



# 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, 4/16      Paint-prep work party at new school, 9am-2pm
- Monday, 4/18      Village School Fundraiser at Mazzi's 5-9pm (flyer on pg. 6)
- Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- Tuesday, 4/19      Trial Drop-Off Day (more on pg. 2)
- Wednesday, 4/20   Village School Board Meeting 5:30-7:30
- Friday, 4/22        Electronics Recycling Roundup
- Wednesday, 4/27   Mentorship Evening, 5-8pm
- Thursday, 4/28     5th Grade Science Fair, 8:45-10:30am
- 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        1st Grade Play (AM)
- Tuesday, 5/3-5/4   5th Grade at Greek Games
- Wednesday, 5/4    1st Grade Play (PM)
- Thursday, 5/5       May Day Festival, 1:15-2:45pm
- Friday, 5/6          NO SCHOOL

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK APRIL 15TH, 2016

At our new school, amidst the forest of trees on the property camas flowers are in bloom. It's beautiful.

Camas fields were regularly tended (through harvest and fire) by the native Kalapuyanse to allow the camas bulbs to grow to a large size in a few years. People digging camas would only keep the biggest bulbs and throw the small ones back into the hole to give it more time to grow.

Managing our limited resources is paramount to ensure the community meets its critical need for food and to care for the land so it produces a bounty of flora and fauna. Close to home, as Earth Day and Earth Week approaches, The Village School students and staff will do our part to conserve and protect our immediate environment and advocate for a healthy planet.

As the camas raise themselves in all their splendor I give thanks to all the volunteers and staff that rise up and share in the beauty we build for our school community.



3rd Grade Artist - Camas

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

Plan ahead to bring your child to school **THIS TUESDAY** to our **NEW LOCATION**. 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. Unless you have signed-up to volunteer, we ask that parent's not linger after drop-off so that we can accurately assess the traffic flow.

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.

