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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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## MAY EVENTS

|                        |  |
|------------------------|--|
| <u>5/5-5/9</u>         | <b>Staff Appreciation Week</b>                           |
| <u>Tuesday, 5/6</u>    | <b>Grade 5 Greek Games</b>                               |
| <u>Wednesday, 5/7</u>  | <b>Grade 5 Greek Games</b>                               |
| 10:30 AM               | <b>All School Picture</b>                                |
| <u>Thursday, 5/8</u>   | <b>Guitar Assembly</b>                                   |
| 1:20 PM                |  |
| <u>Monday, 5/12</u>    | <b>Green Team Meeting</b>                                |
| 3:15 PM                | <i>16 Tons by Market of Choice</i>                       |
| <u>Wednesday, 5/14</u> | <b>8th Gr. School Play Performance</b>                   |
| 10:15 AM               |  |
| 6:00-6:30 PM           | <b>Parent Council Business Meeting</b>                   |
| 6:30-8:00 PM           | <b>Gary Baran Part II:<br/>Non-Violent Communication</b> |
| <u>Thursday, 5/15</u>  | <b>Grade 6 Medieval Games</b>                            |
| 7:00 PM                | <b>8th Gr. Family Play Performance</b>                   |
| <u>Friday, 5/16</u>    | <b>Grade 6 Medieval Games</b>                            |
| <u>Tuesday, 5/20</u>   | <b>Volunteer Recognition Luncheon</b>                    |
| 1:30 PM                |  |
| <u>Wednesday, 5/21</u> | <b>Board Meeting</b>                                     |
| 5:30-7:30 PM           |  |
| <u>Thursday, 5/22</u>  | <b>1st Gr. Family Play Performance</b>                   |
| 6:00 PM                |  |
| <u>Sunday, 5/25</u>    | <b>Village Care Fundraiser</b>                           |
| 7:30 PM                | <i>Cozmic Pizza</i>                                      |
| <u>Monday, 5/26</u>    | <b>NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day</b>                           |

## ALL SCHOOL PICTURE THIS WEDNESDAY 5/7

Our annual all-school photo will be taken this Wednesday, May 7th at 10:30 AM, so we'd like as many children and staff members there as possible at that time. We were very disappointed to see that the Greek Games were scheduled to overlap picture day. We'll do our best to ensure that doesn't happen again.

Picture order forms were put in family mailboxes today, so be sure to bring your all-school picture order form to school on Wednesday!

## 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!

## A MAY DAY IN THE SUN

This year's May Day Festival was a wonderful, warm celebration of nature and the bounty of spring! The 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grades danced around the gorgeous May Pole, played recorders, sang songs, and recited lovely verses. Thank you to the 4th grade parent volunteers and Sherri Marineau who coordinated the event and orchestrated activities, snacks, and games. A special thank you goes out to Bob Kaminski and Isaac Paris for setting up the event. A big hurray for the 5th, 6th, 7th & 8th grade students who were such great helpers during and after the event. And, to all the volunteers who went the extra mile for event clean up, we are truly grateful!



## YOUR DONATED ELECTRONICS ARE TAKING THE NEXT STEP

Recently, the 4th graders learned about resources used to make electronic machinery and how it can be recycled or refurbished. Then they coordinated the round up at the school last week during Earth Week and collected approximately 750 pounds of unwanted electronics and parts. Thanks to everyone who donated their electronic waste!



## WASTE AUDIT RESULTS

With gloves on their hands, Matthew Rutman's 4th grade class helped sort and weigh all the garbage from a 24-hour period at the Village School. Here are the results from this audit conducted on the first day of Earth Week (April 21, 2014):

|  | <u>Weight (lbs.)</u> | <u>Volume (Gals.)</u> |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Non-recyclable paper (tissue, paper towel)     | 4 lbs, 14 oz.        | 4.5 G                 |
| Non-recyclable plastic (bags, wrap)            | 3 lbs, 12 oz.        | 4.5 G                 |
| Milk & juice cartons                           | 5 oz.                | 0.25 G                |
| Mixed recyclable paper                         | 1 lb 9 oz.           | 2 G                   |
| Glass  | 8 oz.                | 0.125 G               |
| Recyclable plastic containers                  | 5 oz.                | 0.25 G                |
| Food waste                                     | 6 lbs. 2 oz.         | 2.25 G                |
| Aluminum (cans, foil)                          | 2 oz.                | 0.25 G                |
| Total going to landfill:                       | 7 lbs. 9 oz.         | 4.125 G               |
| Total that could have been recycled/composted: | 8 lbs.15 oz.         | 5.0125 G              |

And how much could have avoided in the first place? An easy place to look is for "conveniences" like single-serve packaging. Another is simply taking a moment longer to decide where to throw something "away"--is the garbage container really the right place?

