



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

- Wednesday, 12/7 Parent Council, 5:30pm
- Thursday, 12/8 Winter Concert, 6:30pm
First Congregational Church
- Monday, 12/12 8th Grade Play (pm)
- Tuesday, 12/13 8th Grade Play (am)
- Wednesday, 12/14 VS Board meeting, 5:30pm
- Thursday, 12/15 Winter Break Begins
(school resumes on Jan. 4th)
- Monday, 1/16 No School, Martin Luther King
Holiday
- Wednesday, 1/18 2nd Grade Field Trip
- Board Meeting, 5:30-7:30
- Friday, 1/27 Village School Talent Show

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Village School Families and Community Members,

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and are ready to finish 2016 with gusto! On Tuesday, the 2nd grade class took a field trip to the University of Oregon Museum of Natural and Cultural History—they had a great time learning about all of the new exhibits and experiencing all that the museum has to offer.

On Wednesday, Village School staff went to Chapala’s to celebrate collectively walking all the way to Cabo San Lucas through tracking steps and participating in Walktober for our Health and Wellness program. Emily Swenson won first place for walking the most steps in October. Congratulations to all who participated.

We have our Winter Concert coming up on December 8th at the First Congregational Church from 6:30–8:00 pm. There will be Marimba, Guitar, and Choir performances, including a special song from all staff! Please join us.

Mr. Matthew has set up an obstacle course on the back lawn where students practice balance, fine motor skills, and team work. This is in preparation for an upcoming Experiential Learning program offered by Eugene Recreation. The experiential sessions will use different problem-solving activities and challenges to encourage positive group interactions, giving students experiences of what team work and collaboration look like as they mature. Great work Mr. Matthew!



Meena, 2nd Grade Artist



FROM THE PRINCIPAL (CONT)

Our library is up and running! We have a new librarian by the name of Molly Bautista. Her hours are Tuesday and Thursday 10:00 am – 1:00 pm and Wednesdays, 12:00 pm – 4:00pm. We have put a Library Contract in your box, sent a copy home with your student(s), and are providing a link for your easy completion. <http://www.mediate.com/village/docs/2017/LIBRARY%20USE%20AGREEMENT.docx>

Your student will be able to check out a book once this form is signed by you and on file.

We've also had our first OBOB (Oregon Battle of the Books) meeting! Students are reading select books in preparation for team competition. Thank you to all of our volunteers for creating such a lovely space to grow and learn.



“Our highest endeavor must be to develop free human beings who are able of themselves to impart purpose and direction to their lives. The need for imagination, a sense of truth, and a feeling of responsibility—these three forces are the very nerve of education.”

— Rudolf Steiner

Carla La Fleur

WALK & BIKE TO SCHOOL REWARDS



The Village School received coupons for 1 FREE Kid's Meal at Chiptle for our awesome participation in Walk & Bike to School Day. If you would like one, swing by the office and pick one up. Limit: 1 per Village School child.



THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2016
6:30-8:00 PM
FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
1050 E. 23RD STREET, EUGENE, OR

ATTENTION PARENTS!

We are asking for your help when dropping-off and picking-up students from our school.

It has been observed that some parents are parking in the middle of the road, using their hazard lights, to drop off and pick up students. We ask that you find a place to park, not blocking traffic, refrain from honking, and create a safe environment for our children.

If you park your car on 35th Ave/Glen Oak/Knob Hill, please avoid parking near the piles of leaves next week (December 5th-9th). The City of Eugene will be picking up leaves, and cannot do so when cars are too close to the piles.



WALK A-THON FINAL RESULTS

We want to give a big round of thanks to everyone who helped out with raising funds for our 6th Community Service Walk-a-Thon. **Together we raised over \$10,100!** The funds raised support our kitchen and garden, and provide crucial funding for our eight community partners. Our illustrious 5th graders raised the most money, \$2,019.42, and will create wild and crazy glasses for Ms. LaFleur. Coming in second place with \$1,962.58, the 4th grade class will adorn fabulous glasses for Mr. Pears. We can't wait to see how fabulous our administrators will look, hopefully soon, with their new stylish glasses! Again, many thanks to everyone who made this year's Walk a Thon a wonderfully successful expression of our commitment to our kitchen, garden and community.



