



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

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 Exclusion Day (see pg. 2)
Thursday, 2/18	Grandparents Day Fundraising Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm
Saturday, 2/20	Heart of the Village, 11am-2pm
Monday, 2/22	Building Development Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK FEBRUARY 12TH, 2016

Greetings! We're starting to get a few sun breaks which we appreciate and the students really love at their recess play. Last Sunday's work party at the new site was fun and productive, with two truckloads of garbage and recycling exiting the grounds. The Wellness rooms are finished with new paint and shampooed floors. Our Village School banner was put up and the whole work party finished with a tour through all the rooms of the new site. Remember that the site meetings are every two weeks on Monday nights at 5:30, open to all. The next meeting is the 22nd. The Library Committee had a fun meeting Wednesday afternoon in the actual room at the new site that will become our beautiful new library. It is one of the nicest rooms in the school and is usable for many purposes. If you would like to help this room get fixed up and prepared for next year please let Holly know in the office.

Next week is a big week with Grandparent's/Grandfriend's Day on Thursday, quickly followed by our biggest event of the year, "Heart of the Village" on Saturday. This year we will be holding a silent auction as part of the event - with some fantastic items, so bring your checkbooks!

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK (CONT)

Grades 3,4,5 and 6 will receive grades next week.

We are still looking for help with the crosswalk in both the mornings and afternoons. Any shifts that can be done are greatly appreciated. Remember, No School on Monday, in observance of President's Day. Have a great three day weekend and thanks for all you do for Village School! Kent



HEART OF THE VILLAGE

The annual Heart of the Village celebration is happening next week on Saturday, February 20, from 11:00am-2:00pm.

We have still need volunteer help for the event:

- *Setup on Friday and Saturday *
- * Cleanup after event*
- *Bring Baked Goods for Bake Sale*
- *Prayer Flag Room helpers*
- *Raffle Ticket Sales*
- *Cakes for cake walks*
- *Prayer Flag Room*
- *Admissions Tables*
- *Raffle Basket Ticket Sales*
- *Event Videographer*

Videographer needs his/her own video camera

Signup sheets are outside of classrooms (lower grades) and available online. An email was sent out this week with instructions on how to sign up online for volunteer shifts for the event. Our Volunteer Coordinator, Holly McRae also can be reached regarding volunteer needs for the event.

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2016

Thank-you to each of you who donated to the Annual Giving Campaign. Your donations will be used to make the necessary improvements to our specialty classrooms at the new school! We raised a total of \$11,185.00

Pablo Valentine & Toña Aguilar	Danielle Kimball-Smith
Anna & Will Alkin	Mark Leahey
Tawnia Anderson	Kerstin Lind
David Astle	Tracy & Stephen Lomax
Rebecca Bailey	David Lord
Harry Bousquet & Deirdre Baker	Angela & Justin Lower
Sarah & Chad Beamish	Jeremy Ludwig
Rebecca & Ken Beauchamp	Stephanie Magee
Matthew Bigongiari	Sherri Marineau
Stacey Black	Laurlyn Martin
Daniel Bousquet	Holly & Matt McRae
Luke Bousquet	Paul Khoury & Katria Mertz
Jonathan Bilenki & Shannon Boyd	Amy Moore
Heather & Ryan Brey	Emily Swenson & Austin Munsell
Lola Broomberg	John & Patricia Nance
Erik Burke	Daniel Galpern & Debra Nash-Galpern
Jessyca Burke	Colleen Forbes & Mike Neubeck
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Geral Patterson & Marion Forgatch	Chanin Santiago
Nathaniel France	Heather Scott
Christine Gatlin	Lydia Scott
Lianne Gaunt	Honore Scribner
Holly & Jordan Graham	Tesha Shriro
Laura Greene	Rountree & Liza Starr Lilly
Jim Greenwood	Edmund Sutton
Heidi & JC Guzek	Krista Swanson
Chris Halaska	Erik Swinney
Tom & Jane Happy	Shanna Tippin
Mark Heitchu	Andy Traisman
Jessica Higgs	Melanie Turnbull
Jeffrey Hogg	Kimberlea VanCleave
Simone & David Hunter	Sallie Vandagriff
Greg Ingold	Michael Waldorf
Stephen Isaac	Joan Warren
Carrie & Mike Janes	Micheal Warren
Tara & Andrew Jecklin	Jeremy Wilkie
Nathan Kelly	John Young
David & Teresa Kennedy	Ryan Young
	Susan Young



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.

