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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

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| Monday, 11/10 | NO SCHOOL: Veteran's Day Holiday |
| 5:30PM | Site Committee Meeting <i>Dunn Site (35th & Willamette)</i> |
| Wednesday, 11/12 | 4th Grade Field Trip |
| 6:30-7:30 PM | Parent Council Meeting |
| Thursday, 11/13 | Kindergarten Lantern Walk <i>Kinder Families Only, Please</i> |
| 5:30-6:30 PM | |
| Wednesday, 11/19 | Board Meeting |
| 5:30-7:30 PM | |
| Thursday, 11/20 | Guitar Assembly |
| 10:15 AM | |
| Thursday, 11/27 | NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Day |
| Friday, 11/28 | NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break |

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL LIBRARY: AN INSPIRING COMMUNITY EFFORT

by Rick Reynolds



The finished library awaiting its first visitors on opening day

There are so many wonderful things about our school, and I am so appreciative that we can now add an inspirational school library to the list. Thanks to a dedicated group of volunteers, wonderful donations from the community, and some lucky breaks, the original school office for the former Willard School has been transformed into a beautiful little library with about 2,400 great books (and growing). It also provides additional quiet work spaces for small groups.

During my first interview last spring to be principal, Tana Bailey, our Title I Coordinator, expressed interest in starting a library, and I agreed it should be a top priority. Like many in our school community, I love good books and libraries. I know how important they are for encouraging students to read, one of the most important skills for success in school and life, as well as to let them to be able learn about whatever they are interested in and conduct research.

Soon after being offered the job, I was fortunate to meet Jan Hoertkorn, 4th grader Katie O'Brien's grandmother, and she got me very excited about the possibilities. Jan is a retired school librarian, and she enthusiastically explained how she could help us get the library started. She even offered the services of her friend Hope Crandall, another retired school librarian who is Toña Aguilar's mother and Sahara and Lydia Valentine's grandmother. Thankfully, when I called to tell her she had just been volunteered, she didn't laugh and hang up on me. Instead, she was just as energized by the idea, and although she was busy with many other commitments, including maintaining Little Free Libraries like the one at Friendly



NO SCHOOL



**MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH
IN HONOR OF VETERAN'S DAY**

ANNUAL DIA DE MUERTOS FESTIVAL TONIGHT!

Join us from 5:30-7:30 tonight for our community Dia de Muertos festival!

- Bring a Latin-inspired main dish, salad or side dish to share. Bring enough food to feed your family + 1 so that there is enough food for all. Please label dishes: "vegetarian", "non-dairy", "nuts", "gluten free", etc., or include an ingredient list. No drink or dessert items; these will be sold as a fundraiser.
- Please bring your own labeled plates, silverware and cups (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.
- Ofrenda (remembrance table): bring photos of a loved one, or a public figure who has made a difference in the world. (Please label your photos & use photocopies).
- Pick up tamale orders at the end of the event.

Park, she immediately started to share her vast expertise and ideas for how we might start to acquire some good books.

A third librarian who has since joined the team is my amazing wife, Krista. Not only has she been so understanding about me working two hours away from our home in Portland, she gave us a hot tip about the downsizing of a remarkable collection of books for young readers at Concordia University where she works. The library has housed the Northwest Center for Children's Literature for many years, but after the director retired, they realized they needed much of the space for other things. To speed this story along a bit, we were able to acquire over 2,000 nearly new, handpicked and beautiful books nearly free. And Hope, Jan, and others have donating hundreds of other excellent library books. The icing on the cake was that Krista, along with Hope and Jan, offered to professionally catalog and add barcodes to all of the books for an online database, which you can [explore through this link](#) which is also found on The Village School homepage.



One of our wonderful librarian volunteers: Krista Reynolds

So many other wonderful volunteers have stepped up to help us add spine labels, Village School stamps, and shelve the books, including Fiona McAuliffe, Shirley Valentine, Natanya von Engel, Bailey Fletcher (the lovely partner of Mr. E, who has also been helping out), Jessica Higgs, Katrina Mangiafico, Cecilia Storey, Elizabeth Carpenter, Angela Lower, and Jeff Hogue. Jeff and Jesse Chastain also stepped up to help upcycle the desks that were in the space into beautiful bookshelves, and Brett Jacobs loaned us his nice table saw to make it happen.

Thank you also to everyone who helped our book fair to be so successful last week. Jan, Jessica, Fiona, Lauralyn Martin, and Angela Hoertkorn helped us sell about \$1,222 worth of books, which is allowing us to be able to purchase about \$500 new books for the library. It was great to see our students so excited about books, and thanks to everyone who came to support the cause. We hope you're enjoying all those good reads that went home with you!



Book Fair Fun

Another great contributor to the library has been Ezra Tishman, director of Books to the People. He and the organization have been particularly helpful in our quest to grow our collection of nonfiction books. Others have been helping us to grow our collection of parent and teacher books, as well.

