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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

12/15/14-1/5/15	NO SCHOOL: WINTER BREAK
Wednesday, 12/17 5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Tuesday, 1/6/2015	School Resumes
Friday, 1/16	Re-Enrollment Forms Due

SUPPORT THE ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN

Our Annual Giving Campaign got off the ground at the Winter Concert last week. If you were not able to attend the Winter Concert, please pick up a brochure above the mailboxes. Please help yourselves to extras if you have friends or family interested in your children's education. Our specialty programs, Spanish, Music, Handwork and Movement, rely on your support. We look forward to your contributions!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

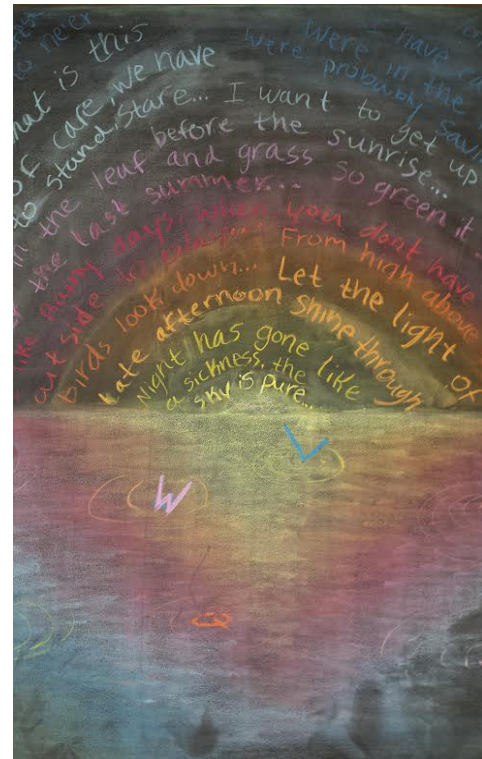
Dear Village School Community,

Thank you all so much for the warm wishes for my family and support of my need to be with them. The principal search committee is conducting interviews this week, and I am heartened by the quality of candidates ready to fill the role. There is an excellent team ready to help with the leadership transition, including Executive Director **Andy Peara**, **Dr. Sandy Ludeman**, a marvelous past Village School principal, **Main Lesson teachers** with over 100 years of combined experience, and **Tana Bailey**, our talented Title I and testing coordinator, not to mention the rest of the wonderful staff, including **Ms. Sherri** and **Ms. Maureen**, who help the school run so smoothly, day in and day out. I have no doubt that it will be a great 2015 at The Village School.

As I wrote last month, **Ms. Leela** will be greatly missed, but we wish her all the best with her next chapter and we are so happy that **Susan Flynn** has accepted the Kindergarten assistant teacher position. We had many terrific applicants, but Susan served beautifully in the role from '04-'09, and she has continued to substitute since then. Please welcome Ms. Susan when you see her!

It has been an honor and pleasure to serve you and I wish you all a joyful holiday season. I have enjoyed getting to know you and your families, and I hope to keep in touch. You reach me at rick@engagingeverystudent.com.

In gratitude,
Rick Reynolds



RE-ENROLLMENT IS COMING!

Please check your family mailbox for your student re-enrollment form when you return to school in January. Return this important form to Maureen no later than **Friday, January 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM** to ensure that your children keep their places at the Village School, and notify the office of any siblings you wish to enroll for the 2014-2015 school year. You **MUST** submit a re-enrollment form by this deadline in order to be guaranteed that current students will have places in next year's classes and siblings get priority placement. **The Village School is not responsible for saving or reinstating spaces which are lost due to late submission of re-enrollment forms.** If you have questions, please ask Maureen (541) 345-7285 ext. 102, village@4j.lane.edu.

CONSIDER USING SCRIP FOR YOUR HOLIDAY SHOPPING

When shopping for food and gifts this season why not use SCRIP and earn dollars for The Village School?

You can buy **eSCRIP** at www.escrip.com (group ID: 9130886) to use at:

Market of Choice
Safeway

You can buy **Unique Eugene SCRIP** and **Capella SCRIP** in the school office. Unique Eugene merchants include:

Fugene Holiday Market

Dot Dotson's
Eugene Backyard Farmer
Down to Earth
Eugene Toy & Hobby
Evergreen Nutrition
Goldworks
Harlequin Beads & Jewelry
Newman's Fish Market
Oregon Art Supply
Passion Flower Design
Paul's Bicycle Way of Life
Rainbow Optics
Riley's Real Wood Furniture
Smith Family Bookstore
Sundance Natural Foods
Tactics Boardshop
The Healthy Pet
The Kiva

Unique Eugene gives us 10% of proceeds, and Capella gives us 5%! SCRIP makes a great gift for friends, family and teachers!

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY

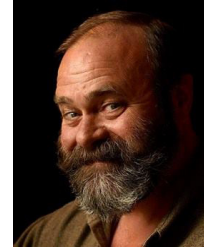
Grandparents and Grandfriends Day is coming. On Thursday February 19th, two days before Heart of the Village, "grand" family and friends will visit your children's classrooms, sample some of our music and lunch, and get to know our school a little better. Last year's event was a great time, and we highly 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.

