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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

Wednesday, 9/24	School Pictures (Gr. K, 1, 5, 8) 6th Gr. Leaves for Pine Mtn.
3:00 PM	Green Team Meeting
Thursday, 9/25	5th Gr. Leaves for Opal Creek
8:40-11:40 AM	3rd Grade Field Trip <i>Huerta de la Familia</i>
	6th Gr. Returns from Pine Mtn.
Friday, 9/26	School Pictures (Gr. 3, 4, 6, 7) 5th Gr. Returns from Opal Creek
Tuesday, 9/30	School Pictures (Gr. 2)
Wednesday, 10/1	Library Committee Meeting 3:15 PM
Friday, 10/3	Community Service Walk-a-Thon <i>South Eugene HS Track</i>

WALK A THON - PARENT BETH EIVA'S EXPERIENCE WITH PLEDGESTAR



Just yesterday I used Pledgestar to set-up a walk-a-thon donation page for MiraBess. It only took 10 minutes to enter the information, upload a picture, and enter family and friends' email addresses. The responses were almost immediate! Pledgestar gives donors an option of pledging to pay later by check, or paying immediately with a credit card. People also shared little messages of encouragement for MiraBess. I've all ready shared these messages with her, and they really made her smile. I'm very pleased with how easy and efficient this process was.

Beth Eiva, Parent of MiraBess (2nd gr.) and Cedar (KG)

Try Pledgestar yourself!

<http://pledgestar.com/villageschool>

STUDENT DIRECTORY ADVERTISING

It's that time of the year again! We are busy updating our student directory, and we will be sharing it with all of our families at the end of the month. If you have a business and would like to advertise in the directory, please contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org for more information.

Also, contact the office ASAP if you need to update your contact information! Thank you.

SCHOOL PICTURES BEGIN NEXT WEEK

Northwest Exposures will be at The Village School starting on Wednesday to take school pictures. Please check the schedule below to see which day your child's class will be photographed. Picture orders are due on the morning of your child's picture day. Order forms were placed in family mailboxes last week, and there are more available in the school office. Come see the display outside of the school office to get an idea of Northwest Exposures' style.

Wednesday, September 24th
Kindergarten, Grades 1, 5, & 8



Friday, September 26th
Grades 3, 4, 6, & 7

Tuesday, September 30th
Grade 2

EXCITING LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to everyone who has helped us create our library. Over 1,100 wonderful books have been cataloged and barcoded for our slick new check-out system by our three amazing volunteer librarians: Hope Crandall (Toña's mom/Lydia and Sahara Valentine's grandmother), Jan Hoertkorn (Katie O'Brien's grandmother), and Krista Reynolds (Rick's wife). They have been working with Rick and other great volunteers such as Jessica Higgs, Fiona McAuliffe, Bev Pyle, Cecilia Storey, and Jeff Hogue to add spine labels, Village School stamps, and shelve the books. Please let Sherri or Rick know if you are able to help Hope and team in the library next Wed. and Fri. afternoons for fun work parties from 12:45-3:00pm. You can also join the Library Committee meeting on Oct. 1 at 3:15pm, and the group organizing a Book Fair which will be held on Oct. 30 in conjunction with our official Village Library Launch Celebration.

We are grateful for the book donations that continue to come, and many more books are being cataloged daily. We should be able to start checking out books in a few weeks!

NEWS FROM ROOM 10

Hello, my name is Angela Larsen, and I am the new special education teacher for The Village School. My instructional assistant is Eric Estling, and we are both happy to be here. Feel free to come by room 10 at drop off time in the morning to chat or check out the classroom. There is a classroom wish list posted outside of room 10 for items we need or desire for our students. A big thank you to Abra and Shannon for their kind donations! Once again, we are happy to be here in this vibrant community.

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, hand-held 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

Please 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, 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, greening our courtyard, Earth Week planning, watershed adoption/restoration and other service learning projects.

All Village School community members are welcome, including students. Help us achieve premier level status in the Oregon Green Schools program!

GARDEN NEWS

Greetings Village School Families,

Many heartfelt thanks to Jane Currin who has volunteered many mornings over the past 2 weeks. She has pulled all the weeds in the flower bed and multiple vegetable beds, plus added woodchips to the garden. Also, thank you to Stormy and Nate who have pulled weeds and made two beds look great!

We have about 2-3 more beds to weed in the main garden, plus strawberries to plant. We also need help harvesting, mulching, turning compost. You can sign up for these times when we need help:

Mondays:	1-2pm 5th grade 2-3pm 3rd grade
Tuesdays:	10:30-11:30am 1st grade
Wednesdays:	10:30-11:30 am 1st grade 1- 2pm other grades TBD 2-3pm other grades TBD
Thursdays:	1-2pm other grades TBD 2-3pm 4th grade
Fridays	1-2pm 4th grade 2-3pm 5th grade

Also, if you would like to volunteer doing planting, harvesting, weeding, or mulching outside of these times, you are more than welcome, just check in with me in the garden or leave a note in my box in the office.

Thanks! -Lesley McClintock



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 VillageSchool).

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

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

A NOTE FROM THE KITCHEN



We're back! Doing what we love: creating healthy meals for the sweet children and amazing staff at our beloved school. Here are just a few reasons why we love it so...



KELSEY JULIANA ON BILL MOYERS!

Village School alumna Kelsey Juliana was interviewed by Bill Moyers on his PBS show *Moyers and Co.* to discuss the People's Climate March and global warming. The show will air at 5pm this Sunday 9/28 on OPB. Check it out!

<http://billmoyers.com/segment/climate-change-the-next-generation/>

VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

NEW ELEMENTARY AFTER-SCHOOL CREATIVE WRITING GROUP

The Salmon House Writers Workshop is offering an after-school program that is all about fun and discovery of the wonder of words. Sessions include action packed word-play, oral and written storytelling, exploration of poetry, engaging crafts, and games. Classes are limited to 6-12 participants. Materials and writing supplies, as well as a small snack, will be provided. 8 Week Fall Program. Thursdays, September 25th through November 13th. 4pm to 5:30pm. For more info and registration: <http://salmonhousewriters.com/test/>

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lostvalley.org/earthmedicine















One free admission per Village School family plus free admission for