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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>Monday, 10/21</u>	NO SCHOOL: Grading Day
<u>Wednesday, 10/23</u> 5:30-7:00 PM	Title I Math/Science Night
<u>Thursday, 10/31</u> 2:20-2:40 PM	Halloween Carnival & Parade
<u>Friday, 11/1</u>	NO SCHOOL: Parent-Teacher Conferences
<u>Monday, 11/4</u>	NO SCHOOL: Parent-Teacher Conferences
<u>Friday, 11/8</u> 10:30 AM	Dia de los Muertos Student Performance Assembly
5:30-7:30 PM	Dia de los Muertos Festival

**NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY
OCTOBER 14TH
IT'S A TEACHER GRADING DAY**

DISASTER DRILL-- MISSION: ACCOMPLISHED!

Thank you, parents and staff for helping to make our Great Oregon Shakeout drill a success. Students and staff took cover and efficiently evacuated, and parents were great partners by picking up children on time in compliance with our unusual emergency release schedule.

If you haven't seen it already, check out the Register Guard article reproduced on page 3!

THE THEME FOR TITLE I MATH NIGHT IS ENGINEERING THIS YEAR!

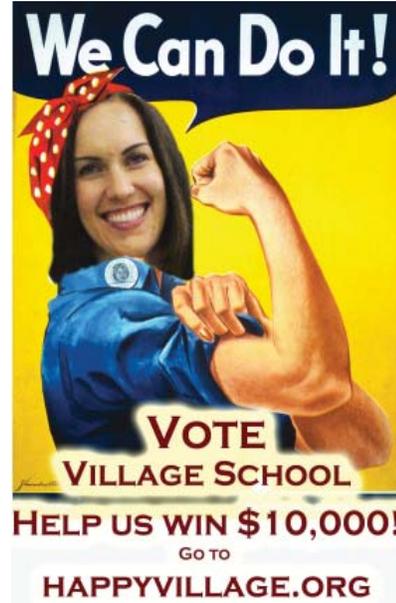


Title I Math and Science Night is this Wednesday, October 23rd. Discover the fun of engineering through hands-on activities for the whole family--create, explore, imagine, invent, design, improve! The program will begin at 5:30 PM with a baked potato bar dinner. Dinner service will end at 6:15 PM, then the activities and games will begin. Please join us for this family fun night!

CORRECTION: OREGON ISSUES THE VILLAGE SCHOOL REPORT CARD WITH ERRONEOUS DEMOGRAPHIC DATA

The Oregon Department of Education (ODE) should have stated the percentage of Economically Disadvantage students at The Village School is 52%. They reported 6% on the latest school report issued by ODE. A second error made by ODE is reporting that The Village School is rated "Below Average" when compared to schools with similar demographics. When the correct calculation is made we will rate "About Average" or "Above Average" to comparable schools. We are working with ODE staff to make the correction on their website and in all matters of record. Our school's rating on the high stakes standardized test scores at Level 4 (out of 5) is correct. See page 2 for more information.

HOME FEDERAL BANK / FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER



The Village School is in the running to win \$10,000 from Home Federal Bank based on a Facebook voting contest including 36 other nonprofits. We are currently ranked about 5th, so we need your vote. Go to

<http://www.happyvillage.org> & follow the instructions.

This is a fairly easy way to support your school. Winning this contest would really help with funding our music, handwork, movement and Spanish programming! If every parent votes, we can win this contest! Also, please remember to bring in your Walk-a-Thon pledges.



DIA DE LOS MUERTOS



On Friday, November 8th, from 5:30-7:30 PM, we will have our annual Dia de los Muertos celebration. This traditional Mexican holiday honors and celebrates loved ones who have died. The evening will include a potluck dinner, crafts, student performances and more.

Sign-ups for volunteer opportunities for the event will be appearing soon online and outside of the office. There will be a variety of jobs we need help with. We will need help with such things as decorating, setup, food sales, and clean up. You can also check with teachers to see what help they may need in the classroom.

Also, our annual Tamale Fundraiser is happening again! Order sheets have been placed in your family mailboxes and are available in the office. Orders and payments are due in the office no later than Thursday, October 24th.

Festival Highlights

- Bring a main dish, salad or side dish to share. Bring enough food to feed your family plus another to make sure there is enough food to go around. Please label the dishes as “vegetarian”, “non-dairy”, “nuts”, “gluten free”, etc., or include a brief ingredient list. Please do not bring drink or dessert items as we are selling these.
- Please bring your own labeled plates and silverware (to tread lightly on our planet).
- Mexican cookies and beverages will be available for purchase. This helps finance the festival, including supplies for classroom activities. All families are requested to bake either “Soul Cakes” (no nuts) or “Mexican Wedding Cakes” (nuts) to bring for the bake sale. Recipes are available in the office.
- Ofrenda (remembrance table): bring photos of a loved one, or of a public figure that has made a difference in the world. (Please label your items and use photocopies rather than original photos).
- Tamale orders will be available for pick up at the end of the event.

We hope you can join us and make this the best Dia de los Muertos Festival ever! If you have any questions, please call Sherri at 541-345-7285 or e-mail sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org. Muchísimas Gracias!

