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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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JUNE EVENTS



<u>Sun. 6/1 - Fri. 6/6</u>	8th Grade Trip
<u>Wednesday, 6/4</u> 9:00-11:30 AM	Blues in the Schools (Gr. 3-7)
<u>Thurs. 6/5 - Fri. 6/6</u>	7th Grade Trip
	4th Grade Trip
<u>Wednesday, 6/11</u> 10:20-10:50 AM	3rd Gr. School Play Performance
<u>Thursday, 6/12</u> 6:00-6:30 PM	3rd Gr. Family Play Performance
<u>Tuesday, 6/17</u> 1:20-2:00 PM	8th Grade School Farewell
<u>Wednesday, 6/18</u> 1:10-2:30 PM	Field Day
7:00-9:00 PM	8th Grade Graduation
<u>Thursday, 6/19</u> 8:20-11:45 AM	Last Day of School: Early Release



MEET RICK REYNOLDS, THE NEXT VILLAGE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL!

Greetings! I am so excited to have been chosen as your next principal. The Village School is a very special place, filled with art, joy, love, and care, and I am incredibly honored to have the opportunity to work with you all to help make it even better.

I was reminded about why I am so enthusiastic about joining your community when I arrived for my visit last week. I walked into the office and I was immediately greeted by a Village School student who came right up to me with a big smile on her face and said, "GIVE ME FIVE!" excitedly as she thrust her hand over her head. Granted, she had just started a three-day weekend, but it was one more sign of the positive school culture you have built together. Feeling just as fired up, I returned the gesture, then added a second hand with "GIVE ME TEN!" She then introduced me to her mother and best friend and we all had a nice chat getting to know each other a little bit. These are the kinds of joys that can only be experienced when working directly with young people.

I look forward to learning from you all and sharing what I

have learned over the last 20+ years in education. I have been a passionate teacher of nearly every grade and subject, preK-12, as well as a developer of educational resources and provider of professional development for teachers through the organization I started, Engaging Every Student. Working creatively to engage every student and help each of them experience the joy of learning and discover their own passions has been my mission throughout my career. I feel so fortunate to be able to join the talented team and supportive community at the Village School to continue this work.

Born and raised in Connecticut, I have been proud to call Oregon home since 2001. My wife Krista and I enjoy exploring our state's beautiful natural places, as well as working to protect and restore the environment. The Village School's focus on sustainability is another reason why I am so appreciative of what you have accomplished, and I look forward to collaborating about more ways to help preserve our wondrously beautiful planet for future generations.

I cannot wait to meet you all, so we have penciled in a "meet and greet" event on June 11. Watch for details coming soon, and I hope you can join us then. I know Mr. Kaminski has been a wonderful principal, and the "shoes" I will attempt to fill are huge. Regardless, I sincerely hope you will share your hopes and dreams for the future of the Village School with me so that together we can write a new chapter that is just as compelling as those that have come before.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2014 Our Guitar Classes Resonate with your Support!



Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$6,349 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.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN BETWEEN THE AGES OF 3-10

Dear Parents & Guardians,

Our Speech-Language Pathologist, Lisa Tolonen, is participating in a study to revise an articulation test that has been used for many years. This testing provides current information from youth to allow for modern updates.

Lisa is asking for permission to allow your children between ages 3-10 to participate. For every child participant, she will donate \$1 to The Village School Annual Giving Campaign. Also, each child will receive a token of participation.

For more details, please see the explanation letter and consent form, which is available in the office.

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>

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.

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.

SchoolMALL **amazon.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.