



2855 Lincoln Street
Tel: 541-345-7285
Fax: 541-242-6874

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.



village@4j.lane.edu
eugenevillageschool.org
@EugeneVillage

September 5, 2014, Volume 14, Issue 2

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday, 9/9 5:30 PM	Site Search Committee Staff Lounge
Wednesday, 9/10 5:30-7:30 PM	All School Meeting with Title I Cafeteria
Tuesday, 9/16 6:30-8:00 PM	Parent Council New School Year Kick-Off
Wednesday, 9/17 5:30-7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Wednesday, 9/24 3:00 PM	School Pictures 6th Gr. Leaves for Pine Mtn. Green Team Meeting
Thursday, 9/25	6th Gr. Returns from Pine Mtn. 5th Gr. Leaves for Opal Creek
Friday, 9/26	School Pictures 5th Gr. Returns from Opal Creek

COME ONE, COME ALL TO THE ALL SCHOOL MEETING WITH TITLE I!



Our annual All School Meeting with Title I is this **Wednesday, September 10th at 5:30 PM** in the school cafeteria. Please come to this important meeting to learn about changes and additions to school programs (like our new library), meet new staff members, and get a copy of the 2014-2015 Village School Family Handbook.

Childcare will be provided for Village School students only. We are unable to supervise siblings who do not attend our school. If you would like childcare for your Village School students, please sign them in at the childcare station in the courtyard and sign them out at the end.

Immediately following the All School Meeting, teachers of Kindergarten and grades 5-8 will have a parent education night from 6:15-7:30 PM. Teachers of grades 1-4 will hold their meetings on the dates listed below. This staggered approach to classroom meetings allows parents with more than one child to attend all class meetings.

1st grade - Monday, September 15th, 5:30-7:00 PM
2nd grade - Wednesday, September 17th, 5:30-7:00 PM
3rd grade - Wednesday, September 17th, 6:00-7:30 PM
4th grade - Thursday, September 18th, 6:00-7:30 PM

PERTUSSIS / WHOOPING COUGH INFO

A child in our school recently contracted pertussis (whooping cough). Please look out for symptoms of pertussis, and if you feel your child may be sick, keep him or her home and notify the school office ASAP. This disease is most contagious before the trademark cough develops. During this most contagious phase, pertussis may seem like a common cold, with symptoms that include: runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, red/watery eyes, mild fever, and dry cough.

Thank you for keeping your child at home if you suspect he or she may have contracted pertussis. This will help to protect those most at risk for complications, including babies, people with compromised immune systems, and the elderly. You can read more about pertussis here:

<http://www.mayoclinic.org/diseases-conditions/whooping-cough/basics/definition/con-20023295>

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 this 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 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 in the office for details.

VOLUNTEER HOURS ONLINE

Our volunteers received emails from the online volunteer system today, asking them to update their volunteer profiles. The link provided in the email gives access to individual online profiles where volunteers can update personal information, view current volunteer hours, see different volunteer opportunities, and sign up for events. If you did not receive an email, please let Sherri in the office know and she will make sure you are set up in the system.

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 planning, 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.

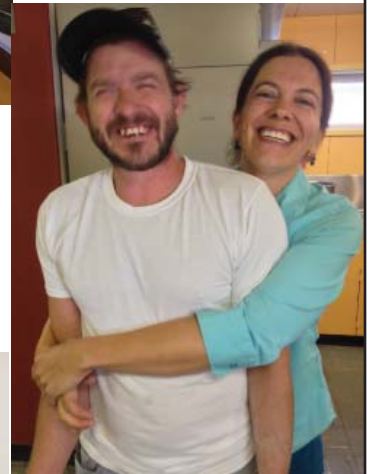
GARDEN NEWS

Welcome back! I've returned from my summer working in the wilderness of Sequoia National Park to a beautiful garden of sunflowers! We have a fair amount of vegetables to harvest such as beans and greens, and of course, lots of weeding. We will be arranging garden times for the classes to come beginning next week. I know many of you are very interested in volunteering. Please sign up outside of the office. We always need people to help facilitate garden groups with each class that comes out. Those times are generally Monday afternoons, Tuesday mornings before 11:45 am, Wednesdays all day, Thursday afternoons, and Friday afternoons. - Lesley McClintock

KITCHEN APPRECIATIONS

Thank you to Horton Road Organics Farm for the donation of greens, radishes, basil and cucumbers. It is so awesome and delicious to serve fresh, local, organic food on our salad bar.

A great big thank you to our returning staff and volunteers! We gratefully welcome our new volunteers. We joyfully welcome our new kitchen staff members, Freedom and Sarah. We are incredibly lucky to have you on our team. We couldn't do it without you all!



VILLAGE KITCHEN NEEDS



We are still looking for a few more fabulous parents to lend a hand in the kitchen. No cooking skills required. The times that we have the greatest need are listed below. These time slots are flexible so just let us know if you would like to change the times to better fit your schedule. Remember, we offer a free lunch to anyone who works a two hour kitchen shift that day.

Monday: 8:30-10:30 - lunch prep
 11:00-1:00 - lunch service
 12:45-2:45 - clean up

Tuesday: 11:00-1:00 - lunch service
 12:45-2:45 - clean up

Wednesday: 11:00-1:00 - lunch service

Thursday: 11:00-1:00 - lunch service
 12:45-2:45 - clean up)

Friday: 8:30-10:30 - food prep
 11:00-1:00 - food service

The next kitchen orientation and training is on Monday, September 15th from 8:30-9:30 AM in the cafeteria. Please join us.

You can also support the Village School meal program from the comfort of your own home. We still need one more laundry volunteer. Pick up on Wednesday after school and return on Thursday morning.

Want to help out on the weekend? Queue the music!

*Tis the season of tomatoes!
 Fall all all all all, all all all all.*

*Kindly help us to preserve them!
 Fall all all all all, all all all all.*

*Then we'll eat them all the winter!
 Fall, all, all... all, all, all... all! all! all!*

*Let us know if you can help us.
 Call! Call! Call! Call! Call! Call, Call, Call, Call!*

Your healthy lunch ladies,

Toña (541-510-8604) & Stacey B (541-913-9424)

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.

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).

SITE SEARCH COMMITTEE MEETS TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH AT 5:30 PM IN STAFF LOUNGE

The Village School has leased the Willard Facility from the Eugene 4J School District on a year-to-year basis for the last 12 years, but has visions of having its own facility. The Site Search Committee and the Board of Directors are dedicated to realizing this vision of having a more permanent site. Join us for the discussion Tuesday September 9th at 5:30pm.

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