NEWS FROM ROOM 10

As we go into winter break, I'd like to thank all of the students, staff, and families that have made my first year at The Village School so wonderful! I do hope that everybody will have a warm, safe, fun, and relaxing break. I also hope that everyone will have a roof over their heads and food on the table. Please remember the Food For Lane County food pick-up by postal carriers on Saturday. If you have any non-perishable food to spare, you can put it out by your mailbox Saturday morning. Make sure to get plenty of rest and treat yourselves well! --Ms. Angela

REMEMBERING MARK LEWIS

By: Andy Traisman



The Village School lost a dear friend and collaborator and our larger community lost a giant of the arts with the unexpected passing of Mark Lewis this week.

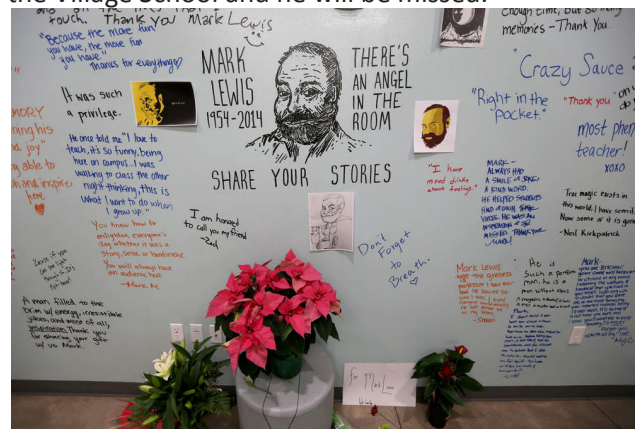
Mark came to the Village School in our early years to work with both the upper grade students as well as a faculty professional development workshop on the art of story telling.

More recently, Mark co-collaborated with Kirk Boyd and myself on an original 8th grade Shakespeare project. **The Sides of Shakespeare Vol. I-The Clowns** was written by Mark and Kirk specifically for the Village School 8th grade class of '14. This year was to be the second year and volume of what we envisioned would be a long term collaboration.

Mark's intellect, wit, word play, proverbs and life philosophy were legendary. He regaled our community with his unrelenting sense of humor and his extraordinary presence. He was demanding and he gave more than he asked back in return.

I will long remember how he stood at the back of our cafeteria last spring with tears in his eyes, watching our 8th grade actors perform. He was so proud of their work together. Mark loved nothing more than the stage and the art and power of good storytelling. Anyone who ever saw him learned something about performance and generally having fun "The more fun you have the more fun you have." Mark used everything at his disposal to make an impression. He was born to teach and entertain and he gave everything he had to the students fortunate enough to work with him.

Today in class our students snapped their fingers and rubbed their hands simulating the sound of rain that Mark taught to so many audiences. Mark was a long time friend of the Village School and he will be missed.





THE GREEN SCENE

Still looking for holiday gifts? Here are some ideas:

Make a coupon book that can be used to gift your time and services. Have a skill you can teach? Have some extra elbow grease to help clean or do house projects for an elder? How about a "choose-your-own-adventure" coupon that your child can use to inspire a future family outing?

Donating to a charity in someone's honor can be very meaningful: think about local organizations (maybe the one that your child's grade sponsored for the Walk-a-thon?) or our very own Village School! Many national organizations have adopt-an-animal programs.

MECCA (the Materials Exchange Center for Community Arts) is offering \$5 craft kits for the 12 days before Christmas. Each day is different and there's always an abundance of materials ready to inspire your own kits and crafts.

The Holiday Market and Farmers' Market at the Fairgrounds happen Saturday and Sunday all the way through Christmas Eve. Great place to find unique gifts and support local artists and growers.

Shopping for used things sends a good message and saves you money--books, clothing, puzzles, and games are all easily found in our local stores.

Volunteering time or donating goods to those in need can help tone down the gift frenzy and remind us of how fortunate we are.

Get creative with your wrapping choices, too. Stamping paper bags and attaching greenery can make a gift even more special or buy a reusable bag to pop your gifts in (e.g., cute produce bags at the Kiva, plain cotton ones that could be decorated at Hummingbird Wholesale).

Most importantly, enjoy the holidays and good luck creating sweet memories.

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.

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 would like to thank Family Dogs and the Lapierre/Shave family for it's support of the Village School meal program. We appreciate all of you who support our program--happy holidays!



WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS!

Plans are underway for the 2015 Heart of the Village. We are looking for individuals with special skills or connections to groups or individuals who would like to donate their time, talents or goods for the event. Here are some examples of what we need:

- Contacting Businesses for Donation Requests
- Live Performances for Main Stage
- Cake Bakers/Donations
- Raffle Basket Item Donations
- Coffee/Tea Donations
- Event Supplies and Equipment (Tents, Decorations)
- Event Advertising and Promotion

This is a great way to earn family's volunteer hours while supporting a fun event. If you or anyone you know are interested in helping out with any of these needs or have ideas for the event, contact Sherri at 541-345-7285 or sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org.

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 SPECIAL PROGRAM
ON JANUARY 14 @ 7:00 PM

On January 14, 2015, at 7:00 PM, the Parent Council is proud to present **Arun Toke** of *Skipping Stones* magazine. *Skipping Stones* is an international publication with offices just down the road from us. Arun will discuss how to involve our students in the magazine and how articles and essays in *Skipping Stones* help to promote world peace and cultural compassion. Childcare will be provided for those who RSVP to the school office by January 12th.

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: VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS :
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Nature Immersion & Afternoon programs

**Special Outings Monday & Tuesday
December 15 & 16**

NaturesMystery.org

Forts & Shelters, Knots & Knives, Tracking, Wildcrafting,
Preservation, Fire Safety, Faerie Gardens, and More!

541-521-8658 Register Today!