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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

Wednesday, 11/19 3:00 PM	Green Team Meeting 16 Tons
5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday, 11/20 10:15 AM	Guitar Assembly
Thursday, 11/27	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Day
Friday, 11/28	NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break
Thursday, 12/4 6:30-7:45 PM	Winter Concert First Congregational Church
Sunday, 12/7 11:00 AM-4:00 PM	Holiday Craft Fair Cafeteria
Wednesday, 12/10 6:30-7:30 PM	Parent Council
12/15/14-1/5/15	NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK
Wednesday, 12/17 5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting

¡Muchas Gracias!

Fun, family and fanfare abounded at this year's Dia de Muertos celebration. Thanks to our Spanish teachers **Pamela Pearce** and **Kathleen Rockwell** for setting up the beautiful ofrenda and organizing student performances. Special thanks to guest performers, **Piel Canela**. Thank you to sound stage manager **Anthony March**, tamale order organizer **Toña Aguilar**, and Blue Lotus Chai donation orchestrator **Deb Chourney**. The night was a huge success thanks to the hard work of our volunteers, including **Carrie Janes, Anna Henjian, Tesha Shriro, Jane Rittenhouse, Rebecca Delzell, Maria Rosa Fabian Alvizo, Brett Jacobs, Adam and Laticia Rubino, Deeja Sol Moon, Grace Steckler, Heather Brey, Chris Callahan, Ann Ollman, Hope Crandall**, and many more who made the event a huge success. Muchas gracias to you all!



SCHOOL SAFETY & SPECIAL THANKS



I am so thankful to everyone who has been helping to make our campus safer. All year, **Tom Happy** has been working with his son, **Eamon** (and wife **Jane**, when need be), to put out safety cones each day on Lincoln Street near the crosswalks. Today we also officially started a Village Crossing Crew to make the area even safer.

When Tom's daughter, Eva, attended the school, a classmate of hers was hit by a car. We want to make sure that never happens again. You can help by:

- Not double parking and staying well clear of the cones. This improves visibility at the crosswalks.
- Driving slowly and being very aware of children who may be hurrying to school on foot or on bikes.
- Walking your students in grades K-4 to and from the classroom each day.
- Using the drop off area of the parking lot or side streets to drop off older students, not Lincoln Street.
- Leaving extra time in the morning to avoid rushing and being unsafe.

Evelynn and Zac Larson are helping to make the campus safer by organizing work parties to add non-slip reflective tape to the concrete stairs. Last week they worked with **Mike Magee** to thoroughly clean and dry the stairs near the cafeteria before adding the tape. Another crew will meet next Sunday, November 23, at 1pm to treat the rest of the stairs. They are in need of more help, so please contact Evelynn (541-852-0803) or Sherri Marineau if you can join the team. In the meantime, please be extremely careful and hold the arm rails when the stairs are wet.

Ann Magee is helping us ensure that the security gate next to the playground is locked each morning at 8:30. Everyone can help by watching out for strangers on campus during the school day and making sure that all visitors and volunteers have signed into the office. Please notify the office immediately if you have questions about an unfamiliar person at school.

We are very appreciative of your support to fully engage your children and youth: head, heart, and hands. Another essential responsibility for us all is ensuring that they are safe at school and on their journeys to and from it.

In service and gratitude,
Rick Reynolds, Principal

REMINDER OF OUR SCHOOL CLOSURE/ SNOW DAYS PROCEDURE



The Village School follows School District 4J's school closure decisions. If you are unsure whether there will be school due to weather, many local TV and radio stations will report closures as soon as they receive notice. Please use local media to determine if there will be school.

Kindergarten parents, please note: in the case of a "delayed start," Kindergarten will be cancelled that day.

SCHOOL HEALTH UPDATE

As noted in the October 17th Village Voice, chicken pox (Varicella) has spread through our school. Since October 14th, the school office has been notified of 37 students with the chicken pox. Every classroom has had at least one of these cases, and toddler-aged siblings have come down with it too. This demonstrates how quickly and easily illness spreads in our community. Please take all precautions to keep our community healthy, and notify the school office if your children become ill.

A Message from Lane County Public Health

The leaves are changing and so is the immunization law; so immunize early and avoid the crowd. Nearly every place in Oregon that provides care for a child outside of the home requires immunizations or an exemption to stay enrolled.

