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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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FEBRUARY EVENTS



Wednesday, 2/4 6:00-8:00 PM	Parent Information Meeting for 2015-2016 Public Lottery
Thursday, 2/5 10:20 AM 6:00 PM	4th Grade Play 4th Grade Play
Saturday, 2/10 10:00 AM-12:00 PM	Parent Information Meeting for 2015-2016 Public Lottery
Wednesday, 2/11 6:30-7:30 PM	Parent Council
Monday, 2/16	President's Day--NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, 2/17 3:00-4:30 PM	Raffle Basket Wrapping Party
Wednesday, 2/18 5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday, 2/19	Grandparent/Grandfriend Day
Saturday, 2/21 11:00 AM-2:00 PM	<i>Heart of the Village</i>
Thursday, 2/26	2nd Grade Play Performances

TALENT ABOUNDS!



This year's talent show was a great success! See page 3 for more pictures. Thanks to 8th grade parent **Glen Johnson** for the great pictures! Glen is a professional photographer who specializes in portraits, weddings, and events.

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY



Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is Thursday February 19th! "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 great! Invitations are available in the school office.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

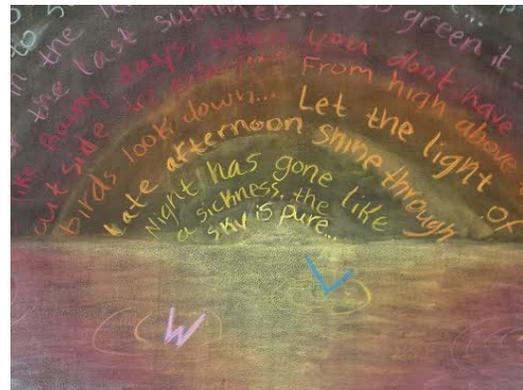
Greetings! Tricia and I are settling in a little more and really enjoying Eugene and The Village School community. The Talent Show was fun and displayed lots of real talent. I have been meeting other Oregon Waldorf Charter Principals as well as local 4J District Administrators and am impressed with how well this school is perceived and held by the larger world around us. I put up a new basketball hoop and lost a game of "PIG" already. I am starting to get to know the students, the real reason we are all here, and I am loving the fabulous lunches. I would like to thank everyone for your kind welcome and hellos as I, just like the students, continue to learn, learn, learn!

SAFE CROSSING TO & FROM SCHOOL

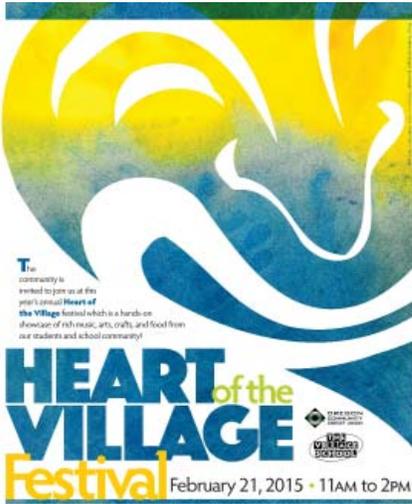
Consider accumulating your parent volunteer hours by joining the school safety team. The job includes setting out safety cones and helping students safely cross Lincoln Street. We need volunteers to help before school (8:00-8:25 AM) as well as after school (2:45-3:15 PM). This is an important job, and it's a fun way to contribute to the community while getting volunteer hours.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2015

Our specialty programs, Spanish, Music, Handwork and Movement, rely on your support. Thank you to all who have already made contributions; we hope to see 100% participation!



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*

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

We will continue the 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. See your classroom coordinators for your basket theme. Donations are due by Friday, February 13th at the end of the school day.

We are looking for someone who has a camera and wants to float around the event taking video grabs of the event as the event videographer. Contact Sherri if you are interested. Special thanks to Andy von Engel for this year's poster design!

SPARE CLOTHING NEEDED

As the winter progresses and we experience damp weather, students frequently come to the office in need of a change of clothes when they get wet or muddy. Please remember to send a spare set of clothes (including socks and underwear) with your student each day. Also, the office is in need of clothing donations, especially for students in grades 1-4. Please bring donations to the school office. Thank you!

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.

DOG-GONE REMINDERS

We love pets, but on school days between 8:00 AM-4:00 PM and during school events, dogs must be leashed when on school grounds. No matter how well-trained or mild-mannered your pet is, you can't predict events. Keep your pet (and others' pets) safe by keeping them on a leash. Also, please clean up after your pets; we want a clean and safe place to work and play. Thank you!



THE GREEN SCENE

Thank you to the exchange students who have helped out in the classrooms since the beginning of the school year. They have given students a connection to a far-off country, sharing their language and culture. Did you know that our country sends heaps of electronic waste to China that winds up poisoning the water, land, and people? Let's not do this to our friends--if you have old cell phones, computers, or other devices that take batteries or plug into a socket, take it to **NextStep Recycling** (2101 W. 10th Ave off Garfield St. in Eugene). They will recycle these objects responsibly.

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.



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.

2015 VS TALENT SHOW