## GREEN TEAM ACTIVITIES

New actions will be taking place at The Village School to help take better care of Mama Earth. Students and staff voted for their top picks in the bean poll survey during Earth Week. Rather than do just one, let's see if Parent Council can help us fund all of these!

Here are some of the upcoming projects (listed in the order of bean poll votes):

- \*Promote more Walk & Bike to School days—healthy for you, healthy for the planet!
- \*Replace chemical cleaners with eco-gentle ones—do you have a favorite product or recipe?
- \*Reuse-A-Shoe Drive—help turn old tennies into track material
- \*Expand the school's composting program
- \*Re:Think "Business" Audit—how is most of our energy used? Can we use less?

Other projects and ideas include: earning Premier status for the Village School in the Oregon Green Schools program; a mural; Amazon Creek adoption; and service learning projects.

Come share your ideas at the next Green Team meeting: Monday, May 12, 3:15 PM at 16 Tons (next to Market of Choice). Everyone is welcome. If you have ideas or questions, please contact Jo Rodgers, [j\\_rdgrs@yahoo.com](mailto:j_rdgrs@yahoo.com). Go Green!

## GARDEN NEWS

Dear Village School families:

I would like to give a big heartfelt THANK YOU to all the parents and volunteers who came out for the garden makeover last week! Thanks to Brett Jacobs who helped organize the event and has been coming each Monday afternoon to garden with the 3rd grade class and supplies us with free wood for our pollinator sculptures. Thank you Jane and Eamon Happy, Angela Lehr Lower, Heather Scott, Liam Sherlock, Stephen Isaac, Stefanie Brosemer, Shirley Valentine, Jennie Dillon, Jo Rodgers and children, Tona Aguilar and children, Holly McRae (the bike blender!), Megan O'Connor from Willamette Farm and Food Coalition, Bob Kaminski, Ian Fuller, and everyone else who came out, supplied tools, and made the garden look beautiful with all the new mulch!

We have a May work party on the 21st from 1:00-5:00 PM to weed, mulch, and plant summer crops. We will bring out the bike blender as well! Thank you also to Ted Purdy and the Youth Farm for supplying us with free lettuce and kale starts!

You may notice some sculptures appearing throughout the garden. The 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grades drew pollinators. I projected their art with an overhead projector and cut them out of wood. The students are busy painting them now. The sculptures will honor the amazing creatures that make food possible: we have bats, bees, hummingbirds, moths, and butterflies going up in the next 2 weeks. If you would like to help hang or weatherproof them let me know.

We will need some parent volunteers in June to help lead the garden classes. Also, we plan to put up a little chalkboard soon in the garden to list happenings and garden tasks that volunteers can do on their own if they have a few minutes to spare while waiting, etc. Stay tuned!

Thank you again, Lesley McClintock

## 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 8th 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

## HOME IMPROVEMENT GIVE-AWAY MON. MAY 5TH @ 5:30 PM

We are planning another Home Improvement Supply Giveaway event on Monday, May 5th. Special thanks to Peter Riordan and David Bailey for their help in hauling the supply from Home Depot to our school, and the 8th grade class for helping unload. Current Village School staff, volunteers and families are welcome to participate. Please look for a link in your email to RSVP.

### Items offered:

#### Flooring:

- (7) Boxes Solid Red Oak flooring (140 sq ft)
- (3) Boxes Solid Oak flooring (60 sq ft)
- (6) Boxes Bamboo flooring
- Huge amount of laminate flooring, several kinds
- (10) Boxes fine tile flooring 18"x18" (160 sq ft)

#### Doors:

- (1) Front door with very fine windows
- (2) Sets of bi-fold doors 72" wide (closet doors)
- (2) Sets of bi-fold doors 60" wide (closet doors)
- (2) Large sliding doors with mirrors

#### Cabinets:

- (4) Bathroom vanity cabinets (1 in boxes)
- (2) Bathroom vanity cabinets with sink and mirror (in boxes)
- (2) Kitchen cabinet solid oak

#### Other:

- (1) Small bathroom sink
- (2) Kitchen stainless steel sinks (1 with faucet)
- (1) Shower set (floor and walls) 36" x 48"
- (20) Outdoor walkway lights
- (2) Medicine cabinets

Miscellaneous heavy electrical cables  
Gas heater venting pipes

## 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 Berkeley, CA.
- Bike-blenders are being used by schools around the country for healthy fundraisers, and to promote active transportation!

## CAESAR AND THE PIRATES

Bravo for the 6th grade and Mr. B for their excellent work performing and producing *Caesar and the Pirates*! They rehearsed for weeks, and the hard work certainly paid off. Congratulations on two excellent play performances, 6th grade!



## GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE?

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 weed wacker. Let us know if you can lend a hand. Thank you!



## 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](http://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.

MAY DAY 2014



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

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