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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.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

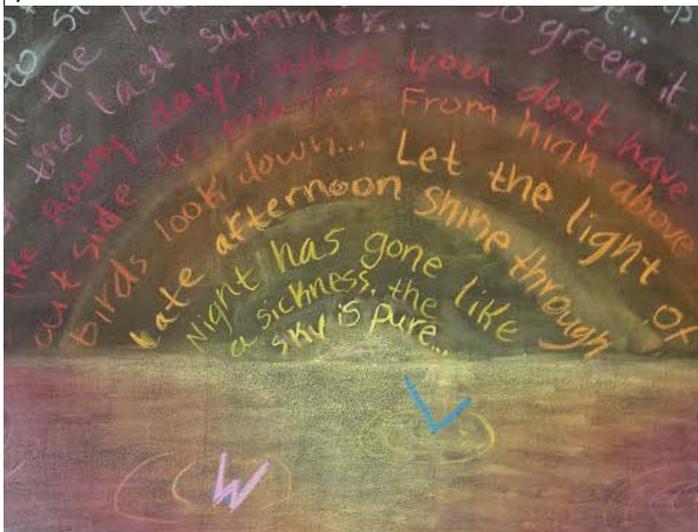
Monday, 1/26 3:00 PM	Sibling Applications Due
Thursday, 1/29 6:30-8:15 PM	8th Grade Parent Meeting Room 14
Friday, 1/30	NO SCHOOL (Grading Day)
Wednesday, 2/4 6:00-8:00 PM	Parent Information Meeting for 2015-2016 Public Lottery
Thursday, 2/5 10:20 AM	4th Grade Play
6:00 PM	4th Grade Play
Saturday, 2/10 10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Parent Information Meeting for 2015-2016 Public Lottery

SIBLING APPLICATIONS DUE THIS MONDAY, 1/26 BY 3:00 PM

Families wishing to enroll siblings for the 2015-2016 school year must return sibling applications to the office no later than this Monday, January 26, 2015 by 3:00 PM to be given priority placement in our annual lottery process. If you have questions, please ask Maureen (541) 345-7285 ext. 102, village@4j.lane.edu.

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our specialty programs, Spanish, Music, Handwork and Movement, rely on your support. We look forward to your contributions!



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings! I'm here in person! I've met many of you already and can't wait to get to know all of the wonderful students and folks here. I've been busy since I arrived, attending many meetings, and this week, I got to witness our Charter being renewed for the next 10 years at the District Office. This school is exciting to be part of, and Eugene is a happening place. Tricia and I are settling down just a few blocks from school and are having fun putting our new home together. There are moments that are hectic and busy, but I always have time to listen to how I can help serve you and the school--just let me know.

Thanks,
Kent Ratekin

TALENT SHOW TONIGHT @ 5:30 PM!



Tonight is **The Village School's ALL-SCHOOL 7th annual talent show and spaghetti dinner**. Have a fun night out while supporting the 8th grade class trip!

Where:	Village School Cafeteria
When:	Friday, Jan. 23rd
What Time:	5:30-8:00 pm
Cost:	\$20 for a family of four (\$3 per extra person), \$6 per person (individual)

VILLAGE SCHOOL CHARTER RENEWED!

We are pleased to share that our school charter was renewed on Wednesday at the Eugene School District 4J Board Meeting. Cheers to the next 10 years of The Village School!

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is coming. On Thursday February 19th, two days before Heart of the Village, "grand" family and friends will visit your children's classrooms, sample some of our music and lunch, and get to know our school a little better. Last year's event was a great time, and we highly recommend it! Please pick up invitations in the school office.

HEART OF THE VILLAGE



The annual Heart of the Village celebration is happening on Saturday, February 21, from 11:00am-2:00pm.

We have many volunteer opportunities for the event:

- *Setup and Cleanup for event*
- *Bring Baked Goods for Bake Sale*
- *Food preparation, serving and sales*
- *Donations of trinkets for Pocket Lady dress*
- *Craft room helpers*
- *Cakes for cake walks*
- *1st/2nd gr. children for dragon parade at beginning*
- *Admission table sales*

Your grade's classroom coordinators will also have information about your grade's specific volunteer needs and how to sign up. Signup sheets will be hung outside of classrooms and available online. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherri Marineau, also can be reached regarding volunteer needs for the event.

This year we will be continuing a new tradition of having a prayer flag making room for the event. If you have any plain white or light colored sheets without prints to donate, please bring them to the office by Monday, February 9th.

Raffle Basket donations are needed for each grade. Please see your classroom coordinators for your grade's basket theme. Donations are due by Friday, February 13th at the end of the school day.

Interested in volunteering your time to be a videographer at the Heart of the Village celebration? We are looking for someone who has a camera and wants to float around the event taking video grabs of the event. Contact Sherri if you are interested.

SAFE CROSSING TO & FROM SCHOOL

We would again like to recognize and thank **Tom and Eamon Happy** for all of their crossing guard work before and after school. Putting out safety cones and helping students safely cross Lincoln Street is an important job, and it's a lot of work. Consider showing your appreciation for the safety cause by applying your parent volunteer hours toward crossing guard duty.

LIBRARY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The library is in need of volunteers to help supervise students and check out books during classroom visits and after school on Tuesdays and Thursdays. New volunteers will receive training before working in the library. If you have any questions or are a new library volunteer needing training, please contact Sherri in the office.



THE GREEN SCENE

The "dirt" on composting at the Village School



Did you know that each year Eugene puts over 40 million pounds of food waste in the local landfill? The Village School is doing its part to address this problem. An "all-scratch" kitchen produces an abundance of food scraps. Much of that is composted in the Village School garden. What is not easily composted on-site is composted through the Love Food Not Waste program. For the last few weeks, we have been sending over 100lbs/week of cafeteria scraps to a local pig farmer, further reducing costs to the Village School!

