



# 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

- Tuesday, 9/13 6th/7th/8th Field Trip to Federal Courthouse
- Wednesday, 9/14 All School Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm
- Monday, 9/19 School Pictures
- Tuesday, 9/20 School Pictures
- Wednesday, 9/21 School Pictures
- Wednesday, 9/21 VS Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- Wednesday, 10/5 Walk & Bike to School Day
- Friday, 10/7 Community Service Walk-A-Thon
- Friday, 10/14 NO SCHOOL, In-Service Day
- Tuesday, 10/18 Title 1 Math & Science Night
- Wednesday, 10/19 NO SCHOOL, Teacher Grading Day
- Monday, 10/31 NO SCHOOL, Parent-Tacher Conferences
- Tuesday, 11/1 NO SCHOOL, Parent-Tacher Conferences

You may have noticed the recently installed signs around the perimeter of the school that identify our School Zones/Reduced Speed Zones. Many families are riding bikes or walking to school. There is no parking nor drop off/pick up area for cars anywhere on school property. Please continue to drop off and pick up your students at the designated sites which are located on 35th, and the south side of 33rd.

A map of the designated areas are available on our website and at this link:

<http://www.eugenevillageschool.org/docs/NEW%20SITE%20DROP-OFF%20MAP%208-16-1.pdf>

The Walk & Bike Map can be found at:

<http://www.eugenevillageschool.org/docs/Village%20School%20WalkBike%20Map.pdf>

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

We had our very sweet Rose Ceremony this morning where the 8th grade class welcomed in the 1st grade class with a white rose. Thank you to all of the families and friends who came out to celebrate this special time in the lives of our students.

This Wednesday, September 14th, at 5:30 pm is our All School meeting. This is an important event to attend as we will be welcoming in families, going over school events, expectations, and more. Please do your best to attend. Childcare will be provided for students and siblings ages 5 and over. All grades but 1st, 2nd, and 3rd plan to have their "Class Meetings" directly following the All School meeting. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade classes will have their Class Meetings the following week.

We will be commencing breakfast and lunch service on Monday, September 12th. Please plan accordingly.

I have an open door and open ears if you would like to meet with me for any reason at any time. Thank you for the opportunity to be of service at the Village School.

Carla La Fleur

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



Greetings Village School families and community members! Welcome back! A huge thank you to all of the people who helped make this transition to our new school smooth and united. Clearly, it has been a lot of work, and there still is a lot to be done; but together, we can continue to creatively build a wonderful school for our children for years to come!

Safety is a top priority for all. We are in need of cross-walk/traffic volunteers in the morning (7:50am—8:30) and (2:40-3:10pm) in the afternoon. Please contact Holly at the office to sign up.



## THE VILLAGE SCHOOL ROSE CEREMONY

Each school year at the Eugene Village School begins and ends with a Rose Ceremony. This morning, the new eighth graders presented roses to the first graders as they begin their journey through the grades. Next June, another rose ceremony will take place. The first graders will offer roses to the eighth grade students marking another significant transition.

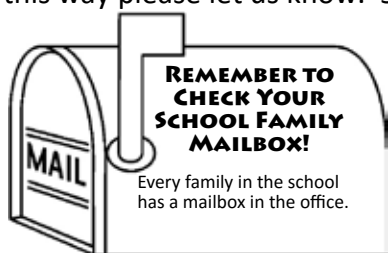
### FROM THE KITCHEN



**Breakfast and lunch service start on Monday, we look forward to serving the students and staff nutritious and delicious meals!**

We are delighted to have so many wonderful returning staff members and volunteers again this year! We still have a few weekly volunteer shifts that we could use help with. If you are interested in learning more about helping in the kitchen, our next volunteer training will be this coming Thursday, September 15th at 8:30am in the cafeteria.

We are still looking for one more laundry volunteer for Tuesday/Wednesday. This job is great for families who work full time or have small children at home. It entails picking up a basket of laundry at the end of the school day, taking it home to wash, dry, and fold then returning to us the following morning. If you can help in this way please let us know. 541-913-9424



## MAKING PAYMENTS FOR VILLAGE KITCHEN MEALS

To pay for meals online, go to: <https://www.mymeal-time.com/signin.aspx>

If you have not previously done so, please create a profile. Once you have a username and password, you will need a specific student ID number (contact the office if you need this information) to pay for your child's meals. Make sure to choose the Village School, NOT the 4J School District when asked which school your child is attending.



