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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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| <u>Tuesday, 11/19</u> 9:00-11:00 AM | 5th Grade Field Trip Alton Baker Park |
| <u>Wednesday, 11/20</u> | Board Meeting |
| <u>Thursday, 11/21</u> 5:30-7:00 PM | Garden Meeting 16 Tons |
| <u>Saturday, 11/23</u> | Holiday Craft Fair |
| <u>Thursday, 11/28</u> | NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving |
| <u>Friday, 11/29</u> | NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break |
| <u>Friday, 12/6</u> | Winter Concert First Christian Church |
| <u>Wednesday, 12/11</u> 6:30-7:30 PM | Parent Council |
| <u>Friday 12/13</u> 10:15-11:15 AM | Last Day of School in 2013! |
| <u>6:00-7:00 PM</u> | 5th Grade Play |
| <u>12/16/13-1/6/14</u> | NO SCHOOL: Winter Break |
| <u>Tuesday, 1/7</u> | School Resumes |

HOME IMPROVEMENT SUPPLY GIVE AWAY: SATURDAY, NOV 16, 10:00AM



Join us tomorrow in the Cafeteria for our 3rd Home Improvement Supply Giveaway Event. The Village School has partnered with the Home Depot on Seneca St. to receive donations of surplus items. The Village School has taken what it can use, but has several pallets worth of items to distribute to Village School families! This is a great chance to pick up home improvement materials for free. Every time we do this, everybody gets several very valuable items. The items available are listed in the following survey; please take a 3 minute survey at:

<http://www.surveymethods.com/EndUser.aspx?A783EFF6A0EDFOFOAO>

Please note, you will need to be present at the event in order to claim any of the items.

DIA DE LOS MUERTOS 2013



Our Dia de los Muertos festival last Friday was our most beautiful yet! The student performances were delightful, our guest performers and the shadow puppet show were captivating, the cafeteria decorations and ofrenda were lovely, the face painting and crafts were fun, and the potluck was delicioso. We all appreciated the wonderful performances by San de Los Andes and Son Jarocho. The great success of the festival is without a doubt due to the hard work of Sherri Marineau, Maria Rosa Fabian Alvizo, Jon Bilenki, Bob Kaminski, Dawn Cianciulli, Rebecca Delzell and our wonderful parent and staff volunteers. To all of you, we say MUCHAS GRACIAS! Check out some great photos of the festival on page 4!

WALK A THON: FINALE!

We have gotten to a point where we can declare class winners for the Walk-a-Thon! Drumroll please...

1st Place: Grade 3 with \$2,356
Prize: design hat for Mr. Kaminski to wear

2nd Place: Grade 4 with \$1,706
Prize: design shirt for Mr. Peara to wear

3rd Place: Grade 2 with \$1,422
Prize: design necklace for Ms. Maureen to wear

4th Place: Grade 8 with \$1,253
Prize: design necklace for Ms. Sherri to wear

If you still have more preldges, please turn them in!

THE FOOD DRIVE IS IN FULL SWING!



The amazing Lunch Lady, Toña Aguilar and the scintillating sixth grade class have teamed up to spearhead a Food For Lane County (FFLC)/Village School Canned Food Drive! Oregon still ranks near the top in terms of childhood hunger and the director of FFLC recently shared that they currently have the lowest levels of food stored with the need being the highest it has ever been.

As a Village School community let's help to make a difference. Right now FFLC has about three weeks worth of food stored and their goal is to have a minimum of eight weeks of storage. Please help your student(s) to put something in one of the two FFLC barrels located in the lower and upper wings. If you're not sure what to give, below is a list of the most wanted items, and you can look for "Most Wanted Food" posters in the hallways at school. The Food Drive ends December 6th.

"How far that little candle throws his beams! So shines a good deed in a weary world."