STOP BY THE VILLAGE
SCHOOL GARDEN TO SEE
THE WORMS AT WORK!

-On average, American households produce 650 pounds of compostable material a year!

-There are billions of microorganisms in a single gram of compost! (About the weight of a dollar bill)

SHOP LOCALLY OR ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL



We encourage everyone to use scrip from eScrip, Capella, and Unique Eugene. These programs help local vendors and bring fundraising dollars to our school.

To use eScrip, log onto www.eScrip.com, and click: Sign up! Our Group I.D. is 9130886 (beware: there are several Village Schools). Register your Safeway, debit & credit cards (the site is secured), then shop at eScrip merchants, such as Market of Choice & Safeway. You can use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.

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To shop for Village School on Amazon.com, go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Click the Amazon.com link, and shop. The Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.



When you shop at MightyNest.com, a website that sells eco-friendly cookware and some natural toys, 15% of the proceeds of your purchases can be donated to our school when you select us when shopping! To check it out, go to MightyNest.com and click "Support your local school" to register Village as your school of choice before you make any purchases.

A NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN

“Cheese please” is what these sweethearts were simultaneously saying in the lunch line on Wednesday.



1st Graders Lydia Valentine, Emma Brahms, & Emma DeCicco

We really appreciate our afternoon student helpers! They lend a hand with various tasks, such as putting away clean dishes, taking the compost out, recycling, washing and sanitizing surfaces as well as creating our menu board for the next day’s lunch.



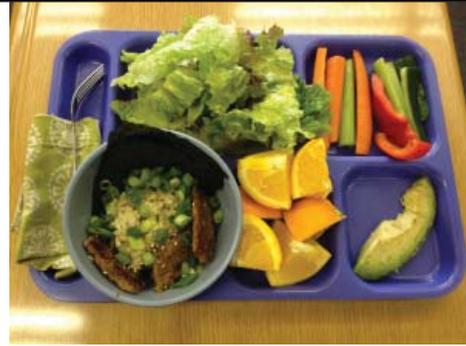
8th Graders Zia Kennedy & Morgan Gorman

Eating lunch with 4th grade today!



We have a new menu item: Sushi Bowl, featuring organic brown rice, organic seaweed, and local, organic tofu. You can add green onions, sesame seeds and/or tamari if you wish.

Village Voice submissions are due to Maureen on Thursdays at noon: village@4j.lane.edu.



Lunch tray with a sushi bowl

At the condiment table with 5th & 6th graders and Mr. Ratekin



TERRITORIAL SEED FUNDRAISER

It’s that time again. The 8th grade is holding a fundraiser through the Territorial Seed Company. Order forms and books are available in the office. Orders and payment are due in the office by Thursday, January 29th. Don’t miss this opportunity to get seeds to plant in your garden this spring and help raise funds for the 8th grade class trip.

COWSPIRACY FILM



Eugene Veggies, a local social group favoring plant-based eating, will be showing *Cowspiracy: The Sustainability Secret* in The Village School cafeteria this Sunday, January 25 at 3:30 PM. Entrance costs \$3, and popcorn will be sold. Avellana handcrafted vegan hazelnut cheeses will be given as door prizes! A Q&A discussion will follow the screening. For more information, visit <http://www.meetup.com/EugeneVeggies/events/219299966/>.

HEALTHY REMINDERS

There are plenty of bugs around, including the flu and strep throat. Please remind all of your family members to wash their hands often, and if your children are sick, please keep them home from school and call the office.

Please read Lane County Health Department’s special notice about Measles on page 4.



LANE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH

MEASLES INFORMATION

Recently, a Lane County resident was diagnosed with Measles. An extensive investigation is being conducted by Lane County Public Health to identify people who may have had contact with this individual to determine their immune status.

- You are considered immune to measles if:
 - You are one year or older and have received two doses of a live measles containing vaccine spaced at least one month apart. MMR (Measles-Mumps-Rubella) vaccine is the usual standard
 - You had the measles yourself and this was diagnosed by a medical provider
 - You have an IgG blood test which shows that you are immune to measles
 - You were born before 1957 and have had at least one dose of a live measles containing vaccine
- The requirement for school entry in Oregon is to have two MMR shots, usually one in infancy and another at the beginning of school. All Oregon colleges require two MMRs for admission. The military usually immunizes its members against measles.
- Early symptoms of measles often include a cough, red eyes that are sensitive to light, fever, and runny nose for several days before a severe rash develops.
- The measles rash usually begins 3-4 days after the first symptoms and begins on the face, behind the ears, and the neck. It spreads rapidly downward to the arms and chest. Fever may be as high as 104F at this time.
- Measles is a highly contagious virus. **If you suspect that you have come into contact with an infected person and suspect you may be infected, STAY HOME and immediately contact your health care provider and limit your exposure to other people. Do not go to a health care facility—hospital, office, or urgent care—unless you call first!**
- Measles is not usually life-threatening. Most otherwise healthy people who get sick will simply feel miserable for several days. However, some people with measles (6%) will get pneumonia (infection of the lungs). A few will have a dangerous brain infection from the measles virus. Very, very few will get a long term brain condition that can be very severe.
- Measles can be life threatening in very young or very old people, and in people who have other medical conditions, especially those who have conditions that cause suppression of immune function.
- Prevention is key—please stay current on your immunizations. This helps protect your health and the community.

For more information call Lane County Public Health at (541) 682-4041