Hope and I are visiting all of our classes to talk to students about the library and share our expectations for how we will all care for our beautiful books. Students and parents are being asked to sign a usage agreement, and then you will all be able to check out books. This will mainly happen during the school day, but watch for details about library after school hours coming soon.

In this month when we are reflecting on gratitude, I am so thankful to all of the fabulous people who continue to create this wonderful gift for our current and future students and the rest of the school community. I hope you will join me in congratulating them on the accomplishment and consider volunteering with us to help students check out books and enable it to become an even more inspirational and useful resource for our students and us all.

LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be open to families on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:45-3:20pm**. Limited supervision will be available during this time, so students in grades 5 and under must be accompanied by an adult.

Small groups of students will also be able to visit during the school day with a staff member or a library volunteer.

We look forward to seeing you in the library!



Mr. E shows 2nd graders around the library



THE GREEN SCENE

Welcome, Little Salmon!



Several salmon have hatched in the 4th grade classroom! Look closely and you can see two tiny salmon in this picture. Look again and you should see the eyes of one that is partially hatched.

Ask a 4th grader why salmon are so important to our environment!

COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON UPDATE

Thanks to everyone who's turned in their walk-a-thon donations. We have collected just under 11,000! At this point, the 3rd and 1st grades are leading the pack in terms of collected donations, but 4th Grade is closely trailing. The classes that raise the 1st and 2nd amounts get to design and create the crazy beards for our administrators, Rick and Andy. One new phenomena is that our staff has entered the race, largely with support from the outreach of our principal, Mr. Reynolds. If you have any outstanding contributions, please submit them soon. Thanks to you all!

Walk-aThon Totals as of 11/7/14

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| 1st Grade | \$1,693.50 |
| 2nd Grade | \$998.50 |
| 3rd Grade | \$2,525.50 |
| 4th Grade | \$1,404.16 |
| 5th Grade | \$984.84 |
| 6th Grade | \$1,145.90 |
| 7th Grade | \$565.55 |
| 8th Grade | \$368.70 |
| Staff | \$1,060 |
| Total | \$10,741.65 |

I AM ELEVEN

There will be a screening of *I am Eleven* at Bijou Arts Cinema on Tuesday, November 25th at 7pm...if enough tickets are sold. In 10 days, 40 more tickets must be sold, or the film will not be shown. This link will take you to the movie information and ticket sales <http://gathr.us/screening/9175>. This film is a lovely reminder of how important the transitional age of eleven is throughout the world. We hope to see the whole Village family there.

THE 12 YEAR CHANGE: AN EVENING EXPLORING THE DAWN OF ADOLESCENCE

What is changing in the 12 year old? What are they looking for? What needs to change in the adults around them? You are invited to hear the answers to these questions and more on Monday, November 10th at 7:00pm at the Eugene Waldorf School. EWS is hosting Nettie Fabrie, who has been an educator for 40 years and is currently Head of Pedagogy at the Seattle Waldorf School and a faculty member at Sound Circle Center (Waldorf Teacher training center). Ms. Fabrie's presentation will be in the Grade 5 classroom at the Eugene Waldorf School. The suggested donation is \$5-10.

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.

To use eScrip, log onto www.eScrip.com, and click: Sign up! Our Group I.D. is 9130886 (beware: there are several Village Schools). Register your Safeway, debit & credit cards (the site is secured), then shop at eScrip merchants, such as Market of Choice & Safeway. You can use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases, and you can donate online when you use Amazon.com.

Go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Links will appear for Amazon.com Click and shop from this link, and the Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.

PARENT COUNCIL THIS WEDNESDAY

There is a Parent Council meeting this Wednesday, November 12th. We hope many of you will attend and make your voices heard.

GET VILLAGE SCHOOL NEWS VIA TEXT, TWITTER, AND FACEBOOK

Sign up to get text messages from the Village School in addition to email and phone by texting the word "join" to 56360. You can also follow us on Twitter (@EugeneVillage) and Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/eugenevillageschool> or search for The Village School).

Please send Village Voice submissions to Maureen Caldwell at village@4j.lane.edu by Thursdays at 12:00 PM. Thanks!

8TH GRADE TRIP FUNDRAISERS



Pizza Sales and Bake Sales

Every other Wednesday, the 8th grade class will be selling either Cosmic pizza or baked goods after school to raise money for their 8th grade trip. Come support the 8th grade and indulge yourself with something yummy.



Holiday Wreath Sale

The 8th grade is selling beautiful wreaths made with the freshest greens from the Pacific Northwest. Starting with a Noble Fir base, we add generous clusters of Berried Juniper, splashes of Incense Cedar, and adorn each with Ponderosa Pine Cones--a wonderful welcome for your house. The finished wreath's outside diameter is 22-24".

Wreaths cost \$20 each. Please pre-order yours by Monday, November 17th. Orders will be available for pick up at school starting Monday, December 1st after school. Please make checks payable to: The Village School, and deliver your orders and payment to the front office.

Questions? Call Karen Rainsong (541) 968-1986 karen@rainsongdesign.net. Happy holidays, and thanks for supporting this year's 8th Grade class trip.