



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 10/28</u> 10:00 AM-1:00 PM	3rd Grade Field Trip <i>Berggen Farm</i>
<u>Wednesday, 10/30</u> 8:30-11:40 AM	Kindergarten Field Trip <i>Rivers Turn Farm</i>
<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

All Hallows Eve is Coming!



Halloween is on Thursday, and we will have a small school celebration that afternoon. Students are to come to school in regular clothing, and they may bring their Halloween costumes to change into during lunch recess. Please remember: **NO MASKS, NO GORE/BLOOD and NO WEAPONS.**

REMINDER:
THERE IS NO SCHOOL ON
FRIDAY 11/1 & MONDAY 11/4
FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

THANK YOU, MIKE & ANN MAGEE!
Our wonderful school parents and neighbors, Mike and Ann Magee, have donated a beautiful wooden picnic table to the school. Now we can enjoy our fabulous Village Kitchen meals in the courtyard on sunny days. Our school is so blessed to have so many wonderful families that are generous with their time, energy and resources! Thank you, Magee family!



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 are outside of the office. There are 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.

Decoration Donations: Foliage is needed to decorate the ofrenda. We need things such as corn stalks, bamboo, pumpkins and squash, and marigolds or any other red, yellow or gold flowers. Please bring them to the school by Tuesday, November 5th.

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!

HOME FEDERAL BANK / FACEBOOK FUNDRAISER

I NEED YOU

TO VOTE
FOR THE
VILLAGE SCHOOL

HELP US WIN \$10,000!
GO TO
HAPPYVILLAGE.ORG

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.

STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM UPDATE

The Head, Heart and Hands Staff Wellness Program is thriving--largely in part to fantastic parent support. There have been several contributions to the staff wellness room, and donations are still being accepted. Village School parent Carrie Janes is a Nutritional Therapy Practitioner, and she has offered to complete volunteer hours by giving one nutritional assessment per month to a lucky staff member! We will announce the first nutritional assessment winner in November. Thank you, Carrie! This month's recipient of a massage from Holly Brooks was Sherri Marineau! Congratulations, Sherri; well-deserved!

Many staff members are participating in weekly staff yoga classes and there are now two groups going on Wednesday wellness walks. Next month, Dr. Michael Leeds will be presenting a stress management workshop for staff.

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

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Parents: the next two Parent Support Group meetings will be November 14th and November 21st. There will be no meeting this next week due to Halloween. Come join us on November 14 from 3:00-4:00 PM--free childcare! All are welcome. Pat Anderson (pattyann25@gmail.com)

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.

HOLIDAY CRAFT FAIR AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL ON SATURDAY, 11/23!



It's only October, but the season of holiday shopping is just around the corner. The Village School will hold a holiday craft fair on Saturday, November 23 featuring local artisans, including Village School families interested in selling their wares. For many people who make gift-able items by hand, the rigors of staffing a booth 8 months in a row at Saturday Market and Holiday Market is too much.

Do you make gift items?

Let us know if you would like to reserve a table or share a table at the Fair.

Do you have craft items to donate?

We also will be accepting donations of art work and craft items for a special table where all proceeds benefit the Village School.

Volunteers

The Fair is a fundraiser for the Village School and we welcome your volunteer support, helping in the kitchen, with set up, clean up or sales.

Please contact Stephanie Brosemer with questions or donations: labs4my2kids@yahoo.com, (541) 747-8489

LIFE IN THE VILLAGE KITCHEN



Kindergartners harvested greens and edible flowers for our salad bar this week! We are also thankful that Lesley has begun to compost our fruit and veggie scraps from the kitchen again; it is so nice to connect the kitchen and garden, it feels whole.



Principal Bob Kaminski helping first grader, Isidore at the salad bar.

Today's Dragon Bowls were made with organic red quinoa and organic adzuki beans purchased from Hummingbird Wholesale. Many children chose to top their bowls with Dragon Sauce, which is made from a recipe that we got when we visited Abernathy School in Portland; it is sweet and salty, a favorite of many. This week we served other Dragon Bowl toppings such as organic scallions, nutritional yeast, and gomasio (a mixture of sea salt and toasted organic sesame seeds). The kids could also opt to top their Dragon Bowls with tamari, tobasco, or any of the homemade salad dressings we serve daily. On the salad bar today we served organic lettuce, organic cucumbers, organic celery, an organic tomatoes from Organically Grown Company, sweet organic carrots from Horton Road Organic Farm, orange slices, and organic pears from King Estate; our dressings were Asian, Honey Mustard, and Citrus Vinaigrette. This meal was vegan and gluten free.

Many thanks to all the volunteers and staff who make this happen!



Thanks to Walker for making the dragon on our menu board and to Maddie for the words and wings.

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>.

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

READING BUDDY PUMPKIN PATCH FUN!

On Wednesday, the 1st and 8th graders went on a very special reading buddy field trip to Wintergreen Farm. It was a memorable, picture-perfect day. Here are some of the things that 1st graders had to say about the trip:

"I loved getting a big pumpkin with my buddy." --Joseph

"My reading buddy gave me a piggy back ride to the pumpkin patch!" --Phoenix

"I loved the hayride." --Noah

"My favorite was picking out a pumpkin." --MiraBess

"I lost my tooth on the bus!" --Sylvia

"My favorite part was when me and my buddy were drawing pictures on the school bus." --Evin

"I liked sitting with a friend's reading buddy when mine wasn't there." --Jun

"Summer told me spooooky stories!" --Padma

"My favorite part was eating mango on the school bus!" --Ezekiel

"I just like being with my reading buddy." --Ezabelle



A SCHOOL OF ENGINEERS

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Title I Math (and Engineering) Night this year! We hope you had a great time using your math and science skills. Thank you to Tana Bailey, Alison Cantril, Julie Culbertson, Donna Crispin, Betsy Pridle and Bob Kaminski for organizing the event, and thank you to Tona Aguilar and her volunteers for making a delicious baked potato bar for dinner.



VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

Family Portrait Special

\$75 session fee (regularly \$195)

Sunday, November 3

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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).

