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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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OCTOBER EVENTS



Wednesday, 10/8	Walk/Bike to School Day
6:30-7:00 PM	Parent Council Business Meeting
7:00-8:00 PM	Parent Council Special Program <i>Screen Time or Real Time: Child Development in Hyper-Tech Times</i>
Friday, 10/10	NO SCHOOL: State-Wide Professional Development Day
Wednesday, 10/15	Title I Family Engineering Night
5:30-7:30 PM	
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Monday, 10/20	NO SCHOOL: Grading Day
10/28-10/30	Village School Book Fair
Thursday, 10/30	Halloween Carnival & Parade <i>Dress as a favorite book character!</i>
Friday, 10/31	NO SCHOOL: Parent-Teacher Conferences

PARENT COUNCIL SPECIAL PROGRAM: THIS WEDNESDAY, 10/8 @ 7:00 PM



This Wednesday at 7:00 PM, join the Parent Council in welcoming Penelope Youngfeather to give a special presentation: **Screen Time or Real Time? Child Development in Hyper-Tech Times.**

As stewards of our children's well-being, we must be aware of the impact of exposure to media content and devices on child development. Electronic media, handheld devices and advertising interests flood our lives. Just as we have necessarily become vigilant of our food choices, for example, so we must strategize ways to develop Healthy Media Habits for our children and families.

Penelope Youngfeather has a background in visual and performing arts and education. She has been a puppeteer, storyteller, Waldorf kindergarten teacher, and a performing artist. She is a child development specialist and, most recently, has worked as a developmental optometric vision therapist for 17 years with an emphasis in neuro-development. As a parent, Penelope navigated media choices raising three sons.

WALK-A-THON APPRECIATIONS

Today the Village School children, staff, and volunteers participated in our 4th Annual Community Service Walk-a-thon! It was a beautiful, sunny day at the South Eugene High School track, and participants had fun running, walking, and skipping around and around.

We would like to thank all of the amazing parent volunteers who did a variety of important jobs which contributed to the event's success. Thank you to the supply-hauling, set-up and clean-up crews, the lap counters, the snack, water, and First Aid leaders, and the chaperones! It's volunteers like you who make it possible for our school to have such memorable events.

Now it's time to collect your pledges and turn them into the school office. We can't wait to share the fundraising total with our awesome community organizations.



See page 3 for more photos!

HEAD, HEART AND HANDS STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM NEWS



Since school started, you may have seen staff members walking around with mason jar mugs of water. That's because during the month of September, the Village School staff has been focusing on staying hydrated during the Sip in September water challenge. The goal was to drink 300 gallons of water as a group, and the staff did it! Between September 1st and September 30th, the staff recorded drinking 301.25 gallons of water.

In meeting the goal, the Staff Wellness Program will make a donation to the Charity Water foundation to support bringing clean water systems to the driest part of the world: the Sahel region of Africa. Learn more about Charity Water: <http://www.charitywater.org/>.

Support for the Head, Heart and Hands Staff Wellness Program has been provided by OEA Choice Trust.

GARDEN NEWS



Dear Village School families,

We are harvesting greens, tomatoes, and squash from the garden once a week for the kitchen! Soon lettuce will be ready to harvest. We have our chickens back. Many, many thanks to Stacey Gilligan and Paul Khoury for taking care of our feathered friends all summer! We couldn't have the chickens without all your help! We still are looking for people to help out in the garden classes with these times:

Mondays:	1-2pm--5th grade 2-3pm--3rd grade
Tuesdays:	10:30-11:30am--1st grade
Wednesdays:	10:30-11:30am--1st grade 1- 2pm--other grades TBD 2-3pm--2nd grade
Thursdays:	1-2pm--6th grade 2-3pm--4th grade
Fridays:	1-2pm--4th grade 2-3pm--2nd grade

Please leave a note in my box or sign up on the poster in the hallway outside the office. Also, we are looking for leaf donations for mulching, but please not from the street.

Thanks, Lesley McClintock - Garden Coordinator

TITLE I FAMILY ENGINEERING NIGHT

The Village School's Annual Title I Family Night is Wednesday, October 15th at 5:30-7:30 PM. This year, we're going to explore engineering! Discover the fun of engineering through hands-on activities for the whole family. Create, imagine, design, explore, invent, improve! Come and enjoy a complimentary baked potato bar dinner at 5:30 PM.

THE GREAT COSTUME SWAP

Free • Willamalane Center • 541-736-4544
Costume drop-off: Oct. 6-10, 8 a.m.-6 p.m.
Costume exchange: Saturday, Oct. 11, 10-11:30 a.m.

For children up to age 13 and pets. Swap last year's baseball player for a vampire; or switch from a monkey to a princess. Get Fido a new costume to sport for the holiday. Just bring your gently used costumes to Willamalane Center during the drop-off period, receive a "swap token," and redeem the token for a new-to-you costume during the swap on Oct. 11. Costumes are subject to availability and are first-come, first-serve. Sizes and styles may vary.

8TH GRADE PIZZA FUNDRAISER



Every other Wednesday, the 8th grade class will be selling Cosmic pizza after school to raise money for their 8th grade trip! Come support the 8th grade and treat yourself to an afternoon pizza snack!

EUGENE ECO SCHOOL NETWORKS

The Center for Earth Leadership is bringing together groups of parents to form successful Eco-School Networks that bring healthy meaningful changes to school environments. Eco School Networks (ESN) are active in Salem, Beaverton, Corvallis and Portland. Now they're looking to make it so here in Eugene.

The Eugene ESN will be fully supported by Partners for Sustainable Schools and the Center for Earth Leadership and will be launched with a no-cost training for interested parents and teachers in late October. For more on ESN, see <http://earthleaders.org/eco-schools/>.

Parents of elementary children are invited to come to a meeting and/or share this with any interested elementary school parents and teachers you know. The first meeting has passed, but there is another scheduled:

Date: October 6th
Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm
Location: LCC Downtown Center, 101 W. 10th Room 415

RSVP to: Joshua Frankel, phone: 541-636-0096
email: greenschools@live.com

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 benefit for
 the village school

Fri. Oct. 24

WITH!!!
SPECTOR SHMOCK
 AKA THE AUDIO SCHIZOPHRENIC

PROVIDING!!!
**AN EXPANSE OF
 DANCEFLOOR
 DELIGHTS**

COWFISH!



THE VILLAGE SCHOOL IS A WHOLISTIC ARTS INTEGRATED K8 SCHOOL AND PROVIDES A PROGRAM WHICH FULLY INTEGRATES THE ARTS WITHIN AN ACADEMIC CURRICULUM, EDUCATING THE WHOLE CHILD, HEART AND HANDS... MOVEMENT, HANDWORK, AND SPANISH LANGUAGE CLASSES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE STUDENT'S EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE, OFFERING A LEARNING EXPERIENCE UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN THE AREA. THE PROCEEDS RAISED IN THIS EVENT WILL GO TO THE VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN WHICH OBTAINS ALL OF ITS INGREDIENTS FROM LOCAL, ORGANIC FARMERS, AND BUSINESSES!!!
 YESSSSS!!!!

HIGHLY LOGICAL!!!

WALK-A-THON 2014

