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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

Monday, 9/15 5:30-7:00 PM	<b>1st Grade Parent Evening</b>
Tuesday, 9/16 6:30-8:00 PM	<b>Parent Council New School Year Kick-Off</b>
Wednesday, 9/17 5:30-7:00 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>
5:30-7:00 PM	<b>2nd Grade Parent Evening</b>
6:00-7:30 PM	<b>3rd Grade Parent Evening</b>
Thursday, 9/18 6:00-7:30 PM	<b>4th Grade Parent Evening</b>
Wednesday, 9/24	<b>School Pictures</b>
	<b>6th Gr. Leaves for Pine Mtn.</b>
3:00 PM	<b>Green Team Meeting</b>
Thursday, 9/25	<b>6th Gr. Returns from Pine Mtn.</b>
	<b>5th Gr. Leaves for Opal Creek</b>
Friday, 9/26	<b>School Pictures</b>
	<b>5th Gr. Returns from Opal Creek</b>

## SCHOOL PICK-UP & DROP-OFF



We want students' transition between home and school to be conscious and meaningful. In grades K-4, we require parents (or the adult dropping off/picking up) to take their child to the classroom. Class times are as follows:

8:25am-11:45am	<b>Kindergarten</b> (Monday-Thursday; No Kinder on Fridays)
11:45am-2:45pm	<b>Extended Kindergarten</b> (Monday-Thursday)
8:25am-2:45pm	<b>Grades 1-4</b>
8:25am-3:00pm	<b>Grades 5-8</b>

Please drop off and pick up your children on time. Your Village School teachers and staff work hard to create an ideal learning environment for your children, and there are often meetings immediately after school lets out. Please respect this valuable after school work time.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON

Yesterday at our first school sing-a-long of the year, we performed a skit to kick-off the Community Service Walk-a-Thon. Half of the proceeds are shared with our garden and kitchen. The other half is split between 8 environmental education nonprofits, one for each class. The sponsored groups are assigned to the grades as follows:

- 1st Grade: Nearby Nature
- 2nd Grade: Cascades Raptors Center
- 3rd Grade: Huerto de la Familia
- 4th Grade: NextStep Recycling
- 5th Grade: Walama Restoration
- 6th Grade: Food for Lane County Gardens
- 7th Grade: Whole Earth Nature School
- 8th Grade: School Garden Project

Look for your Walk-a-Thon Kit in your family mailbox including pledging materials and instructions for online pledging through <http://pledgestar.com/villageschool>. The Pledgestar site will be accessible beginning 9/15/14.

You may also want to ask your children about the prize for the classes that collect the 1st and 2nd most in pledges (the picture below should give you an idea).

## WILL YOUR CLASS MAKE THE BEARDS FOR THESE GNOMES?



**SUPPORT THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WALKA THON!**

## PARENT COUNCIL THIS TUESDAY

Our first Parent Council meeting of the year is this Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30 PM. Every Village School parent is a member of the Parent Council, so please come to meetings as often as you can to contribute your ideas for how to make our school even better. See you there!

## REMEMBER TO CHECK YOUR SCHOOL FAMILY MAILBOX!

Every family in the school has a mailbox in the hallway right outside of the school office. Mailboxes are organized by student last names. Check your mailbox often to make sure you don't miss out on important school info!

## SCREEN TIME OR REAL TIME? CHILD DEVELOPMENT IN HYPER-TECH TIMES



On Wednesday, October 8th at 7:00pm, the Parent Council welcomes Penelope Youngfeather to give a special presentation: *Screen Time or Real Time? Child Development in Hyper-Tech Times*.

As stewards of our children's well-being, we must be aware of the impact of exposure to media content and devices on child development. Electronic media, handheld devices and advertising interests flood our lives. Just as we have necessarily become vigilant of our food choices, for example, so we must strategize ways to develop Healthy Media Habits for our children and families.

Penelope Youngfeather has been offering presentations, workshops and classes on child development and media exposure for more than 35 years. No doubt, the times have changed, intensifying an imperative for Healthy Media Habits. Penelope encourages parents and educators to explore alternatives to screen time and to understand the importance of creative living in hyper-tech times.