SCHOOLPOOL IS HERE – JOIN US!

How are your children getting to school this year? The SchoolPool program can help you figure it out! Point-2point at Lane Transit District's SchoolPool program helps parents connect with other families who want to walk, bike, or carpool to and from school. The SchoolPool network is secure and parents only share the information they choose to. Look in your school mailbox for more information. If you **do not** wish to participate in the SchoolPool program, return the form to the office by December 15, 2016.

SEEKING SUBSTITUTE CUSTODIAN

The Village School is looking to hire a substitute custodian to fill-in as needed. The candidate must be available on afternoons and week-ends. \$11.50/hr. For more information contact Andy Pears at apeara@eugenevillageschool.org.



AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM EUGENE/SPRINGFIELD SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL

Parents,

As part of Safe Routes to School program we need to evaluate active transportation at the Village School. We ask that you take a few minutes to fill out this survey to help us as we work to improve the safety for students to walk, bike and roll to school. This link is specific for the Village School. If you have more than one student at this school please fill out one for the older student only. If you have students at more than one school please fill out one for each school you receive a link for. Thank you for your time!

<http://www.saferoutesdata.org/surveyformparent.cfm?key=9338916>

(hard copies were also placed in your school mailboxes, if you prefer)

Shane MacRhodes
Safe Routes to School

PARENT COUNCIL CORNER

If you are feeling a bit blue for some reason, remember that action is the antidote to despair and that our school is the perfect venue to take action.

If you want to do something to improve our world, a good place to begin is at the next Parent Council meeting; Wednesday December 7th at 5:30pm. There are many projects to be done at our new site and Parent Council is a great venue to see how you can be involved. In addition to overseeing how fundraised money is spent to improve our school, the Parent Council is active in planning school festivals, improvements to our new site, and staff appreciation week. Please join us. We count on the voices of many parents to make our decisions strong and our school the best it can be.

Please be sure to complete your Village School Climate Survey!

VILLAGE SCHOOL HONEY FOR SALE!

More honey from the Village School is available for purchase! Contact Jen Hornaday at: 541-914-2225





Purchase your Christmas tree at Spring Creek Holly Farm and 50% of the proceeds will be donated to the Village school. All trees are \$5/ft. When you purchase your tree, just tell them that you want the donation to go to the

Village School. Tell your Friends, family co-workers etc - There are no limits on the number of trees purchased.

Our Noble Firs are locally grown at Spring Creek Holly Farm and at our wholesale facility Whitewater Ranch using low impact and sustainable farming practices. We have pre-cut and choose and cut trees available. We also offer handmade holly wreaths, table decorations and bulk greens. 43111 McKenzie Hwy, Leaburg, OR 97489

Start a new holiday tradition and come out and enjoy a cup of hot apple cider and help support your favorite school.

HANDWORK RAFFLE

The Winter concert is coming and so is our yearly Handwork Raffle! You can win handmade items, and help support the handwork program!



Tickets are available in the office, or through your class coordinator. Prices are \$1 for one ticket, or \$5 for five tickets. The drawing will happen throughout the Winter Concert. Money raised will be used to buy yarn, needles, material, and various other handwork supplies.

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.



Go to 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.



YOU'RE INVITED!

Join us for a Safe Routes to School Town Hall.

Date: December 6, 2016

*child care and snacks provide

Time: 4:30pm-6pm

Place: In the Cafeteria at Roosevelt Middle School, 500 E 24th Ave, Eugene, OR 97405

In 2017 we have a once in a generation opportunity to put kids and families first. Let's seize this moment and make our roads safe so that every kid can walk, bike, and access transit to school! Join the For Every Kid Coalition for this community event, bring your friends, and find out how.

At this event, you will learn:

- how Safe Routes to School increases walking and biking to school more than any other program
- how For Every Kid is campaigning to make it safe for every kid to walk, bike, and access transit to school
- all the things YOU can do to make sure that every kid in Eugene has a safe route to school

ourhealthystreets.org/foreverykid

MORE CROSSING GUARDS NEEDED AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL



We are in need of one more crosswalk volunteer on Friday mornings. Can you help us ensure that families cross safely? We are also in need more crosswalk volunteers after school - on all days of the week. Contact Holly if you would like to sign-up for this very important job!

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 (www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool or search for The VillageSchool).

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