— William Shakespeare, The Merchant of Venice

MOST WANTED FOODS

*** Canned meats***

(tuna, chicken, salmon, corned beef)

Low-sugar fruit

(dried fruit, jams & jellies, unsweetened apple sauce)

Canned & dried beans

(pinto, navy, kidney, refried)

Canned stew, chili, hearty soups, & broths

Boxed macaroni & cheese

Pasta, rice, cereal, corn meal

Cooking oil & olive oil

Canned tomato products

(whole, paste, spaghetti sauce)

Peanut butter

Ethnic foods

(mole, tortillas, encilada sauce, cumin, chilies, etc.)

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.eugenevillageschool.org/pg1005.cfm>.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP

Please join us next week, Thursday, November 21st at 3:00 PM for our next Parent Support Group. We are reading *Siblings Without Rivalry*. Contact Pat Anderson (pattyann25@gmail.com) for more information.

GARDEN NEWS

Dear lovely Village School parents:

Greetings from the garden! Thanks to all the amazing work of our summer garden volunteers we have been reaping the harvest all fall: potatoes, tomatoes, raspberries, greens, pumpkins, and sunflower seeds.

In October and November, we have been putting in lettuce, kale, chard, and mixed greens to supply our salad bar all winter. We've started composting some kitchen scraps again to create a sustainable system.

Our children love working in the garden, and it is a hands-on science lab. With your help we can not only maintain the minimum goals of the garden (to provide greens for the salad bar) but we can build a small greenhouse with the 6th-8th grade, sculptures, and a large "living" dome out of willow, grape vines, or kiwi. We hope to also expand our growing beds to provide more and more food for the cafeteria such as peas, carrots, beets, and potatoes if possible in the spring.

We are planning a Village School garden meeting for Thursday, November 21st at 3:15pm at 16 Tons cafe near school by Market of Choice. Please come to this meeting to share you ideas and vision. You can also email garden@eugenevillageschool.org or place a note in my box in the school office. We definitely have a need for parents to help out once every month or two in the garden when classes are working. Here is the garden schedule:

Kindergarten: Wed. 9:20-10:15am
1st Grade: Wed. and Thurs. 1:15-2pm
2nd Grade: Mon. 1:15-2 and Tues. 11-11:40
3rd Grade: Mon. and Wed. 2-2:40pm
4th Grade: Fri. 1:15-2pm
5th Grade: Thurs. 2-2:50pm
6th Grade: Fri. 2-2:50pm
7th & 8th Grades: as needed, TBD

In general, if you'd like to swing the hoe or come on out and play in the garden, Tuesday mornings and all day Wednesdays are great days for that. Also, we always need LOTS of LEAVES (from a lawn not the street), straw, coffee grounds for compost, beeswax, lumber, old tools, wire mesh, or any other useful garden items you may not need anymore. Stay tuned for garden salves and/ or artwork at the craft fair on Saturday, November 23. These hours definitely count towards the 40 hours of volunteering!

Thanks so much!
Lesley McClintock

Village School Garden Coordinator/AmeriCorps member

HOLIDAY WREATH FUNDRAISER FOR THE 8TH GRADE TRIP

The 8th grade is selling beautiful wreaths as a fundraiser for their End of Village trip. The wreaths are made with the freshest greens from the Pacific Northwest, with a Noble Fir base, clusters of berried juniper, splashes of incense cedar and Ponderosa pine cones. Finished wreaths measure 22-24 inches in diameter and cost \$20 each. They will be available for pick up before or after school starting Tuesday, December 2nd.

Please bring in your completed order forms with payment in an envelope to the office no later than THIS Thursday, November 21. Checks may be made out to The Village School. Thanks for your support!

EARN \$ FOR THE VILLAGE SCHOOL AT KENDALL DEALERSHIPS!

Earn the school points at Kendall auto dealerships for sales, service or even just saying hello (point breakdown below).

- Stop by and say "hi!" 50 points
- Test drive at any Kendall dealership 500 point
- Vote for your school on Facebook and earn 100 points per day (you must "like" the page in order to vote)
- Service, maintenance and parts at Kendall dealerships: \$1 spend = 1 Point
- New and pre-owned vehicle sales at Kendall dealerships: \$1 spend = 1 Point

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



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.

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!

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