Lane County Public Health encourages parents to immunize their students early; before the February 18, 2015 exclusion date. Early preparation is particularly important this year due to law changes and additional steps in the exemption process.

Please contact your medical provider to ensure your child is up-to-date on their vaccines, schedule an appointment, or ask questions about the non-medical exemption law changes. You can also contact Lane County Public Health at (541) 682-4041 for an immunization appointment.

Find out more about Lane County Public Health's Immunization Program, visit: http://www.lanecounty.org/Departments/HHS/PubHlth/Pages/lcph_immunizations.aspx.

Did you know that extensive research has proven that there is no relationship between vaccines and autism? Check out the Autism Science Foundation website for more information: <http://www.autismsciencefoundation.org/autismandvaccines.html>.



THE GREEN SCENE

Come to the Green Team meeting next Wednesday, November 19th, 3:00pm at 16 Tons by Market of Choice. Help plan this year's Earth Week!

TALENTED AND GIFTED PROGRAM (TAG)

School District 4j has recently made changes to the TAG identification process. Students will no longer be "blanket tested" in 2nd grade. Rather, children may be referred for TAG testing by their teachers or by their parents. For more information and for TAG referral forms, visit: <http://www.4j.lane.edu/instruction/tag/>.

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! Third Grade is still leading the pack in terms of collected donations, but 1st and 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 11/14/14

1st Grade	\$1,693.50
2nd Grade	\$998.50
3rd Grade	\$2,520.50
4th Grade	\$1,424.16
5th Grade	\$1,139.84
6th Grade	\$1,145.90
7th Grade	\$564.55
8th Grade	\$368.70
Staff	\$1,060
Total	\$10,915.65

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.

WINTER CONCERT ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH, @ 6:30 PM FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

It's that time of the year again! The Village School's Annual Winter Concert will be held at a different location this year--the First Congregational Church at 1050 E. 23rd St. in Eugene on Thursday, December 4th from 6:30-8:00pm.

Students in grades 1-8 will be performing. Some students will sing with their class while others will perform guitar and marimba pieces. Students are expected to sit with their teachers and classes for the entire program. Chaperones are needed to sit with each grade to help supervise the children during the event.

Proper manners and behavior are important during the event. There should be no running around; be mindful that the event is being held at a place of worship, and students should be under direct adult supervision at all times. Please show respect to all people and property.

This is a special Village School holiday event, so all students and families in attendance are asked to dress for the occasion. We ask for your "Sunday best."

We welcome friends and relatives to join us for this lovely evening of music and community.

Also, our wonderful Handwork team has created lovely works of art to be raffled off at this year's Winter Concert. Raffle tickets are now available in the office. The cost is 1 ticket for \$1 and 6 tickets for \$5.

8TH GRADE TRIP FUNDRAISERS



Pizza Sales and Bake Sales

Every Wednesday, the 8th grade class sells 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. Orders are due Monday, November 17th. Orders will be available for pick up at school on Monday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 2nd 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.

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 2 days, 30 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.

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).

EUGENE 4J SD CONSIDERS SELLING THE DUNN CENTER

The Eugene 4J School Board decided last week to start a Land Use process to gather public input about selling the Dunn Center at 35th and Willamette. The District will be holding public meetings over the next 2 months, and is scheduled to decide on whether to sell the site by late January. Our Site-Search committee visited the Dunn Center earlier this week, and will be looking further into the feasibility of purchasing the site. The building is bigger and has more classrooms than our current home at Willard, but the grounds are smaller. We'll keep you up to date with any important developments.

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is coming. On Thursday February 19th, two days before Heart of the Village, "grand" family and friends will visit your children's classrooms, sample some of our music and lunch, and get to know our school a little better. Last year's event was a great time, and we highly recommend it. If you plan to have a grand parent or friend attend, please fill out a form in the office before the winter break. We will be sending out invitations mid December.

Día de Muertos 2014



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in Eugene.

WHY JOIN?

- ⌘ Community support for raising your children
- ⌘ Skills, information, and knowledge shared between all ages.
- ⌘ Share rides, meals and childcare.
- ⌘ Save money by sharing resources - toys, tools, and more.
- ⌘ Common House rooms dedicated to kids, to teens and to creating music.



TO LEARN MORE . . .

ATTEND OUR SUNDAY NOVEMBER 16TH INFORMATIONAL MEETING

3 PM AT WILL DIXON'S OFFICE AT 300 BLAIR ST. ,EUGENE

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