On this website you can view which meals your child has eaten, view your balance and make payments, with a small fee. Payments can also be made in the school office by paying with checks or cash.

## WANTED: YOUR COMPLETED FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to complete the *free and reduced lunch application* that came in your back to school packet, and turn it into the office. Part of our school's Title I funding is based on the number of qualified households we have, so we encourage everyone to see if they qualify. Extra copies are available in the office. If you received a *direct certification letter* from the school district that lists your student(s) eligibility, please turn that into the office instead of the *free and reduced lunch application*. Contact Tristin in the office for details.

**ATTENTION: ALL STUDENTS WHO QUALIFY FOR REDUCED MEALS WILL NOW RECEIVE BOTH BREAKFASTS AND LUNCHES FOR FREE!**

## MORE CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL



We are in need of more help for this very important job, which gives you a nice opportunity to greet friends on their way to school. Volunteers are needed from 7:50am-8:30am, and 2:40-3:10pm. Please let Holly in the office know if you can commit to a weekly shift.

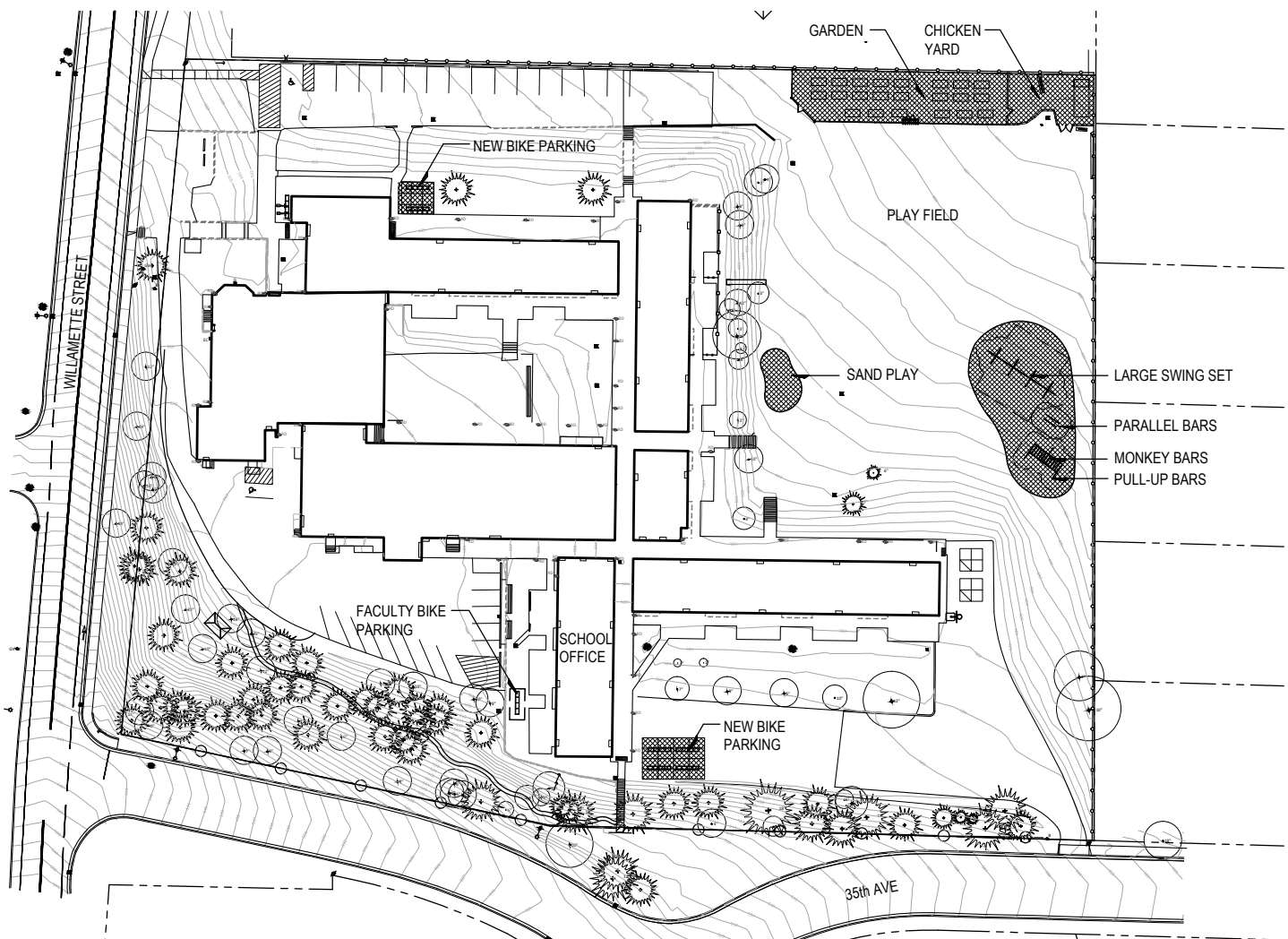
## VILLAGE SCHOOL GROUNDS UPDATE

Exciting things are coming! Next week construction work will start on the first phase of the new Village School Playground. Workers from Graham Landscape are going to begin site work for a new play equipment area which will have a large swing set, parallel bars, monkey bars and pullup bars. They will also be constructing a large sand play area at the bottom of the hill near the K-2 classrooms and adding irrigation to the new garden area. If you look close the play areas are painted in the grass. Site work should take a couple weeks and then the play equipment can be assembled.

New bike parking is coming soon to the north and south ends of the school and will be installed in the next several weeks also. Parent volunteers have been working hard figuring out the details and the racks should be getting installed soon.

The garden and chicken area projects got slowed down by other work this summer but with some volunteer effort the fences could be completed and the area ready for production. Contact Holly in the office if you are interested in helping with fence construction or help with installing play equipment.

Our bees are coming to their new home soon. Volunteers from Symantec are going to come help set up our bee garden and fencing on the 19th so that the bee hives can be brought to the new site. They will be planting bee friendly plants to help make them feel at home.



## TITLE I READING AND MATH SERVICES 2016-2017

Every fall, winter and spring Eugene 4j School District administers reading and math assessments to each of our students. If a student scores below the 30th percentile, she/he may be recommended by the building team to receive instructional interventions in reading and/or math with their progress monitored.

