Baily. She is the new School Director at Madrone Trail Public Charter School in southern Oregon. She is an artist who works in many different media. She loves commissions and collaborations where she can use her skills as a designer, planner and artist. She has led many lazure painting workshops. This is a fantastic opportunity for anyone interested in learning a new skill while helping create beautiful rooms for the children. We offer this workshop FREE for those happy to help us complete the rooms. Lazure painting workshops usually cost \$350. Registration is limited to 9 participants!

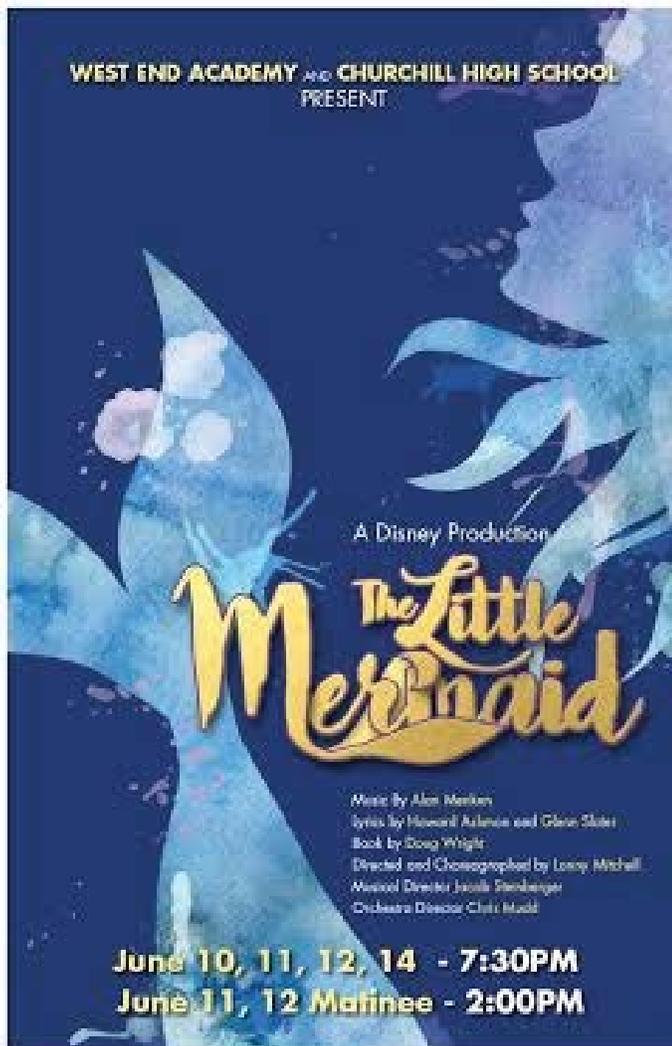


The workshop is on Monday and Tuesday
June 20 8:00-12:00, break for lunch then 1:00-5:00. We will complete 2 rooms during the workshop. We will continue to paint classrooms the days after Wednesday, June 23, Thursday, June 4, Friday, June 25.

Contact Chanin Santiago, 541.232.2089, to reserve your place or if you have any questions.

Upcoming Meetings
6/20 Building Development
Committee Meeting 5:30-7:00pm

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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
 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



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 – 16th camp

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

Scholarships available upon request

Register and get more info

www.eugeneimaginethat.com

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THE SUMMER ACADEMY TO INSPIRE LEARNING (SAIL)

SAIL is the University of Oregon's largest pipeline program led by volunteer faculty aimed at increasing students' enrollment and success in college through early exposure and exploration. SAIL hosts FREE summer camps for students 8th through 12th grade. Other features of SAIL:

Camps are free
Food is free
Assortment of interactive camps to choose from
Chance to meet new people
Great for resumes, college, and scholarship applications
No homework
SAIL scholarship opportunities

Priority is given to students who qualify for Free and Reduced Lunch programs. We believe that higher education is a right, not a privilege. SAIL is also the ASPIRE mentoring site for the University of Oregon. For more information, visit our site or contact Lara Fernandez, Executive Director for SAIL, at 541-346-8378 or laraf@uoregon.edu.



Dolly Parton's Imagination Library

It sounds almost too simple to be true, but by reading regularly with your children during their pre-school 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