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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>Wednesday, 6/11</u> 10:20-10:50 AM	<b>3rd Gr. School Play Performance</b>
12:00-2:30 PM	<b>2nd Grade Field Trip</b> <i>Eugene Public Library</i>
3:00-4:00 PM	<b>Mr. Reynolds Meet &amp; Greet</b>
6:30-7:30 PM	<b>Parent Council</b>
<u>Thursday, 6/12</u> 6:00-6:30 PM	<b>3rd Gr. Family Play Performance</b>
<u>Friday, 6/13</u> 8:40 AM-3:30 PM	<b>6th Grade Field Trip</b> <i>Honeyman State Park</i>
<u>Saturday, 6/14</u> 9:00 AM-4:00 PM	<b>4th Grade Yard Sale</b>
<u>Sunday, 6/15</u>	<b>Father's Day</b>
<u>Tuesday, 6/17</u> 1:20-2:00 PM	<b>8th Grade School Farewell</b>
<u>Wednesday, 6/18</u> 1:10-2:30 PM	<b>Field Day</b>
7:00-9:00 PM	<b>8th Grade Graduation</b>
<u>Thursday, 6/19</u> 8:20-11:45 AM	<b>Last Day of School: Early Release</b>

### COME MEET MR. REYNOLDS

WEDNESDAY 6/11/14, 3:00-4:00 PM  
MEET & GREET IN THE SCHOOL GARDEN



Next week Mr. Reynolds will be at The Village School, and he is looking forward to meeting you. Please come say hello at a **Meet and Greet this Wednesday, 6/11 from 3:00-4:00 PM in the school garden.** See you there!

### PUT THE "FOUND" IN THE LOST & FOUND

Our Lost and Found is overflowing--and that's an understatement. Please come look for familiar items!

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

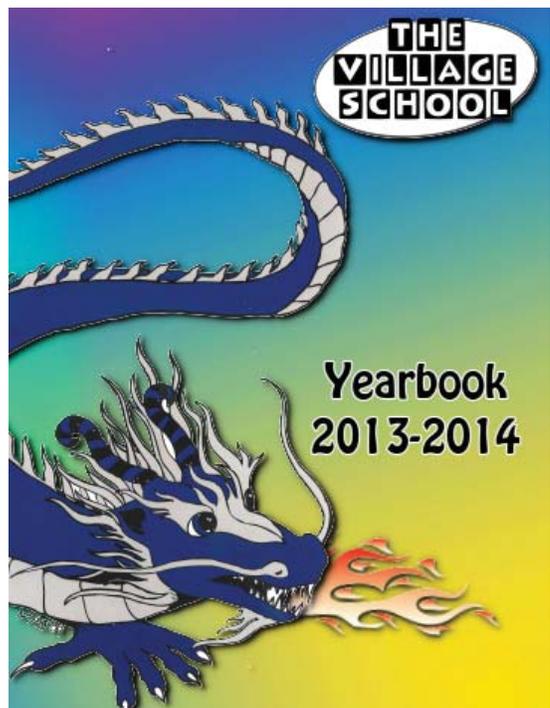


### Contribute to the Annual Giving Campaign!

The Annual Giving Campaign has made \$6,603 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](http://happyvillage.org) and click the "Donate Now" tab.

## YEARBOOKS ARE COMING

Our yearbook team has been busy getting the yearbook finished. The books will be available to purchase on the week on June 16-19. Make sure to get one!



## VS STUDENTS' POETRY ON POETS.COM



For their education project during April 2014 National Poetry Month, Poet-to-Poet ([www.poets.org](http://www.poets.org)) produced videos of seven award-winning poets who serve on the Academy of American Poets Board of Chancellors: Juan Felipe Herrera, Edward Hirsch, Jane Hirshfield, Naomi Shihab Nye, Rob Padgett, Arthur Sze, and Anne Waldman. Poet-to-Poet invited young people in grades 3-12 to write poems in response to a Chancellor poem of their choosing. By the end of April they had received over a thousand submissions. To read the poems selected from schools across the country go to <http://www.poets.org/national-poetry-month/poet-poet-poems>.

Two Village School students had poems published on the Poets.org website! Congratulations to 8th grader Elena Nesbit for her poem "Cinqueterre" and 7th Grader Jade Rainsong for his poem "Wind."

### *Cinqueterre*

By Elena Nesbit, 13  
The Village School, Eugene, Oregon

Bright buildings hugging the narrow streets—  
Red, orange, yellow, pink.

The sound of the busy train coming and going,  
Echo's through the shaded passageways of  
Vernazza.

Gelato parlors are marked with long lines  
And kids, still wrapped in colorful, sandy towels,  
Cooling off after a hot day.

People laughing over glasses filled with wine,  
Enjoy each other's company and the view of the waves,  
Splashing up against the deep gray rocks,  
As the ancient church bell rings.