At the Village School, all students receive 90 minutes of language arts and 60 minutes of math instruction each day. If your child will be receiving additional reading or math instruction, his or her classroom teacher or the Title I Coordinator will notify you.

### A MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT

What a great first week in our new home! Hopefully by now you have had a chance to meet our new interim principal, Carla La Fleur. You may have also wondered why the title "interim".

The reason for the interim title is a result of the process undertaken last spring to find a new principal in the wake of Kent Ratekin's departure.

A hiring committee was formed, with representation from various stakeholder groups – board members, staff, administration and parents. The discussions that ensued during those committee meetings revealed disparate views on what qualities, skills, and experience would make the ideal principal for our school.

Consequently, in the absence of agreement on what type of candidate to look for, the committee could not come to consensus on which candidate to hire. The committee instead chose to decline extending a permanent offer and recommended to the board that an interim principal be found for the upcoming school year, in order to buy more time to come to agreement on the qualities being sought for the long term.

Informed of the committee's decision, Carla graciously offered to be our interim principal for the upcoming school year, and I am personally grateful to have her strong administrative experience with us. Please take time to introduce yourself and welcome her if you see her around the school.

We will be working on hiring for the permanent position later this year.

Mike Magee  
VS Board President

## LANDMARK U.S. FEDERAL CLIMATE LAWSUIT

"[This is] the most important lawsuit on the planet right now." - Bill McKibben & Naomi Klein

21 young people from across the United States (**including two former and two current Village School Students**) have filed a landmark constitutional climate change lawsuit against the federal government in the U.S. District Court for the District of Oregon. Also acting as a Plaintiff is world-renowned climate scientist Dr. James E. Hansen, serving as guardian for future generations and his granddaughter. The complaint asserts that, in causing climate change, the federal government has violated the youngest generation's constitutional rights to life, liberty, property, as well as failed to protect essential public trust resources.

On April 8, 2016, U.S. Magistrate Judge Thomas Coffin of the federal District Court in Eugene, OR, ruled in favor of 21 young Plaintiffs in their landmark constitutional climate change case brought against the federal government and the fossil fuel industry. The court's ruling is a major victory for the plaintiffs, ages 8-19, from across the U.S. This ruling is now under review by U.S. District Court Judge Ann Aiken, with oral arguments scheduled for September 13, 2016, after which the case will either proceed toward trial or to appeal.

