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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

<u>Sunday, 3/9</u>	Daylight Savings Time Begins
<u>Monday, 3/10</u> 5:30-7:00 PM	Board Meeting
<u>Tuesday, 3/11</u> 7:00-8:00 PM	7th Grade Evening Play
<u>Wednesday, 3/12</u> 10:15-11:15 AM	7th Grade Daytime Play
6:00-6:30 PM 6:30-8:00 PM	Parent Council Business Meeting Nonviolent Communication Program
<u>Thursday, 3/13</u> 12:45 & 1:45 PM	OR Coast Aquarium Assemblies
<u>Friday, 3/14</u> 1:00 PM	Lottery for 2014-15 Enrollment
<u>3/17-3/28</u>	No School: Spring Break
<u>Monday, 3/31</u>	School Resumes

AUTHOR'S NIGHT RE-CAP

Thank you to everyone who joined us for Author's Night on Wednesday. It was very special to hear such original stories from our budding authors. Special thanks to our Village School Kitchen staff for making a delicious burrito dinner for everyone!



See page 3 for more pictures!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2014 Our Handwork Classes Need your dyed-in-the-wool Support!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

PARENT COUNCIL SPECIAL PROGRAM: NON-VIOLENT COMMUNICATION

This Wednesday, March 12, we are having a **Parent Council Special Program** on the topic of non-violent communication, led by guest speaker Gary Barran. The regular Parent Council business meeting portion will take place at 6:00 PM, and the special program will begin at 6:30 PM and end at 8:00 PM. Light refreshments will be provided and childcare is available. If interested in childcare for the event, please notify the office by Monday, March 10th.

GARDEN NEWS

Dear Village School Families,

The garden is taking off! We are harvesting greens for the kitchen once a week. The chickens are laying about 5 eggs a day. The raspberries are sprouting. We are busy making wooden pollinator sculptures with 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades! We'll be installing them together during Earth week in April--stay tuned!

We need help with chicken care during the first week of Spring Break--March 15-23rd. If you can come by even once to feed them and change their water, our chickens will be so happy. Please let me (Lesley) know, leave a note in my box or sign up on the chicken care sign outside the office. We also need your help to check the garden beds to make sure they are watered (although the rain should be enough!). Chicken caretaker volunteers are welcome to take eggs home!

Thank you! --Lesley McClintock

MENTORSHIP PROJECT NEWS

Eighth grader Eva Happy had the unexpected opportunity as part of her mentorship project to speak at last week-end's Public Environmental Law Conference while on a panel with VS graduate Kelsey Juliana. Eva was invited to speak on short notice and penned her speech late Saturday night and gave it Sunday morning. Good work Eva! Here is her speech:

Hello, my name is Eva Happy and I am thirteen years old. I am in 8th grade at The Village School. In 8th grade, every student does a mentorship project with an organization or business in the community. I am doing mine with Our Children's Trust.

I first learned about Our Children's Trust, when the opportunity arose for a few 7th and 8th graders to take a field trip up to Vancouver to tour the Green Peace ship, the Rainbow Warrior. After that field trip, I sought out the OCT tent at the mushroom festival at Mt. Pisgah Arboretum. There, Kelsey Rose Julianna, who is one of the plaintiffs in the Oregon case and who has been one of my biggest role models for as long as I can remember, helped me to connect with Julia Olson, who I am now doing my mentorship with.

Until very recently, I had the impression that I could trust my government. I never considered the possibility that the adults around me weren't doing all that they could to make this world a better place. I only assumed that my leaders were worthy of their position and would look out for my best interests. Well come to find out, that certainly is not always the case. I began to understand that climate change really is the pressing issue of my generation, and it is my job to stand up and speak out.

This issue matters so very much to me, because it is not like it only affects a few people. It affects all of us. And it will continue to affect many generations to come. We take for granted our abundant water and clean air. We take for granted the pristine wilderness and beautiful coast lines. But these things are in danger. It saddens me that my children and their children and the children after them may be living in a completely different world. This is our planet, and we only have one. We must protect our land and water, because it is all we have. But that is not to say there is no hope. There is hope for a bright future within all of you. Each and every one of us can make a difference. We are so very fortunate to live in this community where there are so many opportunities to get involved and speak out. The Great March for Climate Action which began yesterday in L.A is a great example of citizens across the country joining together and standing up. I will be joining the March for about the week in mid-May with my dad.

It is so empowering for me as a teen to see everyone here who cares about the environment and is working toward positive change. Children and grandparents alike can make a huge difference, so please don't ever hesitate to get involved with events like this in our community and please, don't ever give up. Because together, and it takes all of us, we can very literally change the world. Thank you.

VILLAGE SCHOOL 4H CLUB

The Village School will be starting a 4-H Community Club in April that will meet once a week on Wednesdays after school. 4-H is a hands-on, positive youth development program that helps youth and adults become partners in learning. The club will be led by Angela Andre, a 4-H volunteer, with help from Leslie McClintock the Village School Garden Coordinator. The club will initially focus activities around gardening, food, chickens, and art. Enrollment is limited to 8 students in grades 4-8. More information will be available at the Parent Council Meeting on March 12th.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

The parent support group will meet for the last time before spring vacation this coming Thursday, March 13th from 3:00-4:00 PM. We can finish up our Siblings Without Rivalry book and talk about plans to discuss nonviolent communication for spring term. For more information, send an e-mail to Pat Anderson, pattyann25@gmail.com.

SPRING LICE CHECKS

We will have school-wide lice checks during the first week of April. Any parents who are willing to help conduct lice checks for their child's class should contact their classroom coordinator to volunteer. Families may want to check each other at home during Spring Break as well.

SAVE AT THE CORNBREAD CAFE WHILE SUPPORTING THE 8TH GRADE!

Love the Cornbread Cafe? Then you're going to love this deal! Cornbread Cafe gift certificates with a value of \$25 are on sale for \$20 each in the school office. That's right-pay only \$20 and get \$25 to spend! And it gets even better: 100% of the gift certificate proceeds go toward the 8th grade trip.

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. We also have two online fundraising venues: Amazon.com and SchoolMall.com.



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DOODLE FOR GOOGLE COMPETITION

Before there was an airplane, there were doodles of cool flying machines. And before there was a submarine, there were doodles of magical underwater sea explorers. Since the beginning of time, ideas big and small, practical and playful, have started out as doodles. And we're ready for more. One talented young artist (grades K-12) will see his or her artwork on the Google homepage and receive a \$30,000 college scholarship and a \$50,000 Google for Education technology grant for his or her school. Visit: <https://www.google.com/doodle4google/> for details.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT 2014





Ayianna Colden (4th grade) shares her science project.

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