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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

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| Thurs 9/26-Fri 9/27              | <b>5th Grade Field Trip</b><br><i>Opal Creek</i>                              |
| Thursday 9/26<br>5:30-7:00 PM    | <b>2nd Grade Parent Evening</b>   |
| Friday, 9/27<br>8:30 AM-12:00 PM | <b>4th Grade Field Trip</b><br><i>Spencer's Butte</i>                         |
| Wednesday, 10/2                  | <b>Community Service Walk-a-Thon</b><br><i>South Eugene High School Track</i> |
| Thurs 10/3-Fri 10/4              | <b>6th Grade Field Trip</b><br><i>Pine Mountain</i>                           |

## THE GREAT OREGON SHAKEOUT

Parents will be picking up their children from our emergency student release area on 10/17/13 for this important statewide earthquake drill. Details coming soon...

## THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON IS IN FULL SWING!

We began the week with a skit announcing the beginning of the Walk-a-Thon. Be sure to ask your children about their class's sponsored group as each class received a visit from one of the groups. You may also want to ask them about the prize for the classes that collect the 1st and 2nd most in pledges (the picture below should give you an idea).

The weekend is a good time to network for pledges. Also keep in mind that we have an online pledging system which is really easy and fun to use. Check out: [pledgestar.com/villageschool](http://pledgestar.com/villageschool).

Will your class decide  
what these guys wear!



Support the Community Service Walk a Thon!  
Check out: [pledgestar.com/villageschool](http://pledgestar.com/villageschool)

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,  
The children are fabulous! Did you know the children learn a new Village School Social Skill each week? Next week "Asking Questions" and "Asking for Clarification" are the new social skills. It is heartwarming to see our children properly introduce themselves and greeting others. When I asked students, many said social skills are useful to make and keep friends, to show kindness to others, to help get what you want and to be more successful. As we begin our third week of school, talk to you children about the social skills they are learning (or reinforcing) at school.

Many thanks to the families who successfully adjusted to arriving to school by 8:25 AM. Arriving on time helps not only the children but the teachers and school community to be in tune with the rhythm of the day. Thank you!

## STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM OFF TO A FANTASTIC START!

Our Head, Heart & Hands Staff Wellness Program is off and running! In the first weeks of school, staff have read and discussed materials on emotional health, completed stress surveys, read about the psychological and physiological impact stress can have, and Ms. M has been leading the staff in stretching at staff meetings.

The program's first fitness classes have been put on the calendar as well! Jennifer Jamieson from the YMCA and Eugene Yoga has agreed to give yoga classes to staff once a week through October, and Ms. Romatz will be leading staff on hikes up Spencer's Butte! One of our 8th grade parents, Holly Brooks, is a massage therapist at The Seasons Spa and Salon, and she has offered to complete volunteer hours by giving one massage a month to a lucky staff member! Staff members will get their name put in a jar every time they participate in a wellness program activity, and once a month, a name will be drawn for a massage by Holly! This month's winner is Title I Instructional Assistant Alison Cantril--congratulations, Alison!

This Monday school parents Sarah Macrorie and Lara Brahms are contributing to the program by painting the staff wellness room. Any items or decorations which would contribute to a serene place for staff to stretch and relax, such as small fountains, art work, CDs or stretching equipment will be gratefully accepted. Please contact Maureen in the office if you have donations or would like to volunteer to help the program in other ways.

Support for the Head, Heart & Hands Staff Wellness Program has been provided by the OEA Choice Trust Wellness Grant Program.

## 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 are now announcing two new online fundraising venues: Amazon.com and SchoolMall.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 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.

## MAKING PAYMENTS TO THE VILLAGE SCHOOL IS EASY!

You can authorize our bank to debit your bank account for single or monthly donations and payments. There is no fee for this service. Please download and fill out the ACH Form, (<http://www.happyvillage.org/pg1038.cfm>) and bring it to our office. ACH transfers may be arranged for:

- \*Meal Payments\*
- \*Supply Donations\*
- \*Annual Giving Campaign Donations\*
- \*Kindergarten Aftercare Payments\*
- \*Other Payments which you Designate\*

## A NOTE FROM THE GARDEN

Dear friends,

I wanted to welcome all of you to join our school garden community. We are busily harvesting and planting some greens for the fall/winter! If you would like to drop by, please meet me on Wednesday, September 25th or Wednesday, October 2nd from 8am-9am or 3-4pm in the garden. Feel free to join in seed saving, prepping beds, weeding or just talking about garden ideas if you like. Also, if you have access to free straw, soil, compost, seedlings or wood, please let me know by putting a note in my box in the school office. Any glass jars with lids can be placed on the little table near the breezeway or by the garden shed.

Thank you!

Lesley McClintock  
Garden Coordinator/AmeriCorps Member

## JOIN OUR PARENT SUPPORT GROUP!

The first meeting of the Parent Support Group will be Thursday, September 26th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM in the Counselor's Office. There is free childcare provided by one of our middle school students.

Last year we read several books together and talked about issues and successes that we were having at home with our children. The supportive environment is a great place to reinforce parenting skills and get encouragement from other parents going through similar childhood stages. At the first meeting, we will decide which book to pick for the fall. Please bring any that you are interested in pursuing.

I would love to get an idea of how many parents may attend and what the childcare needs may be, so please e-mail me if you know you will be at the first meeting.

Pat Anderson, Counselor  
[pattyann25@gmail.com](mailto:pattyann25@gmail.com)

## 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> or stop by the school office.

## VILLAGE KITCHEN UPDATE

The success of our incredible kitchen program is dependent upon the help of many volunteers!

We are in need of 5 more volunteers. Here are the spots that still need filling:

Tuesday 10:30-12:30

(help out with lunch service and stay for a free lunch)

Wednesday 10:30-12:30

(help out with lunch service and stay for a free lunch)

Wednesday 12:45-2:45

(come early for a free lunch then stay to help clean up)

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Heartfelt thanks to all the parents who have helped us get the kitchen up and running this school year.

## EMPTY BABY FOOD JARS NEEDED!

Mr. Bigongiari's class badly needs baby food jars and tops for painting projects. If you have any, please bring them to room 12.

Please submit Village Voice entries by Thursdays at 3:00pm to Maureen Caldwell at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu). Thank you!

# VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

## HUMMINGBIRDS



### *girls choir*

*A heart-centered circle*

*for girls 9-15 years*

*old, exploring harmony*

*and empowerment*

*through sharing voices and songs. All songs are taught in the oral tradition of call and response, encouraging deep listening and learning through human interaction.*

**Call Karly at 214-906-5747 for details**

**Dates:** Most Sundays between Sept. 29th and Dec 15th.

**Cost:** \$80 to \$100 for 10 practices & at least 1 sharing.

*No one turned away for lack of funds.*

**Hummingbirds**

**214-906-5747**