Penelope Youngfeather has a background in visual and performing arts and education. She has been a puppeteer, storyteller, Waldorf kindergarten teacher, and a performing artist. She is a child development specialist and, most recently, has worked as a developmental optometric vision therapist for 17 years with an emphasis in neuro-development. As a parent, Penelope navigated media choices raising three sons.

## MAKING PAYMENTS FOR VILLAGE KITCHEN MEALS

To pay for meals online, go to:  
<https://www.mymealtime.com/signin.aspx>

If you have not previously done so, please create a profile. Once you have a username and password, you will need a specific student ID number (contact the office if you need this information) to pay for your child's meals. Make sure to choose the Village School, not the 4J School District when asked which school he or she is attending.

On this website you can view which meals your child has eaten, view your balance and make payments, with a small fee. Payments can also be made in the school office by paying with checks or cash.

## WANTED: YOUR COMPLETED FREE/REDUCED LUNCH APPLICATION

If you have not yet done so, please take a moment to complete the *free and reduced lunch application* that came in your back to school packet, and turn it into the office. Part of our school's Title I funding that supports tutoring in math and reading is based on the number of qualified households we have, so we encourage everyone to see if they qualify. Extra copies are available in the office. If you received a *direct certification letter* from the school district that lists your student(s) eligibility, please turn that into the office instead of the *free and reduced lunch application*. Contact Sherri Marineau for details.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL GREEN TEAM MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 9/24

The first Green Team meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, September 24th at 3pm in the courtyard. Please come listen, share, and brainstorm ideas to help green our school this year. Come discuss: Community Service Walk-a-Thon outreach, Earth Week planning, watershed adoption/restoration and other service learning projects, and achieving Premier level status in the Oregon Green Schools program.

All parents and staff are welcome. No childcare provided but if anyone wants to help the effort by offering this, that would be great.

## GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Thursday, February 19, 2015 will be our 2nd Grandparents and Grandfriends' Day at school! The event gives grandparents and special friends an opportunity to experience and enjoy their Village School students' educational world. Our guests will enjoy a continental breakfast, then they will join the children for Main Lesson, and experience student performances and lunch in the cafeteria. The event is two days away from Heart of the Village, giving grandparents and grandfriends an opportunity to sample more of the life of our school.

Please complete the pink Grandparents and Grandfriends Day form which was sent in your back to school packet so that we can send your special guests invitations to this event, information about seasonal events happening at our school, an opportunity to sign up for receiving our Village Voice via email, and more.

## FREE BOOKS FROM DOLLY PARTON'S IMAGINATION LIBRARY

Every child who lives in Eugene can receive a new book each month by mail from ages birth through four for free! The books are a gift to keep. All you have to do is read to your children – which will make a huge difference for their futures and the future of our community! For more information, visit the Eugene Public Library or visit: <http://www.eugene-or.gov/index.aspx?NID=2692>.

## EUGENE ECO SCHOOL NETWORKS

The Center for Earth Leadership is bringing together groups of parents to form successful Eco-School Networks that bring healthy meaningful changes to school environments. Eco School Networks (ESN) are active in Salem, Beaverton, Corvallis and Portland. Now they're looking to make it so here in Eugene.

The Eugene ESN will be fully supported by Partners for Sustainable Schools and the Center for Earth Leadership and will be launched with a no-cost training for interested parents and teachers in late October. For more on ESN, see <http://earthleaders.org/eco-schools/>.

Parents of elementary children are invited to come to one of the two meetings listed below and/or share this with any interested elementary school parents and teachers you know.

Date: September 22nd  
Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm  
Location: LCC Downtown Center, 101 W. 10th Room 416

Dates: October 6th  
Time: 6:00 – 7:15 pm  
Location: LCC Downtown Center, 101 W. 10th Room 415

RSVP to: Joshua Frankel, phone: 541-636-0096  
email: [greenschools@live.com](mailto:greenschools@live.com)

## SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHY COMING SOON!

- Photos take place Weds. Sept. 24, Fri. Sept. 26, and Tues. Sept. 30.
- You'll receive your order forms soon. Additional forms available at the school office.
- Questions about school photography? Contact the photographers:

[info@northwestexposures.com](mailto:info@northwestexposures.com)

541.654.1921

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## INTERNATIONAL PEACE WEEK



*Eugene Peace Week* starts Sunday, September 14th and ends on Sunday, September 21st, the *International Peace Day*.

