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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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APRIL EVENTS



<u>Friday, 4/4</u> 6:30-8:30 PM	7th/8th Grade Spring Dance
<u>Saturday, 4/5</u> 6:00-8:00 PM	Grateful Growers Movie Night Fundraiser
<u>Wednesday, 4/9</u> 6:30-7:30 PM	Parent Council
<u>Monday, 4/15</u> 5:00-9:00 PM	Village Kitchen Fundraiser <i>McMenamins High Street Cafe</i>
<u>Wednesday, 4/17</u> 5:30-7:00 PM	4-H Informational Meeting Board Meeting
<u>Friday, 4/19</u> 9:30 AM-2:30 PM	7th/8th Grades Track Meet
<u>Mon. 4/21-Fri. 4/25</u>	Earth Week Activities
<u>Thursday, 4/24</u> 5:30-7:30 PM	1st Grade Parent Evening
<u>Tuesday, 4/29</u> 5:30-7:30 PM	8th Grade Mentorship Evening

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2014 Our Guitar Classes Resonate with your Support!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$4,472 to date. Thank you to those who have contributed already. Please consider making a donation to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign today!

VS STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM NEWS



If you think Village School staff members are fit and healthy now, just wait until the end of April! Staff members are competing in a month-long fitness challenge, and competition sure is fierce! Just ask the students--some teachers have had them join in on some of the fitness action. Participating staff members earn points for incorporating various physical activities into their lives every day, and the staff members who earn the most points will win some pretty amazing prizes. Cheer on the staff during the whole month of April!

Support for the Head, Heart & Hands Staff Wellness Program has been provided by the OEA Choice Trust Wellness Grant Program.

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE BEFORE PICKING UP THE KIDS?



Spring has arrived, and the grass is growing up a storm of glorious green. We have a few areas that need mowing, and would love it if you could spare some time, whether it's an hour or two, whenever the office is open. We've got a nice mower and a very powerful, walk-behind wacker. Let us know if you can lend a hand.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UPPER GRADES TRACK MEET!!!

We are in need of parent volunteers for our annual track meet on Friday, April 18 from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM.

We need:

- *Set-up crew (9-9:30am)*
- *Score-keepers (lots!)*
- *Snack distributors*
- *First Aid tent helpers*
- *Clean-up crew members*

Additional volunteers are needed on Wed., April 16 from 12:15-2:30 PM to help Ms. M walk the 7th and 8th graders to and from the SEHS track for a track meet practice.

Please come and support our students while getting your volunteer hours completed! If you can't help this time, come cheer on our athletes. To sign up for one of these volunteer jobs or to ask questions, please sign up online, contact the school office or talk to Ms. M.

VILLAGE SCHOOL 4H CLUB

The Village School will be starting a 4-H Community Club in April that will meet after school once a week on Wednesdays. 4-H is a hands-on, positive youth development program that helps youth and adults become partners in learning. 4-H is the largest youth development and empowerment organization in the nation and is offered in Oregon through Oregon State University Extension. The Village School 4-H Club will be led by Angela Andre, a 4-H volunteer, with help from Lesley McClintock, the Village School Garden Coordinator.

The club will initially focus activities around gardening, food, chickens, and fiber arts. Angela, and Kate Hammerback, the Lane Co. 4-H Extension agent, and Lesley will hold our first informational meeting and “fun activity” directly after school on Wednesday April 16. We need parents to attend with their children so they can sign forms and get any questions they have about the 4 H program answered. It would be helpful if you could let us know if you plan on attending. Our at school contact is Lesley McClintock. Spacing is limited, so contact the office if you would like your student(s) to be included.

FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN

Over Spring Break our Village Kitchen received a new bread machine which will be dedicated to baking gluten free loaves. Our school has a handful of students and staff that are gluten intolerant. This week we baked our first loaf for Sandwich Bar day! We'd like to recognize the donors who made this gift possible: Steve Young, Blue Young, Leslie Davis, Abra Cooper, Jo Rodgers, Ellen Syversen, Molly Kenzie, and Lily Robbins.



READING BUDDIES IN SPRINGTIME



EXTRA CLOTHES NEEDED

Oh how we love the spring! Spring weather means plenty of playtime in the rain and mud, so we need spare clothing at school more than ever. Please ensure that your children have an extra set of clothes at school, and if you have clothes to give away, consider donating them to the school office. We are currently in need of socks of all sizes and clothing to fit older students (grades 5-8).

FAMILY CHECK-UP PROGRAM

Family Check-Up is a program developed by the University of Oregon to provide brief, family-centered interventions that identify strengths and challenges in family functioning and help participants improve communication. It works just like a doctor appointment, looking over what is working and what isn't and assessing if there are changes that can enhance family life. Our program is designed to work with parents and children, however at least one child must be between ages 11-18. There is no cost to participate plus incentives of up to \$150 (provided in gift cards) per family will be available. Call the Lane County Family Mediation Program at 541-682-3962 to schedule an appointment.

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 School-Mall.com.



Go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Click and shop from these links, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.

EARN THE VILLAGE SCHOOL REWARDS WHEN YOU SHOP AT FRED MEYER



The Village School is now able to accept donations based on your purchases from Fred Meyer. Go to <http://www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards>, establish an account or login to your existing account. Go to "MyAccount". Under the Community Rewards tab, click "edit", and when prompted, enter either 80855 or Village School. Click the entry tab next to Village School and "save". Once this is set, your purchases made with your FredMeyer rewards or card will create donations to The Village School.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Non-violent communication is our new topic this term. Our next meeting will be Thursday, April 10th in the counseling office from 3:00-4:00 PM. Come practice an amazing way to communicate peacefully where your needs are met and the other person has clarity on the issue that concerns you.

EAT AT MCMENAMINS & RAISE FUNDS FOR THE VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN!

A fundraiser will be held on Monday, April 14th at McMenamins at 1243 High Street in Eugene. McMenamins will donate 50% of all proceeds between 5:00 pm and close to the Village School Kitchen! Enjoy a fantastic meal and support the kitchen!

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

Greeneye Autos

Need a new car or truck? All makes/models; specialize in locating enviro-friendly. Auto repair shop now open; \$55/hour rate; parts at discount rate; 20 years experience.

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AUTHOR'S CORNER

I see trees towering up in a sky grey transforming into a magnificent light green. Flowers bloom into a beautiful yellow, bushes the color of the rainbow, the sky is ocean blue, birds chirp, dogs bark and when you look around, up and down and that is what you see than you can be sure my friend that what you see is spring!

Logan Whitney-4th Grade

