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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>Monday, 4/15</u> 5:00-9:00 PM	Village Kitchen Fundraiser <i>McMenamins High Street Cafe</i>
<u>Wednesday, 4/17</u> 8:30 AM-12:30 PM	4th Grade Field Trip <i>Cascades Raptor Center</i>
3:00 PM	4-H Informational Meeting
5:30-7:00 PM	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 Movement Classes Really Move with your Support!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$4,592 to date. Thank you to those who have contributed already. Please consider making a donation to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign today!

**Join us at McMenamins
at 1243 High Street on
Monday, April 14th.**

**McMenamins will
donate 50% of all
proceeds between
5:00 pm and close to
The Village School
Kitchen!**



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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!)*
- *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.

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. By the way: thanks to the mystery mower who cut the grass last weekend!

VILLAGE SCHOOL 4H CLUB

The Village School is starting a 4-H Community Club 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 ask 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. Spacing is limited, so contact the office if you would like your student(s) to be included.

SCHOOL DRESS CODE REMINDERS

We have all been enjoying some lovely spring days, and as the weather changes, so does our clothing. Please review our dress code in the family handbook with your students. Remember: no visible underclothing and no revealing clothing (short shorts/skirts, low-cut tops, etc). Students found in violation of the dress code will be asked to change into other clothing they may have at school or into spare clothes kept in the school office. If a suitable change of clothing isn't found, parents will be called and asked to bring clothes to school.

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.

EARTH WEEK ACTIVITIES

The Village School loves Earth Day so much, the school community decided to make it an Earth Week! Here is a sneak peak of what is being planned:

SUNDAY 4/20

2:00-4:00 PM Parents decorate and prepare the school

MONDAY 4/21: Our Place on Earth

8:25-8:50 AM Opening Ceremony featuring Native American Drumming Group
10-11:00 AM Waste Audit
1:15-1:50 PM Terra-Palooza Variety Show

TUESDAY 4/22: Earth Day Appreciation

8:00-8:25 AM Walk & Bike to School + Bling your Bike
ALL DAY Landfill Tours for Grades 3-8
Bike Blender Smoothies

WEDNESDAY 4/23: A Nourishing Earth

1:00-5:00 PM Garden Makeover
Lunchtime Local Food Celebration

THURSDAY 4/24: Caring for the Earth

E-Waste Round-Up
Teach-Ins, Penny Pole, Letter Writing (Habitats, Bicycle Safety, Art for Sustainability, plus more)

FRIDAY 4/25: Standing up for the Earth

Lunchtime Student Manifesto
Afternoon Closing Ceremony featuring Willamette Oaks Community Drummers



NextStep and The Village School are teaming up for Earth Day!



Electronics Round-Up

April 24th & 25th
2:30 - 4:30 PM

What you can drop off...

Cell Phones	Keyboards, Mice
Desktop Computers	Cameras
Monitors	Printers
TVs	Hair Dryers
Laptops	Stereos
Cords and Cables	DVD and VCR Players

...and much, much more!
If it plugs in or runs on batteries, we want it!

The Village School is located at:

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www.NextStepRecycling.org
NextStep Recycling is 501(c)(3) Non-profit



VS AFTER CARE FUNDRAISER

Local musicians and the Village school community are holding a benefit concert to raise money for the Village After School Care program at Cozmic Pizza on Sunday, May 25th starting at 7:30pm. So far we have one band lined up, *Kef*, Eugene's East European folk music band. We aim to create a joyous party, raise money to provide quality arts and crafts materials, and bring creative community members to conduct workshops with the After School Care program.

If you would like to contribute to putting on this benefit, please contact Nisha Calkins at nishatnish@gmail.com.

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 17th 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.

MAKE A FAMILY CONNECTION BY HOSTING AN INTERNATIONAL TEEN!

ANDEO (www.andeo.org), an Oregon-based non-profit, is looking for families in Eugene to host teens from France or Spain for 4 weeks in July or August. Hosting is a great way to learn about another culture, share your own, and make some fun summer memories with a new friend!

Families provide 3 meals per day and a comfortable bed (sharing a room with a host sibling of a similar age and the same gender is fine), and plenty of day-to-day interaction. This is an "immersion program" so you won't have to worry about scheduled classes or activities. The students will be free to completely immerse themselves in your family's summer routine. ANDEO welcomes busy host families, and we can help arrange for your student to join your kids at camp or even on vacation.

The students bring their own spending money and are covered by comprehensive medical and accident insurance. A small hosting stipend will be provided.

For more information or to apply to host, please visit www.andeo.org or contact Ian Goff at ian@andeo.org or 503.274.1776.

Please send Village Voice submissions to Maureen Caldwell (village@4j.lane.edu) by Thursdays at 12:00 PM. Thanks!

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.

10% OF PROFIT GOES TO VILLAGE SCHOOL.

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