

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sunday, 2/7 Work Party at new school 9am-12:00pm
- Monday, 2/8 Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm
- Wednesday, 2/10 Parent Council, 6:30-7:30pm
- Monday, 2/15 NO SCHOOL - President's Day
- Tuesday, 2/16 5th Grade Parent Meeting, 6:00-7:15pm
- Wednesday, 2/17 Board Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm
- Thursday, 2/18 Grandparents Day
Fundraising Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm
- Saturday, 2/20 Heart of the Village, 11am-2pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK FEBRUARY 5TH, 2016

Greetings! We're into the beginning of second term here and getting all kinds of business done. Your K-6 students' report cards will be arriving the week of the 16th-20th. The 4th grade play was fabulous and funny yesterday, Mr. Matthew wrote it himself and the students added great songs, sound effects, and humorous twists and turns to bring it alive.

Sunday, we are having an outdoor clean up and spruce up party early in the day which is our first official Village School work party at the new site. Come and burn some calories before pig-skinning out watching the Super bowl later. It should be a lot of fun to actually get going on some hands-on work. There is the usual bi-weekly Building Development Committee meeting Monday night at 5:30. All are welcome as we plan out on our moving and remodeling projects.

The Lottery New Parent Info Meetings are this week, one last Wednesday and the other tomorrow, Saturday at 10:00AM.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT)

We're also really getting in to our preparations for "Heart of the Village" on the 20th. Let Holly know if you want to help and aren't quite sure how to get plugged in.

We are still looking for help with the crosswalk in both the morning and afternoons. Any shifts that can be done are greatly appreciated. Have a great weekend and thanks for all you do for Village School!
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We are busy preparing for our annual, Heart of the Village Celebration, and can use your help. Your child's classroom coordinator will have information about your grade's specific volunteer needs and how to sign up. Signup sheets will be hung outside of classrooms and available online.
<https://www.helpcounterweb.com/ci/volunteer>

Raffle Basket donations are needed for each grade. Please see your classroom coordinators for your grade's basket theme. Donations are due by Friday, February 12th at the end of the school day.

In addition to the popular raffle for fantastic baskets, we will be holding a silent auction for "experiences." We are looking for donations of cabins, raft trips, spa services, etc. If you have something you would like to donate, contact Heather Brey at heatherbrey@mac.com

Interested in volunteering your time to be a videographer at the Heart of the Village celebration? Contact Holly if you are interested.

GRANDPARENTS & GRANDFRIENDS DAY THURSDAY FEBRUARY 18TH

On Thursday February 18th, two days before Heart of the Village, "grand" family and friends will visit your children's classrooms, sample some of our music and eat lunch with your child and their class while they get to know our school a little better. Last year's event was a great time, and we highly recommend it!

If you have grandparents or grandfreinds that would like to attend, email holly@eugenevillageschool.org no later than 2/10/05 with their names, and if they will be staying for lunch.



Get some exercise and have some community fun before pigskinning out at your Super Bowl Party. We are cleaning and sprucing up our new site. Below is a description of our projects and what we will be doing. Come one and all!

Debris – There is still quite a bit of trash around the site, wooden boards, an old couch, lots of weeds and overgrown beds. **Please bring: trucks/trailers, wheelbarrows, weed-whackers, and yard tools, and dollies.**

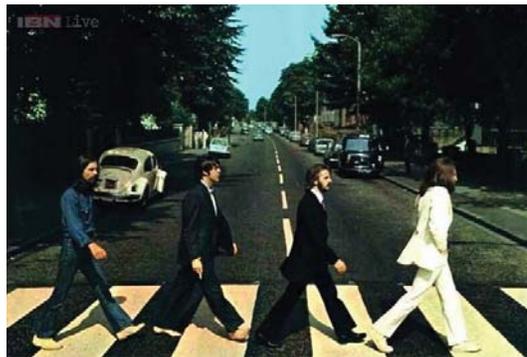
Signmaking – To give our kids something fun and meaningful to do we will have a room where signmaking is happening. The signs will be placed in appropriate and visible windows around the school. We are looking for someone to take the lead on this activity.

Moving Furniture – There is a tremendous amount of furniture that needs to be moved either for donation or for consolidation prior to remodeling.

Wear old clothes and bring gloves and any tools you think may help with the above projects. Most of all bring a good sense of warmth and humor as we dig in to our first collective work party. Hope to see you there!

We are looking for two specific volunteer tasks - please let Holly in the office know if you would like to take one of these roles!

Sign-making coordinator – pull together supplies, and work with the kids on making signs.