There are many different events, and most are free. Check out <https://sites.google.com/site/eugene-city-of-peace-public/Home/peace-day/schedule> for the daily schedule.

September 21st is *International Peace Day*. You are invited to a quiet gathering that will be held at the American Nobel Laureate Park in Alton Baker Park. Meet from 3:00-4:00 PM in the Peace Park by the Duck Pond (beyond the restrooms) to celebrate teaching peace throughout our world. This event is the finale to the Eugene City of Peace Week of wonderful events and is on the official designated *International Peace Day* by the United Nations.

### September 21st Goings-On

- Peace education for adults, kids, families, and civic, school and church groups at the American Laureate Peace Park.
- Springfield Teacher JoAnne Allen and an Eleanor Roosevelt enactor (retired Bethel teacher Lura Pierce) will connect the songs and peace presentations in an orchestrated, but informal program. Expect to hear kids' visions of peace and songs from several sources and all three school districts. Anticipate a reading of the kid-friendly International Declaration of Human Rights. Be ready to sing and experience a surprise or two!
- On the actual *International Peace Day*, as designated by the UN, the purpose is to emphasize the human right to peace. Through the support of peace education and hope for the future, our community will celebrate with the world.

### If you want to prepare ahead of time, you can:

- Watch YouTube: "Pray for Peace" by Reba McEntire. Perhaps this song and the peace gestures will surface sometime in the hour of peace. Be prepared!
- Spread the word in print; invite friends to the event. Compose a tweet, use Evite, text the Mayors, call a neighbor, or send this blurb to other church/civic groups.

## THE VILLAGE SCHOOL TEXTS, TWEETS, AND IS ON 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 VillageSchool).

## 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. You can also 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.

## VILLAGE SCHOOL STAR SIGHTINGS

Come see **Nonnie Cwynar** (4th grade) in...

**GIRL CIRCUS**  
PRESENTS  
**WITCHES**

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thrills and chills  
for the whole family  
Featuring  
Female performers  
from Oregon

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Springfield, OR

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info [www.girlcircus.com](http://www.girlcircus.com)

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Please send Village Voice submissions to Maureen at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu) by Thursdays at 12:00 PM. Thank you!

Congratulate **Avery McRae** (4th grade) on winning the 2014 Rachel Carson Award from the Northwest Center for Alternatives to Pesticides!



*Avery McRae, Eugene 4th grader, is this year's recipient of the Rachel Carson Award. This award honors individuals who are making an on the ground difference in their community and inspiring others to do the same.*

*9-year old Avery McRae raised over \$300 to help protect salmon — she did this by having a party. When asked about her inspiration and why she is so passionate about helping to protect wild salmon, she talked about her personal experience walking along Whitaker Creek near Walton, Oregon.*

*She and her parents were hoping to see spawning salmon and when Avery described her discovery of salmon jumping in a waterfall, her eyes lit up. Avery's animated storytelling included how she watched them make their beds and spawn. Her mother, Holly McRae, added that Avery had to be eventually be coaxed out of the water.*

*After her wild salmon encounter, her party planning began. She invited her classmates and close friends. At the party she gave an introduction about salmon and their important role in the ecosystem, designed a game called 'pin the egg in the red' for all the kids to play, had her mother read about the life cycle of salmon while each child strung a bead bracelet to take home.*

*And most important to Avery, she encouraged everyone — kids and adults — to go out into nature and experience the beauty of salmon in the wild.*

*Avery encourages all kids looking to help protect the planet to 'throw a party', educate themselves on the issues that they are interested in, and have fun! She also knows that adults don't always listen to kids and sometimes, kids understand and know more than adults (although she was quick to credit her parents for knowing a lot.)*

*This Eugene, Oregon 4th grader is delighted to receive NCAP's 2014 Rachel Carson Award because "it's a chance to tell a lot of people about how kids can make a difference. Don't depend on grown ups to do it all."*

*The award ceremony will be held at the 2014 Healthy Harvest Celebration on October 4 at the Eugene Vets Ballroom. Tickets are \$25 in advance or \$30 at the door and are on sale now.*

<http://www.pesticide.org/the-buzz/ncap-presents-2014-award-winners>