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

Sunday, 5/25 *7:30-9:30 PM*	**Village After Care Fundraiser** *Cozmic Pizza*
Monday, 5/26	**NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day**
Friday, 5/30 9:15 AM-12:00 PM	**4th Grade Field Trip**
Sun. 6/1 - Fri. 6/6	**8th Grade Trip**
Wed. 6/4 - Fri. 6/6	**7th Grade Trip**
Wednesday, 6/4 *9:00-11:30 AM*	**Blues in the Schools (Gr. 3-6)**
Thurs. 6/5 - Fri. 6/6	**4th Grade Trip**

No School on Monday, May 26th

In Honor of Memorial Day

Annual Giving Campaign 2014

We Kazoo You to Support Specialty Classes!

Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made $5,489 to date. Thank you to those who have contributed already. Please consider making a donation to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign today! Go to happyvillage.org and click the "Donate Now" tab.

Grass Mowing Schedule

Hi everyone,

The Village School needs your help over the next few months to maintain the grass. The school districts mows the big fields, but it is our responsibility to cut the grass immediately around the school. The regular cutting takes just under 3 hours, and if two or more people take it on, it's a lot less.

If you can help, we've launched a survey to determine the dates that people can help out over the next few months. The cutting needs to happen once every two weeks. We have a mower and a 6hp wheel mounted weed whacker. Please follow the link below and let us know if you can lend a hand. Thanks so much!

Go to: http://www.happyvillage.org/pg1041.cfm

Village School Aftercare Benefit Concert Sunday May 25, 7:30 PM

A fundraiser for the Village Aftercare Program at Cozmic Pizza! Music by *Kef* (Eastern European folk music group) and *Brothers in Law* (old-time American Bluegrass in-fused musical duo). There will be face painting, a raffle, and other children's activities! Entry is $5-10 for adults; children are free.

1st Grade Play

The first grade class performed in their first Village School play on Thursday, *The Hedley Kow*! Congratulations, First Grade! We look forward to the many performances you will give in the future at The Village School.

Volunteer Recogniton

Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who joined us for this year's Volunteer Recognition Ceremony. We were treated to a performance by the 3rd grade choir and a skit from the 8th grade Shakespeare play. We would like all of our volunteers to know just how much we appreciate all that you do!

Walk + Bike to School Next Week

May 27 through May 30 is The Village School's Bike and Walk to School Challenge Week! Tuesday through Friday, please plan to get to school by person power! Biking, walking, scooting, skateboarding...anything besides a car is our goal. Also remember, you can park 6 blocks away and walk-in! That counts!

Each classroom will have Challenge Scorecards, to help the children keep track of their mode of transportation for that day. At the end of the week, we will tallly scores. The top two classes with the most active trips during the week will win smoothie parties!

Wednesday, May 28th will be our all-school Bike and Walk to School day. There will be small prizes when children arrive, warm drinks, possibly small snacks! Friday after school will be an ever-popular "Bling Your Bike" party, where children can decorate their rides.

Let's celebrate the return of beautiful weather, our active bodies, and our wonderful school community!

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

The Parent Support Group is winding down, but I am available after school on Thursdays. If you have parenting books that belong to the school, please return them to my box or the counseling office before the end of the school year.

Thanks,
Pat Anderson, Counselor
pattyann25@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 Berkley, 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 SchoolMall.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.

In Case You Missed It: Important School Calendar Changes for June 2014

June 13 is no longer a grading day; it is a regular school day. The last day of school is now Thursday, June 19th.

Mr. Kaminski's New Hat

Great job 3rd Grade! They raised the most money this year at our community service walk-a-thon. Their prize was to make a hat for Mr. Kaminski that he has to wear one day all day. Mr. K. said that he's had a lot of hats in his life, but he has "never had one this crazy before".

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

Scenes from the 1st Grade Play

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