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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

Tuesday, 9/30	School Pictures (Gr. 2 & 5)
Wednesday, 10/1 3:15 PM	Library Committee Meeting
Friday, 10/3 12:30-2:30 PM	Community Service Walk-a-Thon <i>South Eugene HS Track</i>
Wednesday, 10/8	Walk/Bike to School Day
6:30-7:00 PM	Parent Council Business Meeting
7:00-8:00 PM	Parent Council Special Program <i>Screen Time or Real Time: Child Development in Hyper-Tech Times</i>
Friday, 10/10	NO SCHOOL: State-Wide Professional Development Day

START YOUR DAY RIGHT WITH A VILLAGE KITCHEN BREAKFAST!



Do you love Village Kitchen lunches? Consider starting your day with a Village Kitchen breakfast! If your child qualifies for free/reduced meals, both lunch and breakfast are included. Even if you don't qualify for free/reduced meals, you should come try the Village Kitchen's breakfast service. Just like lunch, Village Kitchen breakfasts are nutritious and delicious, made from scratch using mostly organic, local ingredients. We offer breakfast service from 8:00-8:20am every school day. **Be sure to arrive early enough that your child has time to eat breakfast before school begins at 8:25am.**

Also, remember that family members and guests are welcome to join us for meals too! If a family member or guest would like to have breakfast or lunch at the Village Kitchen, please purchase a ticket in advance in the school office, and give your ticket to a staff member in the cafeteria. Here are the current rates for Village Kitchen breakfasts and lunches:

Breakfast Prices

Free- \$0.00
Reduced- \$0.30
Paid Student - \$1.50
Non-Student - \$2.50

Lunch Prices

Free- \$0.00
Reduced- \$0.40
Paid Student - \$3.50
Non-Student - \$5.00

THE COMMUNITY SERVICE WALK-A-THON IS THIS FRIDAY!



We're coming into the home stretch for pledging for the Walk-a-Thon. We've encouraged students to talk to people in the neighborhood, on teams and clubs, at churches and synagogues, and to relatives local and far away. Try our online pledging system: pledgestar.com/villageschool.

Start Time at SEHS Track:

12:10 PM: Parents are welcome!

What to bring October 3rd:

A water bottle

Walking shoes

A hat

Sunscreen, if needed

We'll provide water and snacks.

Special Recognition: Special thanks to 5th graders Chela Wetzel, Sahara Valentine, and Trinidad Fabian-Alvizo for their help with Walk-a-Thon phone messages.

Volunteers: We need volunteers to help haul materials to the SEHS track, set up and take down. If you have a truck or van for carrying popup tents, tables, chairs, and supplies, let us know. Also, each teacher could use help with tabulating laps, and giving out food and water. Please sign up for a volunteer job online or in the office.

LICE AWARENESS

Cases of head lice have been reported at our school. It is important to screen your child regularly and notify the school office immediately if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are detected.

Head lice continues to be one of the most prevalent communicable childhood diseases among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather. (We welcome the opportunity to teach those of you who do not know how to check your child for head lice). Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own. A detailed letter is included with this week's Village Voice that gives you information on how to treat head lice and the Village School's policy on students with cases of lice.

If you have any questions, please contact Sherri or Maureen in the office. Thank you for your cooperation!

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.

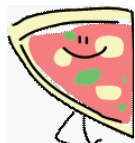
Penelope Youngfeather has been offering presentations, workshops and classes on child development and media exposure for more than 35 years. No doubt, the times have changed, intensifying an imperative for Healthy Media Habits. Penelope encourages parents and educators to explore alternatives to screen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

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.

8TH GRADE PIZZA FUNDRAISER



Every other Wednesday, the 8th grade class will be selling Cosmic pizza after school to raise money for their 8th grade trip! This week was our first sale, so our next sale will be October 8th. Come support the 8th grade and treat yourself to an afternoon pizza snack!

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 a meeting and/or share this with any interested elementary school parents and teachers you know. The first meeting has passed, but there is another scheduled:

Date: 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

THERE'S STILL TIME

TO ORDER

SCHOOL PHOTOS

- Additional order forms in the office.
- Check out a display of our work near the office.
- Questions about school photography? Contact the photographers:

info@northwestexposures.com

541.654.1921

Northwest Exposures Photography

Spontaneous moments....timeless photographs

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).

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.

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!