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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, 4/28</u> 9:00 AM-12:00 PM	2nd Grade Field Trip
<u>Tuesday, 4/29</u> 5:30-7:30 PM	8th Grade Mentorship Evening
<u>Thursday, 5/1</u> 1:15-2:30 PM	May Day Festival
7:00 PM	6th Gr. Play Family Performance
<u>Friday, 5/2</u> 9:00 AM	6th Gr. Play School Performance
<u>Tuesday, 5/6</u>	Teacher/Staff Appreciation Day
	Grade 5 Greek Games
<u>Wednesday, 5/7</u> 10:30 AM	Grade 5 Greek Games
	All School Picture

STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

What a fabulous Earth Week! Thank you to everyone who made it possible, including John Sarantos, Eva Happy, Kris Manaois, Sr. B, Justin, Capella, New Frontier, Friendly Market, Organically Grown Company, Brett Jacobs and Bring Recycling, Arriving by Bike, Julia Olson and Our Children's Trust, Deeja Sol Moon, Dawn Cianciulli, Jamie Whitney, Clark Tippin, Louisa Lindsay Sprouse, Chia-jung Lin, the Willamette Oaks Drum Circle, and our Village School Green Team. The Green Team, comprised of Jo Rogers, Matthew Rutman, Brett Jacobs, Lesley McClintock, Holly McRae, Tona Aguilar, Stacey Black, and Bob Kaminski, worked hard to ensure that our first Earth Week was a fun and memorable experience for our students.



Please see page 4 for more pictures from Earth Week!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2014 Our Movement Classes need your Energetic Support!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$5,244 to date. Thank you to those who have contributed already. Please consider making a donation to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign today!

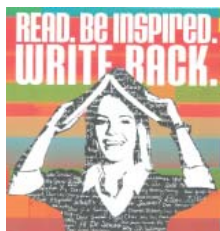
MAY DAY CELEBRATION

Spring is finally here! May is just around the corner and with it our annual Village School MAY DAY Celebration! Families are invited to attend on Thursday, May 1st from 1:15 to 2:30pm. All students from Grades 1 through 8 will be participating in our Celebration of Spring, performances of music, song and dance, winding and weaving the colors of the rainbow around our May Pole. Other festivities include making flower garlands, face painting, enjoying fresh fruit snacks, plus an assortment of fun games!

During the few days leading up to our May Day celebration, several classes will be making May Baskets to deliver to houses around the neighborhood. Please check in with your child's teacher to see how you can help with this project.

On the morning of our celebration – Thursday, May 1st – we will need LOTS of fresh flowers – for decorating the May Pole, making flower garlands and filling May Baskets. Please share the beauty of your gardens with the school! We will not get the regular Trader Joe's flower delivery next week, so your flower donations are especially needed. We would also appreciate any donations of fresh fruit to share with the children at the celebration. Please bring flowers, greenery and fresh fruit to the office at the beginning of the school day on May 1st!

CONGRATULATIONS TO 7TH AND 8TH GRADER SEMI-FINALIST AWARD WINNERS IN LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE CONTEST



This year, 50,000 students nationwide entered the annual Letters about Literature writing contest. About 1,100 students from Oregon participated. Nine Village School students were honored for their letters as fourth place finishers in state. Congratulations to the following students (and the authors they wrote to).

Sophie Lang (Robert Munsch)
 Bronwyn Lord (Jodi Picoult)
 Lydia Logan (C.S. Lewis)
 Ocean Waldorf (Shel Silverstein)
 Cedar Cianculli (Dr. Suess)
 Eva Happy (Catherine Gilbert Murdock)
 Tyee Atkin (J.R.R Tolkien)
 Kailen Bodhi (Jack Canfield and Kent Healy)
 Caleb Oommen (J.R.R Tolkien)

Congratulations to these fine writers on their award winning letters.

THE BIKE BLENDER IS HERE!



The Village School Parent Council recently approved a proposal to partially pay for a Bike Blender. We are currently seeking donations to cover the remaining balance.

Please consider donating \$5-10 to help fund this great addition to the Village School!

Donations can be dropped off with Sherri in the office. Thank-you!!!

ABOUT THE BIKE BLENDER:

- Bike Blender parts are made from recycled milk jugs!
- Rock the Bike makes this wonderful bike blender system, manufactured in Berkley, CA.
- Bike-blenders are being used by schools around the country for healthy fundraisers, and to promote active transportation!

A GLIMPSE OF THE 7TH/8TH GRADES TRACK MEET



TRACK MEET TOP COMPETITORS

Some event finalists did not self report their places, but here are the places that were reported. We are proud of all of our 7th/8th grade athletes!

7th grade		
Caleb O.	Javelin	2nd
	Long jump	1st
	100m	1st
	Discus	1st
Tyee A	Javelin	1st
Jeremiah V	Javelin	1st
	100m	2nd
	Discus	2nd
	200m	2nd
Alana	100m	2nd
	Javelin	3rd
8th grade		
Kai	100m	2nd
	Mile	3rd
Julia	Shot Put	2nd
	High jump	3rd
Harbor	Javelin	2nd
	Long jump	2nd
	Relay	2nd
	Relay	2nd
Sophie	100m	1st
	Shot put	1st
Eva	Relay	3rd

EARTH WEEK IN THE KITCHEN



Local, organic bounty served this week in The Village School Kitchen!

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.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Please come to the Parent Support Group on Thursday May 1st from 3:00-4:00 PM in Pat's office. We are practicing non-violent communication skills. Everyone is welcome, and childcare is provided. Email Pat if you have any questions: pattyann25@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.

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

WE ARE VILLAGE PEOPLE, & WE HONOR THE EARTH



This week, as part of our Earth week activities, students and staff voted in a "bean poll" to decide where/how they wanted the Village School be more green. The idea was that as a school community, we would commit to the project that received the most votes. The results are in! *Walk & Bike to School Program* (WINNER) 61 VOTES, *Invest in environmentally friendly cleaners and hand soaps instead of chemicals* (RUNNER UP) 57 VOTES, *Reuse-A-Shoe Drive* 29 VOTES, *Expand the Village School's composting program to be used in the school garden* 27 VOTES, *Rethink Business "Audit"* 17 VOTES. If you would like to help us actualize the winning project, or any of these great ideas, you are welcome to join the Village School Green Team!



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