EXCLUSION DAY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17TH

Exclusion letters were mailed out last week to parents of children who have missing vaccinations or have not updated their non-medical or medical exemption requirements. If you received one of these letters, please bring in the requested information to the office next week before Exclusion Day happening on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. If the office does not receive your information by this date, the student must be excluded from school until either immunizations are up to date or paperwork for non-medical or medical exemptions are received. If you have any questions, please contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org.

5TH GRADE PARENT MEETING

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

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

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

FROM THE KITCHEN

Volunteer Highlight:

Meet Cecilia, mama of Rennick a student in 2nd grade. She has volunteered in the Village Kitchen for 2 years. This year she comes in every Tuesday afternoon, an hour before pick up, to make a salad dressing that we use the rest of the week. Cecilia volunteers in the kitchen because she believes that "A healthy brain starts with a healthy belly."

We want to thank "CC" for being an awesome, dependable, volunteer. CC is one of our regular 27 volunteers. We appreciate all of our volunteers so much. You enrich our lives and our children's lives. Thank you!



**DON'T FORGET GRANDPARENT'S/
GRANDFRIEND'S DAY ON THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 18TH!**

CAUGHT DOING GOOD!



Merris in 3rd grade made Miss Pat's lunch for her!

Briana in 2nd grade came in to school early to help serve breakfast!

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 6)

Do not expect a quick fix

Change takes time. If your family has not had rules about screen media, or has not made an effort to get the kids involved outside in nature or other healthy activities, try to remember that this is a long-term project. Behavior experts know that it can take two months or more for new habits to become automatic. For kids who have spent most of their day with technology or who have lost interest in other hobbies, many families find it takes four or more months for the child to become engaged in the new lifestyle. But healthy kids are worth the effort.

Summary

Children today are increasingly spending time indoors with electronic devices and spending less time in nature or healthy, active pursuits. Parents face a big challenge motivating kids to reduce time with the online world. But if you start with adding in fun, then follow the expert recommendations on technology use, enlist help and reward accomplishments, the whole family can rediscover excitement in the outside world.

This is the final excerpt (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.



New School News! 2/12/16

We had an awesome work party on Sunday. Volunteers picked up trash, pulled out unwanted vegetation, cleared the cobwebs, and hung our sign. It felt great to infuse the building with Village School energy and the laughter of children!

Buildings (interior & exterior) Sub-committee:

Mike Magee started meeting with teachers, and we will be ready soon to start fixing up the rooms! Ideally we would have a scope of work for upgrades for every room by the end of February. That would allow us to get three quotes on each of the general tasks by the end of March. We will be looking for volunteers who want to help with cleaning, cabinetry repair, blind removal, and toilet cleaning!

We are looking for a volunteer to spearhead a “cafeteria table removal party!” We need some strong people with tools to remove the old fold-out cafeteria tables - they are heavy, fussy, and need to go! If you are willing to help out with this project, let us know.



Fundraising Sub-committee:

The committee is gearing up to fundraise for the kitchen. We are in the process of developing fundraising materials and identifying potential business donors. There’s a desire to develop a facilities naming policy so we can be consistent if donors want to name a room. We are also researching potential grant opportunities. If you have experience grantwriting, and are looking to get in some volunteer hours - we would love your help!

Kitchen Sub-committee:

Mike Magee met with a contractor this week to look at the scope of work for the kitchen remodel. The V.S. Foundation Board, which owns the site, has set the expectation that we will get at least two, but ideally three quotes for any project at the school. There’s also an expectation that the scope will be completed and provided to contractors to inform their bid. The lowest cost is not necessarily the primary criteria – reputation and quality are also important. The quotes allows us to be sure we’re not paying a price that is dramatically higher than an alternative contractor.

Transportation Sub-committee:

The transportation sub-committee is working on a trial drop-off day scheduled for after Spring Break to evaluate what infrastructure improvements are necessary for safety and traffic flow. Andy P. has been in touch with Matt Rodriguez, the City’s new Traffic Engineer. Matt said that the VS is in the queue but there are some other projects that need to be tended to first. They should have more ability to focus on the VS in a few weeks.

Library Sub-committee:

We have created a new committee for people interested in helping to build-out our library in the new school. If you are interested in helping, we will be meeting on Monday the 22nd, at 3:30pm at the new school.

Grounds Planning Sub-committee:

The grounds committee is developing a couple of alternative plan options for teachers and families to respond to in the next few weeks.

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Thursday, 2/18

Monday, 2/22

Monday, 3/7

Fundraising Committee 5:30-7:00pm

Library Committee 3:30-5:00pm - new school

Building Development Committee 5:30-7:00pm

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