



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

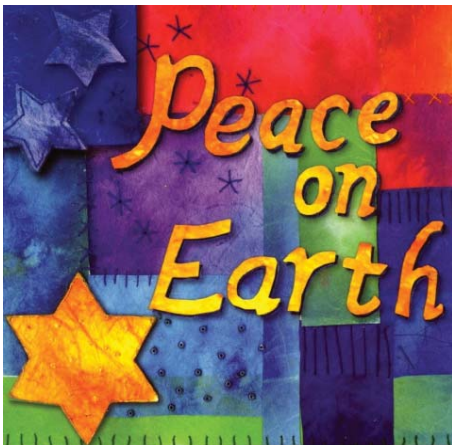
<u>12/16/13-1/6/14</u>	NO SCHOOL: Winter Break
<u>Wednesday, 1/15</u> 5:30-7:00 PM 5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting 1st Grade Parent Evening
<u>Monday, 1/20</u>	NO SCHOOL--MLK Jr. Day
<u>Friday, 1/24</u> 6:00-8:00 PM	Talent Show

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents,

Have a joyous holiday season with your loved ones, and please remember to READ, READ, READ and WRITE, WRITE, WRITE with your children. Help them to keep their academic skills sharp during the long break in addition to all the outdoor activities you do. We look forward to seeing you in January.

Yours,
Bob Kaminski, Principal



WINTER CONCERT UPDATE

We were disappointed to have to postpone our beautiful winter concert due to the snow last Friday, and we are currently working on rescheduling the event for sometime in January. We will make an announcement as soon as a new date has been selected. Please be ready to sign up for volunteer jobs again. Your volunteer work is greatly needed and appreciated. We look forward to gathering as a community and showcasing our music programs.

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:

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

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

WE NEED YOUR SPECIAL SKILLS AND CONNECTIONS!

Plans are underway for the Heart of the Village celebration happening in February 2014. We are looking for individuals who have special skills or know of 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*
- *Storytellers*
- *Cake Bakers/Donations*
- *Food Donations*
- *Raffle Basket Item Donations*
- *Coffee/Tea Donations*
- *Group Crafts/Art Workshop Ideas for Event*
- *Event Supplies and Equipment (Tents, Decorations, Art)*
- *Event Advertising and Promotion*

This is a great way to earn your 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, please contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org.

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*

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>.

GRANDPARENTS' DAY IS COMING!

The Village School will be having our first Grandparents' Day on Thursday, February 6th. The day will begin with a continental breakfast, then grandparents will experience main lesson with their grandchildren, and they will be honored with student performances and lunch in the cafeteria. The event is two days away from Heart of the Village so that grandparents can experience more of our school life! Please complete the Grandparents' Day Invitation Contact Information Form (attached with Village Voice in email) and bring it in to the office ASAP.

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.

OUR FOOD DRIVE WAS A SUCCESS!

Thanks to the generosity and enthusiasm of so many, our school donated 358 lbs of non-perishable food items to Food For Lane County.



DECADENT CHOCOLATE FUN

"Good chocolate begins with good-quality cacao beans," declared John Nanci, owner of Chocolate Alchemy and über-generous chocolate "engineer" working with the Village School eighth grade to handcraft chocolate truffles for sale to help bankroll their end-of-the-year trip to the San Juan Islands. And so began a day of roasting, crushing, winnowing, and grinding 50 pounds of organic Trinitario cacao beans from Ecuador. After three work sessions, 800 truffles were produced! Here are some images of the 8th graders at work. Thank you to all of you who purchased these delicious truffles and our other beautiful holiday fair wares today!



Velvety milk chocolate in the mélanger (a 48-hour process)



Splitting & scrapping vanilla beans (Ocean, Sophie, and Cedar), More vanilla bean action (Eva and Shanti)

Sophie and Aidan forming the truffles.



Finished truffles!

Adding sugar and chocolate by the spoonful; keeping the mixture warm with hair dryers. (Mia, Sophie, Aidan, Cedar, Eva)

A NOTE FROM THE VILLAGE KITCHEN



Alumni Sylvani and Lucy joined us in the kitchen last week. We are happy to have such wonderful drop in volunteers.



Have you seen me? We are missing many napkins and forks. Could you please keep an eye out for them in your home and around the school and return them to our kitchen? We really don't like to have to use paper napkins every day. If you have some cloth napkins or forks to donate to our kitchen, please drop those by as well.

We are happy to report that we successfully passed our surprise health inspection last week. Many thanks to our kitchen staff and volunteers for your continuous, careful work!

Please send Village Voice submissions by Thursday at 12:00pm to Maureen at village@4j.lane.edu. Thank you!

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