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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, 2/16	<b>President's Day--NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday, 2/17 3:00-4:30 PM	<b>Raffle Basket Wrapping Party</b>
Wednesday, 2/18 5:30-7:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, 2/19	<b>Grandparent/Grandfriend Day</b>
Saturday, 2/21 11:00 AM-2:00 PM	<i>Heart of the Village</i>
Thursday, 2/26	<b>2nd Grade Play Performances</b>



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings! I'm still loving the fabulous lunches and getting to know everyone a little more each week. The Parent Council Meeting Wednesday night was great. We talked about a couple of exciting assembly opportunities for the students, addressed a few school issues, and enjoyed class reports.

One issue we took on was having more help on morning traffic patrol. **Tom Happy, Aaron, Leslie and Alder Davis** have been working hard on this, but it is hard for the same people to be there every day. The new plan is to offer 1 family volunteer hour for each morning of service and to have parents of grades 4-8 each take one a morning each week. Here's the schedule:

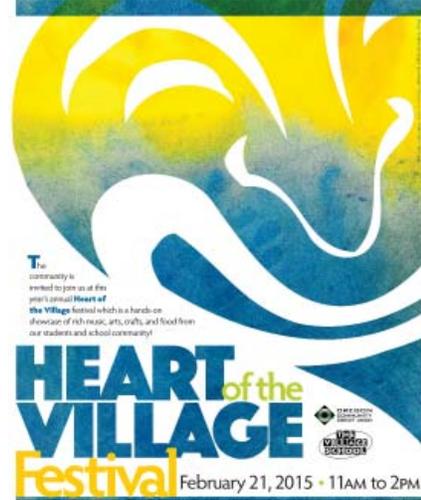
Mondays	4th Grade
Tuesdays	5th Grade
Wednesdays	6th Grade
Thursdays	7th Grade
Fridays	8th Grade

Class Coordinators will share more about this. I have tried to be on duty, but meetings and unexpected events have made my daily appearance unpredictable. We can't enforce participation, but we care enough about the safety of our students at this hectic time of day, so we will find a way to have someone out there every morning.

At Parent Council, we decided to designate this Wednesday afternoon, February 18th, as clean-up day in preparation for Grandparent's Day and Heart of the Village. Classes will pick up the hallways, and we will have a list of afternoon chores from 3:00-5:00 PM for volunteer work.

Thanks for all you do for The Village School and for helping me to learn and grow here. --Kent

## 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, can also be reached regarding volunteer needs for the event.

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.

**NO SCHOOL**  
**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH**



**IT'S PRESIDENTS, DAY!**

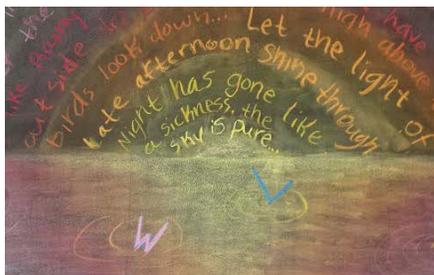
## GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY



Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is THIS 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. We can't wait to have these very special guests share in the life of our school day.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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!

## THE GREEN SCENE



*Love Your Mama!*

## Garden News

Dear Village School families,

The exciting news this week was that the 1st and 3rd graders helped to give Lawnmower, the chicken, a salt bath because she had crusty feathers. She is a lot better now, thanks to the 1st and 3rd graders.

With 1st and 6th grade, we have been propagating grapes and raspberries from cuttings. Eighth grader Dakota is helping to make a tiny greenhouse, and we are painting a new sign for the garden. Also, I am grateful to Keaton of the University of Oregon who has been helping us with 2nd grade on Wednesdays. Many thanks to Tom Bettman of the U. of O. who gave us four new apples trees and helped me prune all of them! Come check out the garden and feel free to help us anytime with weeding, mulching, chickens, or classes!

Thanks,  
Lesley McClintock

## MISSING BRACELET

Dear Village School Families,

On Wednesday, I lost a bracelet that I wove out of silver colored wire. It has a blue stone set like a ring on it, and the closure is 2 magnetic pieces. It really means a lot to me. If you find it, would you please put it in my mail box in the office? Thanks very, very much!

Donna Crispin  
Title 1 Asst.

## A NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN

Our refrigerator is on the fritz! The cost to repair it is around \$2,000. Thanks to Holly McRae, kitchen assistant extraordinaire, we will be having a couple fundraisers to help us cover these costs. We will let you know where and when these will be happening. Be on the lookout for more information. Thank you for your support!

We love serving greens from the school garden on our salad bar! Thank you to Lesley and the 1st grade class for harvesting these on Tuesday.



*1st Graders Tegan Callahan and Onyx Hale with Ms. Holly*

## 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](http://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.

**amazon.com**

To shop for Village School on Amazon.com, go to [www.eugenevillageschool.org](http://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](http://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](http://MightyNest.com) and click "Support your local school" to register Village as your school of choice before you make any purchases.

## 4J PARENT INFORMATION NIGHTS: SMARTER BALANCED ASSESSMENTS

Oregon and more than 40 other states have developed and adopted shared academic expectations, called the Common Core State Standards. They are clear, consistent guidelines for what students should know and be able to do at each grade level in math and English language arts in order to be ready to graduate with an Oregon diploma, ready for college, careers and life.

With new standards, we need new tools to measure student learning of the standards. This spring the new Smarter Balanced assessments will replace the old OAKS tests for reading, writing and math.

Eugene School District 4J is offering parent information nights about the new Smarter Balanced assessments. Please join us to learn more about Oregon's new state tests in math and language arts.

The presentation will cover why the state tests have changed, how they will be implemented, and concrete examples of how to help your student. The format will engage attendees in hands-on experience.

- Tuesday, Feb. 17, 7:00 p.m., Churchill High School, 1850 Bailey Hill Road
- Thursday, Feb. 19, 7:00 p.m., South Eugene High School, 400 E. 19th Ave.

*Village Voice submissions are due by noon on Thursdays to Maureen Caldwell at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu).*

# VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



**It's Better Together!**  
Great for Kids, Families & Seniors

Reinventing the way families live  
to strengthen supportive,  
sustainable lifestyles

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**WANT TO LEARN MORE?**

INFORMATIONAL MEETING & SITE VISIT

**Sunday, February 15th, 3-4:30pm**

300 East Blair Blvd., Eugene



**JOIN US!**

for a **FREE** creative  
afternoon of story telling & music:

**Kelly Terwillager**, Story Teller

**David Adee**, Musician

**Saturday, March 7th, 2:30-4:30pm**

Hilyard Community Center  
2580 Hillyard, Eugene

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