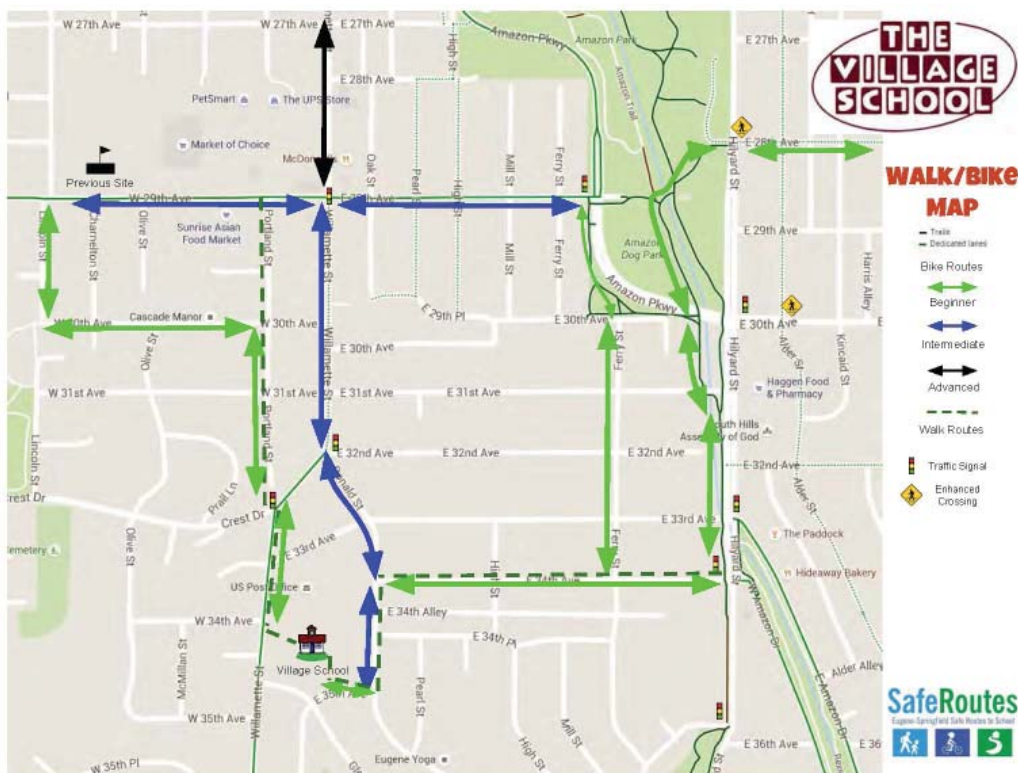
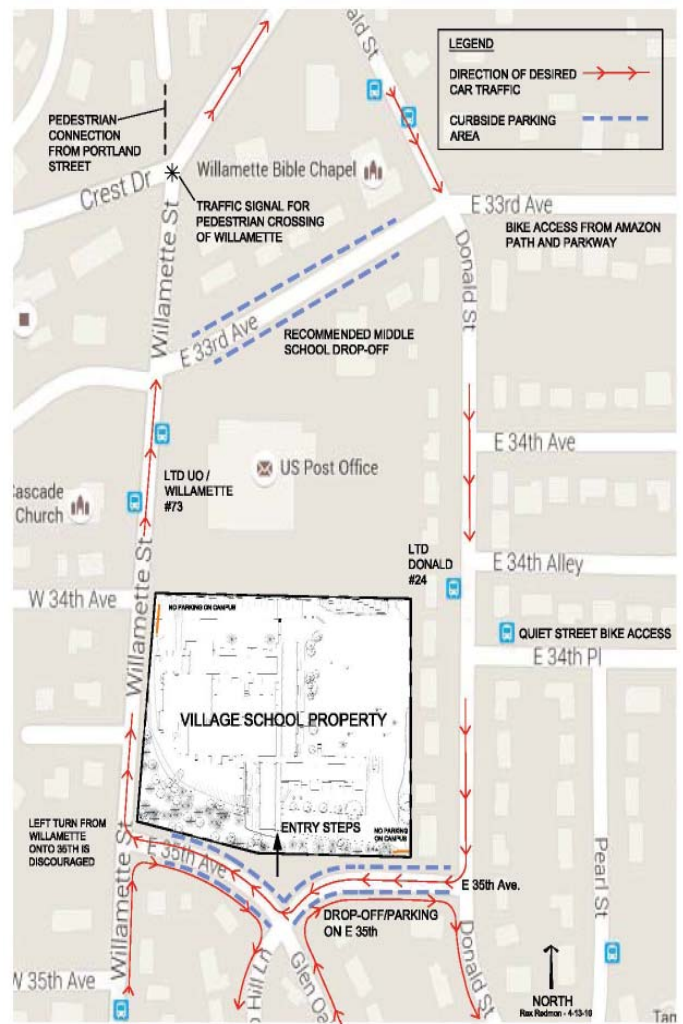
### Please remember:

- Middle School drop-off is on 33rd Ave. between Willamette and Donald.

- KG-5th Grade drop-off is on 35th Ave.

- Cars will not be allowed to pull into the parking lot off of Willamette Street.

- Breakfast will be available on-site for students who have signed up ahead of time. Ms. Toña will be handing out those sack breakfasts in front of the school from 8:00 - 8:20.



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

"I am not anti-tech. To the contrary, I use all kinds of tech, to connect to my family and friends, for my research and work, for my love of painting and gardening, and so on. I work in schools and see the use of tech in educational settings and am continually amazed by its potential. And its power. And its pull. Used well, it is an exciting tool to engage and expand learning. But I believe the digitalized life we now take for granted is taking a far greater toll on family cohesion and childhood itself than we imagine, or perhaps than we want to allow ourselves to imagine. Research already points serious concerns for infant and child development, neurological effects that are narrowing the way the baby brain organizes for lifelong learning. Yet we place tech in the hands of infants and young children and encourage them to play. So I worry about tech's addictive qualities and the way we've accepted our own compulsive behaviors about it even as we lecture our children about excessive screen time and texting. I worry about what it's doing to our culture, where it's leading us. I want us to be thoughtful about technology, more in charge of the way we integrate it into our lives. I want us to adapt technology to serve us well, rather than surrender ourselves unquestioningly to adapt to technology."

-- Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD, from The Big Disconnect -- Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age

### THE VILLAGE KITCHEN HELPING TO GROW HEALTHY CHILDREN!



**APRIL 2016  
Electronics  
Recycling  
Competition!**

In Partnership with: **PARTNERS FOR SUSTAINABLE SCHOOLS**

**In April, The Village School is participating in an electronics recycling competition. The school that recycles the most pounds of "e-waste" wins!**

**NextStep will recycle anything that has a plug, or takes batteries (including any working or broken: cell phones, monitors, computers, toys, etc.).**

**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.**

### PARENT & FAMILY PARTNERSHIP SURVEY

Each year, 4j has the parents at Title I schools fill this out. It is quick and simple, taking about two minutes to complete. Please take a few minutes between now and Friday, April 22 to complete. The survey is online at [www.surveymonkey.com/r/4jparentpartnership2016\\_English](http://www.surveymonkey.com/r/4jparentpartnership2016_English)

If you would prefer to complete the survey on paper, you can pick up a copy in the school office. Thanks for your help with the survey!!



# New School News! 4/15/16

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

## WE NEED YOU!



Paint Prep  
Work Party  
**Saturday, 4/16**  
9am-2pm

**We will be working on  
the 1st, 2nd and 5th  
Grade Classrooms**

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

**Bring your 8 foot  
ladders and cordless  
drills.**

For questions, email:  
[trail\\_digger@yahoo.com](mailto:trail_digger@yahoo.com)

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:

- 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](mailto: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, 4/18 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm

Saturday, 4/30 Paint-prep work party, 9am-2pm

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

*Please send Village Voice submissions to Holly at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu) by Wednesdays at 12:00 PM.*

# Village Classified

## FILM SHOWING

AWARD-WINNING DOCUMENTARY

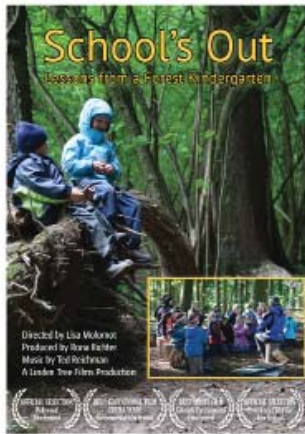
### School's Out

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 Buddeme, 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:**



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)

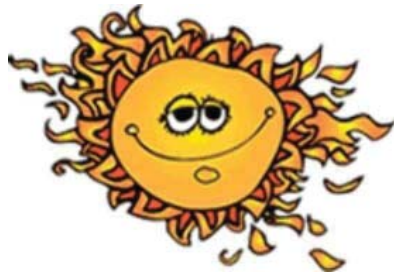
## Celebrate safety

Here's a free, family event that benefits a great cause – you. When accidents or injuries occur, the entire family feels the pain. Learn to prevent accidents before they happen by understanding the hidden hazards around you and your kids – from bicycles to big screens.

- Free safety checks
- Safety item giveaways
- Emergency vehicles on display

**Family Safety Fair**  
Sat., May 21 • 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Willamalane Center for Sports and Recreation, Springfield  
[peacehealth.org/shmc/safetyfair](http://peacehealth.org/shmc/safetyfair)

**PeaceHealth**  
The Spirit of Health



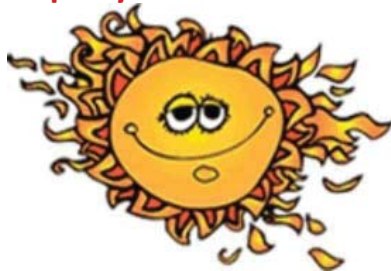
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**Monday, April 18th**

Present this voucher at Mazzi's anytime between 5:00 and 9:00PM on the date shown below and your organization will receive 30% of the proceeds from your meal\*.

\*includes takeout orders and alcohol.

**Invite a friend! Each party needs a voucher.**



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