*Written in Response to "The Owl" by Arthur Sze*

### *Wind*

By Jade Rainsong, 13  
The Village School, Eugene, Oregon

The wind is the same thing as a breeze. The wind can sometimes take things from us. And up up and away they go. But for some of us it's "hey what's that blowing in the wind". You can find all kinds of things in the wind. You can also lose all kinds of things in the wind. That's how I found a dollar once. One day after school I was just walking and I saw a dollar floating in the wind so I decided to grab it. Just 1 dollar. A gift from the universe. It makes me wonder who lost that dollar, was it a he or a she? Was it someone right next to me or had that dollar come from somewhere far away? I may never know, but that's all part of the mystery. The wind is an amazing thing. It creates this endless loop. It takes from the people who are very unlucky or don't deserve something and gives to the people who are very lucky or do deserve something. I have lost many things and found many things in the wind.  
So have a lot of other people.

*Written in Response to "The Owl" by Arthur Sze*

## A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN

This week, Lasaya learned the secrets of making hummus in the Village School Kitchen!



## A GLIMPSE INTO OUR CLASS TRIPS

It sounds like the 8th grade has been having a great time on their trip to San Juan Islands. Here is a picture of them in Seattle at the gum wall:



And the 7th grade is having fun in Ashland at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. Here they are on the trip:



We wish all of our overnight field trippers--4th grade, 7th grade, and 8th grade--safe drives home to Eugene.

## 4TH GRADE YARD SALE



Come shop at the 4th grade yard sale on Saturday, June 14th from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM at The Village School!! Proceeds will support the Class of 2018's graduation trip.

## CELEBRATE SUMMER WITH A CORNDOG



Family Dogs Corndogs will be selling corndogs on the last day of school again this year--June 19th. Hot corndogs--veggie or buffalo meat--cost \$2, and \$1 of every sale goes to support the Village Kitchen. Remember, the last day of school is a 11:45 AM release, so the school will not be serving lunch. Consider buying a corndog for lunch instead!

## LEARN TO BIKE

Saturday June 21, 10am-Noon  
Washington Jefferson Skate Park



**SafeRoutes**  
Eugene Springfield Safe Routes to School



Ditch the training wheels and discover the freedom of riding a bike!

All Ages!

Balance Bikes and Pedal Bikes Provided

This event is part of the opening celebration of the Washington Jefferson Skate Park which starts at 1pm and will include a lot of great family friendly events including a Kidical Mass ride departing at 2pm



## GRASS MOWING SCHEDULE

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](http://www.gratefulgrowers.org) or call 541-937-1029.

## 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](http://amazon.com)

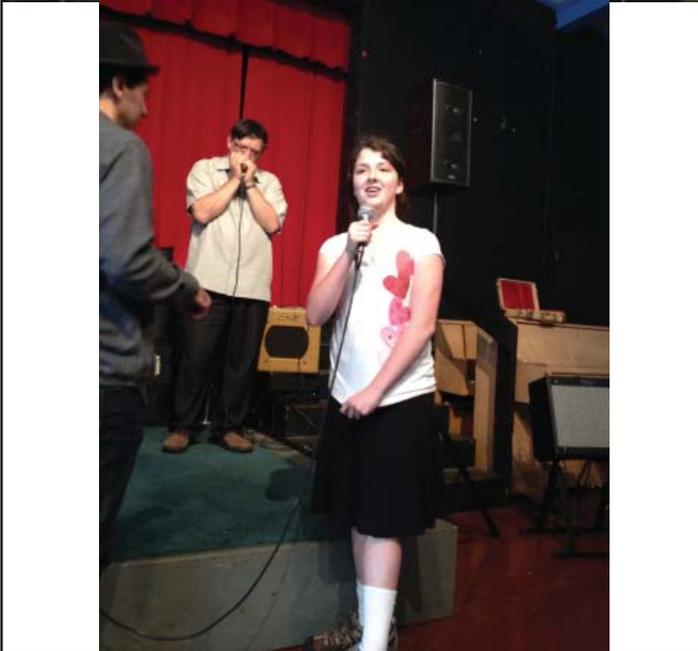
Go to [www.eugenevillageschool.org](http://www.eugenevillageschool.org) and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Click and shop from these links, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.

## 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.

## BLUES IN THE SCHOOLS

Did you hear about our amazing day with Blues in the Schools? The group came on Wednesday to teach students in grades 3-7 all about blues music, and children even got to write their own blues songs! The workshops wrapped up with an awesome concert in the cafeteria that all students were invited to enjoy! It was really fun. Here are some pictures from the event. Many thanks to Ann Hammond-Ollman for bringing us the blues!



*Village Voice submissions are due Thursdays at 12:00 PM to Maureen Caldwell: [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu). Thank you!*

# BUBBLES, BUBBLES EVERYWHERE!

Today children in grades 1 and 2 had an incredible bubble festival. Here are some pictures of the slippery fun.

