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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>Tuesday, 5/20</u> 1:30 PM	Volunteer Recognition Awards
<u>Wednesday, 5/21</u> 6:00 PM	3rd Grade Parent Meeting
5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
<u>Thursday, 5/22</u> 6:00 PM	1st Gr. Family Play Performance
<u>Sunday, 5/25</u> 7:30 PM	Village After Care Fundraiser <i>Cozmic Pizza</i>
<u>Monday, 5/26</u>	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day

THE SIDES OF SHAKESPEARE VOLUME I: THE CLOWNS

398 years ago this month, William Shakespeare was born. It's difficult to imagine such an enduring effect of the theatre arts (or for that matter the entire English language)! At The Village School, our goal was to return "the Bard" to The Village School in 8th grade. This year is the fourth staging of Shakespeare and the first since 2009 at the school. In this regard, we solicited our community's most accomplished Shakespearean scholars and artists: Kirk Boyd and Mark Lewis. It has been an incalculable privilege for our students to work with these theatre giants. Our aim was to ask for a series of original works that showcase Shakespeare's unique, sharp eye for the human condition. We decided to focus on his clowns, heroes, and villains. The Sides of Shakespeare Vol. 1: The Clowns is the 8th grade production this year (Vols. II and III to follow)! Thanks to Bob Kaminski for his vision and support. Thanks to the students for putting their best foot forward. Thanks to Kirk and Mark for playing with us. It has been an enjoyable and fruitful collaboration for all involved. --Andy Traisman



ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2014 Your Heartfelt Support Keeps our Music Classes Singing!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$5,389 to date. Thank you to those who have contributed already. Please consider making a donation to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign today!

THANK YOU, PARENT COUNCIL



Thank you to the Parent Council for bringing Gary Baran to present his Non-Violent Communication programs! We hope everyone who attended enjoyed the programs.

ADVERTISE IN THE YEARBOOK!

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in the 2013-14 Village School yearbook?

Ad sizes and pricing are:

- Business card size ad: \$25
- Quarter page ad: \$40
- Half page ad: \$55
- Full page ad: \$120

The ad submission deadline is May 23rd. Contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or sherrim@eugenevillage-school.org to set it up.

MR. KAMINSKI'S NEXT CHAPTER

BY: CHELA WETZEL, 4TH GRADE

Sadly, as we all know, our principal Mr. Robert Kaminski is leaving our school. But what we don't all know is what he is planning to do after! Mr. Kaminski has told me that he and his wife, Judy Sierra, are planning to do a lot of traveling around the world. He said that they definitely want to live in (or at least visit) France for a little while. He wants to help Judy with her books and learn more about European ancient history. They are considering moving to Portland, but if they stick around, Mr. Kaminski says he definitely would want to come back to the school to do more shadow puppet plays with us. The new principal is unknown, but Mr. Kaminski says there is a team working on it. I know I'm not the only one who is going to miss Mr. Kaminski, but we will all hope he has fun after leaving our school!

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!

GRATEFUL GROWERS SUMMER CAMP

Grateful Growers Summer Camp is now enrolling kids for its 3rd year of camp held at The Village School.

We are a grassroots camp that strives to offer a fantastic summer experience for kids to learn and have fun. We incorporate Spanish, Permaculture, and Waldorf curriculum into a week full of garden games, hands on activities with art and science, farm field trips, music, water play, cooking, planting, harvesting, and lots more.

The Mini camp is for ages 3-6 and runs from August 4th-8th from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. Camp ages 6-12 runs from August 11th - 15th from 9:00 am-3:00 pm with extended hours available.

We offer scholarships to ALL families while funds last. Applications are due ASAP and are available online or through contacting us. Village school kids get 10% discount, and if you sign up before June 1st you get an additional 10% discount. Sibling discounts available as well. Register now at www.gratefulgrowers.org or call 541-937-1029.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Please come to the Parent Support Group on Thursday May 22nd 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.

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.

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!

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.

GARDEN NEWS

Dear families:

The garden is blooming and flourishing. Come on out on Wednesday May 21st from 1:00-5:00 pm anytime for another garden workday. You can participate in:

- *Mulching*
- *Planting summer vegetables*
- *Weeding*
- *Making smoothies with the bike blender*

Please sign up on the list in the hall outside the office beginning on Friday.

We will be needing some extra help beginning June 2nd, as I will have completed my 900 garden hours. If you are able to come and bring small groups to the garden to harvest greens for the kitchen, give food and water to the chickens, collect eggs, or other tasks, please let me know. You may take eggs and veggies home as well. The schedule for garden groups is:

- Mon: 1-3pm: 2nd and 3rd grade, respectively
- Tues: 11:00-11:45 2nd grade
- Wed: 9:15-10:15 Kindergarten, 1-3pm: 1st and 3rd grade
- Thurs: 1-3pm: 1st and 5th grade
- Friday: 1-3pm: 4th and 6th grade

If anyone is interested in fostering chickens over the summer, we can provide a lot of the supplies/ food. You are welcome to enjoy the eggs!

If you are interested in enjoying some garden food over the summer, you may volunteer to do some weeding and checking on the water. Thanks to Dhakaya we now have an irrigation system!

Thank you!

Lesley McClintock

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

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VOLUME I: THE CLOWNS