The 6th, 7th, and 8th grade classes will be taking a field trip on Tuesday to attend the hearing. For more information about the lawsuit visit: <http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/us/federal-lawsuit>



### THE VILLAGE SCHOOL TEXTS, TWEETS, AND IS ON FACEBOOK

Sign up to get text messages from the Village School in addition to email and phone by texting the word "join" to 56360. You can also follow us on Twitter (@EugeneVillage) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool> or search for The VillageSchool).

## A KID IN EVERY PARK!

Hey fourth graders! See America's natural wonders and historic sites for free.



To help engage and create our next generation of park visitors, supporters and advocates, the White House, in partnership with the Federal Land Management agencies, launched the Every Kid in a Park initiative. The immediate

goal is to provide an opportunity for each and every 4th grade student across the country to experience their public lands and waters in person.

Beginning September 1st all kids in the fourth grade have access to their own Every Kid in a Park pass at [everykidinapark.gov](http://everykidinapark.gov). This pass provides free access to national parks, national forests, national wildlife refuges, and more!

The Every Kid in a Park pass is good for the 2016-2017 school year, until August 31, 2017. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting [everykidinapark.gov](http://everykidinapark.gov).

## SCHOOL PICTURES WITH

*Northwest Exposures Photography*



The Village School will be welcoming back Eugene's own Northwest Exposures Photography. Details were sent home in back to school packets, and order forms are located in your family mailbox in the office. Photos will take place on September 19th, 20th, and 21st. Your class teacher will inform you which day your student's class will have photos taken. **Order forms are due by Friday, September 16th.**

## CONTRA DANCES MOST EVERY 2ND AND 4TH SATURDAY NIGHTS AT VILLAGE SCHOOL



Join in the family fun of Contra Dances most 2nd and 4th Saturday. The first dance of the season is THIS SATURDAY. There is always a lesson for beginners at 7:00, which is highly recommended and fun. The dance begins at 7:30, and ends at 10:30. Children are always welcome.

When it comes to contra dancing in the Pacific Northwest, Eugene has been a well-known haven for over 40 years. It was enthusiastic young folks, mostly college students, who brought these traditional dances from their hometowns in New England, and then organized the first contra dances in Eugene during the great folk music and dance revival of the 1970's.

Five years ago, during a citywide search for a new venue, Eugene Folklore Society made an exciting discovery: the beautiful old floor in the cafeteria of The Village School is quite a rare treasure! Old growth flooring that was built there almost 100 years ago is every dancer's dream! Due to the nice "give" in the floor, one's knees, hips, ankles and feet are still very happy even after hours of vigorous dancing.

Eugene Folklore Society could not be more excited that Village School has welcomed us to continue holding popular contra dances in the cafeteria most every 2nd and 4th Saturdays, September through June. These dances are open to the public, beginners are always welcome, and we hope any and all Village School students, parents, siblings, and teachers join us!

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

# VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



## SHOP LOCALLY OR ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL



We encourage everyone to use eScrip, Capella Scrip, and Unique Eugene Scrip. These programs help local vendors and bring fundraising dollars to our school. You can also donate online when you use Amazon.com.

[amazon.com](http://amazon.com)

Go to [www.eugenevillageschool.org](http://www.eugenevillageschool.org) and click "[Shop for Village School](#)" on the left. Links will appear for Amazon.com Click and shop from this link, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.

Celebrate the end of summer and the hard work of our Youth Farm Crew at the Youth Farm fest. We have a fun-filled day of family friendly farm-y activities planned, including:

- Tomato Taste-Off from juicy reds to colorful heirlooms
- Youth-run Produce Stand
- Sample Farm Favorite Produce
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Pick your own flower bouquets
- Farm tours
- Cider Pressing
- Face Painting
- Veggie Critter Creations and Seed Mosaics
- Live Music
- Youth Farmer Olympics and Obstacle Course

[www.foodforlanecounty.org](http://www.foodforlanecounty.org); 541-343-2822

## Village School Family Seeking a Home

**Aloha friends, Azlan and I need to move into a new home in South Eugene by October 1st. We are open to sharing a house or renting an apartment. Any leads are greatly appreciated. Thank you! Adriane 541-729-5255.**