HELP! CROSSGUARD VOLUNTEERS ARE STILL NEEDED!

Here comes the sun, and with it more students are walking and biking. Imagine how great it would feel to help them cross the long and winding road. We can come together to meet this important Village School need! We currently need volunteers for all days, before and after school. If you can take a shift, contact Holly in the office and let her know. holly@eugenevillageschool.org



The Village School needs a coordinator to oversee production of the 2015-16 Yearbook. Experienced former yearbook coordinators will help guide you through the process. Check in the office if you'd like to count yourself among the few, the proud, and the awesome yearbook people.

CAUGHT DOING GOOD!



Avery, 5th Grade

Elijah Rubino for cleaning up the hallway without being asked
Kona Makai for “speaking truth to power” and calling out disrespectful behavior
Kiarha Scott-Gallo for helping out in the library and first grade
Water Deer for pervasive and habitual kindness!

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

Tuesday, February 16th
6:00-7:15pm

Internet and Social Media Safety for Children with special presenter/facilitator Jennie Sherlock



Amaia, 4th Grade

FOR CHILDHOOD'S SAKE: A FORUM FOR EXPLORING THE IMPACTS OF TECHNOLOGY ON CHILDHOOD

Unplug your kids: Get them off the electronics and playing outdoors (Part 5)

Do not nag or criticize

We love our children and want the best for them, and when they don't make healthy choices in life it can be very frustrating. Often parents get into a cycle of repeating advice “Sitting all day at a computer isn't good for your health, you really need to get outside more.” If you have nagged them in the past, your kids are very aware of your feelings on the subject. Continued advice, nagging or criticism will only increase the conflict between you which is stressful for everyone. Instead, express empathy and focus on what they are doing that is positive. “I know how difficult it is to spend less time with the video game you love. I am so proud of you for walking the dog this week.” Changing the pattern of your interactions can be difficult, but over time this empathetic, positive approach will help your child trust you and ultimately lead to a happier, more collaborative family life.

Do not underestimate the risks of excessive technology use

In order to motivate children to get outside or exercise it is helpful to fully understand the risks of not making these changes. Most technology use is sedentary and this lifestyle is linked to obesity and cardiovascular problems. In addition, over three hours per day of entertainment screen time is considered excessive, and is associated with depression, anxiety, social phobias, poor school performance, and sleep changes. Unfortunately, at least eight percent of American children may truly be addicted to their online activities.

This is excerpt #5 (in a series of 6) from an article written by Ann H. Steel, MD, MA, LMHC. She is a video game and internet addiction specialist in private practice in Bellingham, Washington. You can read it online at: http://expertbeacon.com/unplug-your-kids-get-them-electronics-and-playing-outdoors/#.Vmj0-RorIT_

We invite you to share your musings/ideas/practices on the topic of childhood, family, and media. E-mail JaneHappy@aol.com or drop it in the Happy family box, and let us know whether or not you want your thoughts to be included in future VV issues.

Please send Village Voice submissions to Holly at village@4j.lane.edu by Wednesdays at 12:00 PM.

New School News! 2/5/16

Join us this Sunday (2/7) to clean-up the exterior of the building. We will be working from 9am-noon (or when we finish). At 11am, Mike Magee will be leading a short walk-through for those that have not yet had a chance to tour the building.

Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:

All of the rooms have been allocated. Our renters who had been using the spaces that will be the library and the offices have vacated, allowing us to make assessments of the needs for those spaces, in addition to the classrooms. The Staff Wellness Committee has cleaned and painted the staff wellness rooms. They will be setting up the equipment over the next two weeks.

Fundraising Sub-committee:

The Annual Giving Campaign raised almost \$11,000! The funds will be used to improve the specialty classes, including risers for the choir room! Thank-you to all who donated!

Kitchen Sub-committee:

The next step for the kitchen is to get quotes for the necessary upgrades. Those will begin next week.

Transportation Sub-committee:

The transportation sub-committee is working on a trial drop-off day scheduled for March 3rd to evaluate what infrastructure improvements are necessary for safety and traffic flow. Stay tuned for more details!

Moving Sub-committee:

Long before we move the school, we need to sort through all the things we've collected over the years. If anyone is interested in helping with small organizing projects at the current site, please contact the office.

Grounds Planning Sub-committee:

After working with the teachers, the sub-committee has concluded that it would be valuable to take some of the play structures from Howard Elementary, but there is interest to have more of a natural playscape. They are currently working on a couple versions of the site layout for input.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

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