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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

Thursday, 11/27	<b>NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Day</b>
Friday, 11/28	<b>NO SCHOOL: Thanksgiving Break</b>
Thursday, 12/4 6:30-7:45 PM	<b>Winter Concert</b> <i>First Congregational Church</i>
12/9-12/11 2:30-4:30 PM	<b>Holiday Craft Fair</b> <i>Cafeteria</i>
Wednesday, 12/10 6:30-7:30 PM	<b>Parent Council</b>
12/15/14-1/5/15	<b>NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK</b>
Wednesday, 12/17 5:30-7:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>

## THANKSGIVING BREAK



NO SCHOOL: 11/27-28



## THE GREEN SCENE

Happy Thanksgiving to you all! As the holidays approach, there are lots of ways we can enjoy them without all the waste and impact to Mama Earth that is often involved. For your Thanksgiving feast, think about sourcing some of your food from local places and in bulk to reduce the packaging. For the up-coming gift-giving frenzy, start thinking now about gifts that aren't "things" but rather experiences and services you can provide. To get ideas and inspiration for every day of the month right through Christmas, check out the Center for a New American Dream's website: [simplifyholidays.org](http://simplifyholidays.org), which includes a calendar.

Want to make a stand against rampant consumerism? Join others around the planet who participate in "Buy Nothing Day" the day after Thanksgiving.

Stay tuned for more ideas about how to make Earth stewardship a stronger tradition in your family and at the school.

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



The Village School's Annual Winter Concert is just around the corner. The event 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. This is a very special event for our students and families, during which each class offers a gift of song to our community.

Please spend some time with your students reflecting on appropriate ways to present and receive these gifts. Each class has worked hard to prepare for this concert and are presenting their songs not only with excellent performing skill, but also with the heartfelt desire to truly share the power of music. Let's honor these gifts with our respectful attention and with appropriate applause. Enter our new venue with quiet anticipation and open our hearts to the beauty of our children's voices and join with them in the joyful spirit of the season!

Students in grades 1-8 will be performing. 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.

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

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.

## 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).



# VILLAGE KITCHEN NEWS

The Village Kitchen gives thanks for all the students, staff, and families who help with the kitchen and the garden. We also want to give special thanks to **Heather Jones** and **Cowfish** for putting on a Village Kitchen fundraiser last month. The event earned \$525 for the Village Kitchen!



## 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.

## 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**

Orders are available for pick up at school on Monday, December 1st and Tuesday, December 2nd after school. Happy holidays, and thanks for supporting this year's 8th Grade class trip.

## 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](http://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](http://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.

*Please submit Village Voice entries by Thursdays at noon to Maureen at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu).*