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parents, please come join us for the Parent Support Group next Thursday, October 24th from 3:00-4:00 PM in my office. We are reading Sibling Rivalry, and I have more copies for you. Childcare is provided. We will not meet on Halloween, so the following meeting (after the 24th) will be November 7th.

Thanks,
Pat Anderson, Counselor (pattyann25@gmail.com)

OREGON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION RELEASES NEW REPORT CARDS

The Oregon Department of Education has just released report cards for all public schools. The state has expanded the report card to include several layers of data, and has introduced a metric for measuring schools against a demographic comparator group based on percentages of students from economically disadvantaged homes. The good news is that The Village School received an overall rating of 4 on a scale of 5. The bad news is that the State used grossly incorrect information provided by our District for determining our comparator group.

Whereas the percentage of economically disadvantaged students at our school was 52% last year, the State used 6% for this calculation, a level which is virtually unheard of in our state. The result of this error is that our school was considered “below average” in its comparator group. The Village School has registered its concerns about material misrepresentation of demographic data with the Department of Education. We have yet to hear from the State as to whether the correct rating should have been “about average” or “above average” when reflecting proper data.

Oregon has redesigned annual reports

Each year, the Oregon Department of Education issues a report card for every public school and district. This year’s report cards have undergone a significant redesign, the first since they began in 2000. Here are a few of the differences:

- *New school ratings.* Two overall ratings: One compares our school’s achievement and growth with all Oregon public schools. The second compares our school with demographically similar schools (**this is the measure which is in error for The Village School**).
- *More data.* Greater emphasis on student learning and growth, and more information about student outcomes such as high school completion and college enrollment.
- *Bigger picture.* Information about our student population, curriculum and learning environment, as well as student achievement and growth.
- *More illustrations.* Now in color and with more charts and graphics.

You can find our school report card online:

www.ode.state.or.us/data/reportcard

Select “Eugene SD 4J” in the “District Selection” drop-down menu, then scroll down to find VILLAGE SCHOOL.

WE APPRECIATE YOUR WELLNESS DONATIONS!

This week, we received some lovely donations from parents: a yoga mat, a beautiful painted art piece for the staff wellness room, and a foam roller! Thank you so much for your generosity!

WANTED: RECESS SUPERVISOR

The Village School is hiring Recess Supervisors to monitor lunch recess daily from 12:15-1:30 PM. For more information and to apply, please visit: <http://www.eugenevillage-school.org/pg1005.cfm>.

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. Links will appear for Amazon.com and SchoolMall.com. Click and shop from these links, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales. If you bookmark the initial link to these sites, you can make these your browser's portal for them.

SchoolMall.com allows you to buy from many retailers, including REI, iTunes, Land's End, Best Buy, Home Depot, Barnes and Nobles, OfficeMax, and The Body Shop. Each sale generates donations for the Village School.

Please send Village Voice submissions by Thursday at 12:00pm to Maureen at village@4j.lane.edu. Thank you!

Register Guard Article:

Lane County schoolchildren take part in Great Oregon ShakeOut earthquake drill (Excerpted)



Third-graders at the Village School take cover as part of a statewide earthquake drill during the Great Oregon Shake-Out in Eugene, Ore. on Thursday, October 17, 2013. (Brian Davies/The Register-Guard)

... Most participants practiced the "duck, cover and hold on" procedure at 10:17 a.m. — since Thursday's date was Oct. 17, or 10/17 — but The Village School in south Eugene tried a different approach.

"We wanted parents to practice, too," Principal Bob Kaminski said. The K-8 charter school practiced its earthquake drill at 1:45 p.m., and then instructed students and teachers to evacuate the building. Students lined up by class, and while half the teachers stayed outside to supervise, the rest of the teachers went back into the building to gather first aid supplies and practice "search and rescue" strategies.

Parents, who had been notified by phone, e-mail and newsletter in advance, arrived earlier than usual to pick up their students in front of the school.

Kaminski, who volunteers as a first responder with Eugene Mountain Rescue, said delegating teachers and initiating parent pickup are essential parts of the school's disaster preparedness plan.

For students, the extensive drill was one more way to normalize a potential disaster situation.

"Everything that (the teachers) said, we've already learned," said third-grader Cora Callahan after completing the evacuation exercise.

In an actual earthquake, "I would probably go frantic, but I would still do what I was told," Cora said. "(We) would do the same thing we're doing now."

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

Family Portrait Special

\$75 session fee (regularly \$195)

Sunday, November 3

Call to schedule

Northwest Exposures Photography

Maternity / Children / Weddings and Events / Corporate

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Friday Fundraiser with Family Dogs!

FRIDAY's the DAY! Every Friday before school & after school we will have cases or 1/2 cases of..

Buffalo Meat Corndogs in OG Blue Cornmeal batter=\$50 for a full case, or \$25 for a 1/2 case

Gluten Free Buffalo Meat Corndogs in OG Buckwheat & Blue Cornmeal batter=\$54 for a full case, or \$27 for a 1/2 case. There are 24 Corndogs in a case.

The corndogs are hand-dipped & made with pure love by your fellow Village people—Cicely & Chris Shave, and a percentage of the proceeds will benefit the Village Kitchen! Feel free to call Cicely & Chris with any questions or a special order [541 915 6064](tel:5419156064).

