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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

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

IDUNNA AND THE GOLDEN APPLES



Yesterday, the 4th grade kicked off our class play season with their performance of the Norse myth *Idunna and the Golden Apples*. It was an outstanding performance, filled with terrific acting, and Ms. Shannon did a fabulous job directing. Thanks to all who contributed, and congratulations on a successful class play, 4th grade.

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.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings. What a great 4th grade play! We also had a good parent information meeting Wednesday night and another one will happen Saturday morning. I am getting to know more and more of you and more of the children by first name.

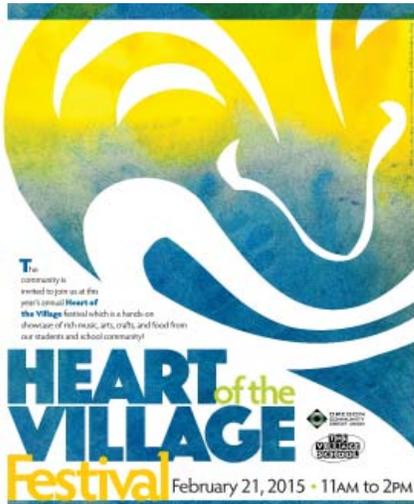
OK, I hope I've been here long enough to ask for some help. There are a few areas where we need some more support. 1) I would love to recycle a lot of the old wood and junk we have laying around, a few pallets, a lot of boards, some old bamboo and sticks, etc. It would be great to clean the school up a little before Heart of the Village on the 21st. 2) If you have any balls or sports equipment you don't need any more, we are building a new recess supply and can use the donations. 3) **Tom Happy** needs help in the morning, (**Alder** and parents **Leslie** and **Aaron Davis** have been helping too), with the cones and crosswalk. I am trying to be out there every morning but have had lots of important meetings lately. 4) **Toña Aguilar**, **Pilar Compston**, and **Maria Rosa Fabian Alvizo** are subbing short term for the open Lower Grades Spanish opening, if you know any qualified Spanish teachers, please let them know about the position. Thanks for all you help and support, this is really a great school!

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.

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*

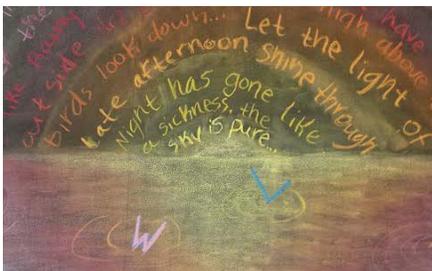
Cassroom coordinators will have information about each grade's specific volunteer needs and how to sign up. Signup sheets will be outside of classrooms and available online. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherri Marineau, also can be reached regarding volunteer needs for the event.

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!

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!



SCHOOL- MEDIA AWARENESS GROUP

At The Village School, we feel strongly about limiting the use of electronic media. We want to encourage direct experience with the world, not a world mediated by electronics. Our school media policy asks parents to partner with us in protecting Village School children from exposure to electronic media.

We realize that limiting media exposure is increasingly difficult to achieve in our technology-driven world. We are starting a School Media Awareness Group for parents to discuss media usage at home and learn about the effects of media on brain development. If you are interested in joining this group, please contact **Tom Happy** (541) 344-8968.

A NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN

Our meal program really does depend upon the help of volunteers! On Wednesday this week, both our morning volunteers called to let us know they had sick children at home and couldn't make it in to help. As a result, we had to change our lunch menu from stromboli to pasta. We were grateful for the understanding of students and staff. It was touching to receive so many thank yous from the children as they went through the lunch line, even though many of them were disappointed to not be served stromboli. We truly appreciate our supportive community.



7th graders Nate Janes and Elijah Comer drawing our lunch menu on Thursday.

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.

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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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.

"Moms Night-In"

We warmly invite all mothers to learn about the ways in which the media affects the body image of young girls, and how to thoughtfully engage about this topic with your daughters.

Hosted by Amy Moore

Thursday, February 19th

7:00-8:30 pm

2673 Terrace View Drive, Eugene 97405

Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be provided

RVSP to Amy at 541-579-4264

Ophelia's Place
a community for girls

4TH GRADE PLAY

