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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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SEPTEMBER EVENTS



Monday, 9/9	First Day of School (11:45 release-no Kinder Aftercare)
10:00-11:00 AM Cafeteria	New Parent Orientation
Thursday, 9/12 5:30-7:30 PM	Title I All School Meeting Cafeteria
Tuesday, 9/17	Picture Day
Wednesday, 9/18 5:30-7:00 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday, 9/19 8:30-11:30 AM	4th Grade Field Trip Skinner's Butte
Thurs 9/26-Fri 9/27	5th Grade Field Trip Opal Creek
Friday, 9/26 8:30 AM-12:00 PM	4th Grade Field Trip Spencer's Butte

PLEASE REMEMBER:

* **SCHOOL NOW STARTS AT 8:25 AM FOR ALL GRADES**

* **KINDERGARTEN STILL ENDS AT 11:45 AM WITH AFTER CARE ENDING AT 2:30 PM**

* **GRADES 1 - 4 END AT 2:45 PM**

* **GRADES 5 - 8 END AT 3:00 PM**

ENCORE WIN FOR THE VILLAGE SCHOOL: BEST MIDDLE SCHOOL BAND EUGENE CELEBRATION PARADE!



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The entire staff and I look forward to seeing all the children on the first day of school. The school day now begins at 8:25 AM.

A big thank you goes out to the teachers and staff for their hours of preparation. Additional appreciations go parents that have volunteered to help teachers in the classrooms, cut the grass, open the kitchen, paint beautiful images on the cafeteria wall and much more.

To learn about the changes and additions to school programs and announcements from The Village School Board, plan to attend the All School/Annual Title I Meeting, Thursday, September 12. It begins at 5:30 PM. You will also meet our new staff members.

Immediately following the All School Meeting, teachers of grades 8, 7, 6, 5 and Kindergarten will have a parent education night beginning at 6:15 PM. Teachers of grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will hold their meeting on another evening. This staggered approach to classroom meetings allows parents with more than one child to attend all class meetings. The evening ends at 7:30 PM. *Child care will be provided for Village School students only. We are unable to supervise siblings who do not attend at our school.*

Together our community will create another fine year for each child -- Kindergarten through 8th grade at The Village School.

GRANDPARENTS DAY AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Thursday, February 6, 2014 will be our first Grandparents' Day at school! The event gives grandparents an opportunity to experience and enjoy their grandchild's educational world. Grandparents will begin the day with a continental breakfast. After breakfast, they will join their grandchildren for Main Lesson, followed by student performances and lunch in the cafeteria. The event is two days away from Heart of the Village, thereby giving Grandparents an opportunity to sample more of the life of our school.

Please complete the orange Grandparents Day form which was sent in your back to school packet so that we can send your grandparents an invitation 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.

VILLAGE SCHOOL STAFF AWARDED AN OEA CHOICE TRUST WELLNESS GRANT!



The Village School staff are excited and proud to announce that we have been awarded an OEA Choice Trust wellness grant for the 2013-2014 school year! Our program is called *Head, Heart and Hands--a Staff Wellness Program Focused on Finding and Maintaining Balance across our Lives*. Throughout the year, our Wellness Committee will be putting on a variety of activities for staff members to decrease stress levels, improve emotional health and increase physical activity.

As part of this program, we will be seeking out lots of parent and community support. Please let us know if you are a fitness instructor, therapist or wellness professional and are willing to teach staff fitness classes or give a presentation/workshop. Are you or someone you know looking to donate fitness equipment or do you have connections to getting equipment (like yoga mats or fitness DVDs) at a discount? Please let us know! We will also need help this month with putting together a wellness room, so let us know if you are interested in helping. Contributing your time to our staff wellness program is a great way to earn volunteer hours! Please contact Maureen in the office or email her at village@4j.lane.edu to help with our staff wellness program.

PICTURE DAY IS COMING!



Mark your calendar! Picture Day is coming Tuesday, September 10th. Look for more information on your child's Picture Day flyer and order form. Visit Lifetouch.com online payment details and more.

We are using Lifetouch this year, and their process is different from what we did with Interstate Photos. Please note: *for the best prices, you should pre-order a picture package*. You can do this online at lifetouch.com or you can complete the order form which will be in family mailboxes next week. **IMPORTANT:** if you plan to order a photo package, your student needs to either bring an order form or a print out from online ordering to hand to the photographer when they get their pictures taken. Students who go to pictures empty-handed will still get their pictures taken and will get a photo proof, but ordering a photo package will be more expensive.

We will also need one parent volunteer to help the photographer. The lucky volunteer will get a free photo package (up to \$50 value)! Please contact the office if you would like to volunteer or if you have questions about picture day.



VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN - YEAR THREE!

Volunteer Orientation and Training

Monday morning 8:45 - 9:45am in the cafeteria. If you are interested in helping in the Village Kitchen please join us!

Kitchen Awakening Gathering

We need a lot of help on Monday morning to get the kitchen ready. Please consider coming down to the kitchen after you take your child to their classroom at 8:25. We will be working all day until it is ready! Any and all help will be greatly appreciated.

We still have volunteer shift openings!

Please take a moment to look at the openings and consider signing up for a weekly shift:

- 8:30 - 10:30 - breakfast clean up and food prep
- 10:30 - 12:30 - food prep and lunch service
- 12:30 - 2:45 - lunch service and clean up

Every individual who volunteers two hours in the kitchen gets a free lunch on their day of service!

Our amazing program depends upon the dedication of many supporters who donate time and energy. We could not do it without you. Let's make our third year the best yet! We look forward to preparing delicious and nutritious meals for our beloved school children and their teachers.

In joyful anticipation, Toña and Stacey B

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 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.

THANK YOU, EUGENE CELEBRATION PARADE VOLUNTEERS!!!

A heart-felt thank you to all who came to represent the Village School at the Eugene Celebration Parade on August 24th. Our kitchen and garden theme was a gigantic success, and of course our marimba band was fabulous, as ever. Muchas gracias to Holly and Jordan Graham for offering the use of their truck again to pull the marimba trailer! Danke shoen to Board member Mike Ware, teachers Justin Lader, Jon Bilenki, all of the staff members who helped organize the event--Tona Aguilar and Sherri Marineau especially! Merci to all of the wonderful parents, students, alumni and community members who participated; we could not have done it without you.



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