



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

- Friday, 2/26 6th Grade Class Dance
- Wednesday, 3/2 Author's Night, 5:15-7:00pm
- Friday, 3/4 Parent-Teacher Conferences
NO SCHOOL for KG-6th grades,
REGULAR SCHEDULE for 7th-8th
Grades

Village School Lottery
- Monday, 3/7 Building Development
Committee Meeting, 5:30-7pm
- Tuesday, 3/8 4th Grade Field Trip
- Wednesday, 3/9 7th Grade Play (AM)

Parent Council Meeting
6:00-7:00pm

Technology Talk, 7-8pm
(see page 2 for more info)
- Thursday, 3/10 7th Grade Play 6:30-7:30pm

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK FEBRUARY 25TH, 2016

Greetings! We're starting to see more sun and that's great. "Heart of the Village" was very successful, bringing in twice the funds of any prior year and providing entertainment and fun activities for all who came. Thanks Holly, you did a great first year coordinating job, and thanks to all our volunteers who helped set up, manage and clean up this big event in our school's festival life.

On a more somber note I'm sure you are aware of our "Lock-out" Tuesday. Though the interaction that drove the decision to establish the Lock-out occurred off-campus, and was brought to a certain resolution by the Eugene Police, the effects of the incident remain to powerfully affect the school community and start many conversations around school security and procedure. I was off campus Tuesday, hosting our fellow Waldorf Principals at the new site, and was unaware for a time of the serious nature of the morning's incident.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK CONTINUED

Andy and the entire staff did an excellent job handling the safety of our students, dealing with officials and press and communicating to parents about the occurrence. There are still many questions living in staff and parent members and a meeting has been set for this afternoon with our staff, a 4J Staff Member and the Eugene Police Department to address further considerations. Classroom and recess activities will continue as normal next week but we will be keeping the outside doors locked for a while and an increased vigilance on the grounds.

Later in the day is our 6th Grade Dance from 6:00PM – 8:00PM. Good food and tunes should provide a fun time for this annual Grade Six event, supervised by Ms. Romatz and Evelyn Larson. Have Fun Grade Six!

Young Author's Night is next Wednesday from 5:15 – 7:00PM, we hope to see all of you there.

Remember, no school next Friday for K-6 students as that day is scheduled for parent-teacher conferences.

The next BDC meeting to discuss all of our new site projects is March 7 at the site. All are invited and welcome.

Have a great last weekend of February and thanks for all you do for our school, Kent

TITLE I AUTHOR'S NIGHT

Wednesday, March 2nd at 5:15pm

Our annual Author's Night is this coming Wednesday, March 2nd. Come hear our budding writers in grades 1-6 read their work; what a special treat! Before the fun starts, join the Village School community for a complimentary burrito dinner and door prizes.



- 5:15-6:00 PM Complimentary burrito dinner
- 5:45 PM Announcements and door prizes
- 6:00 PM Author's read aloud in upper wing
(Grades 5 & 6 together in room 6)
- 7:00 PM Event ends

**THANK YOU FOR
ANOTHER OUTSTANDING
HEART OF THE VILLAGE!
(SEE PHOTOS ON PG 4)**

This year's Heart of the Village celebration couldn't have been more fantastic. The sunny weather, great performances, yummy food, and fun activities made it a delightful event. The Silent Auction was a fun addition to the event, and one we plan on repeating next year! The event raised \$6600.00 that will be applied to the Parent Council funds.

A very special thank you goes out to our Class Coordinators who worked so tirelessly to coordinate the event. They include **Evelynn Constance, Donica Beath, Beth Eiva, Jessica Higgs, Ann Magee, Kathryn Riordan, Shannon Boyd, Jennie Sherlock, Heather Brey, Jane Rittenhouse, Deb Chorney** and **Carrie Janes**. We couldn't have done it without your help. You are all amazing!

We would also like to give a huge thank you to our stage manager **Anthony March** for helping the main stage entertainment sound great and to **Eric Estling** for being a great MC! Special thanks to **Kent Ratekin, Lucy Neubeck, Carmin Sherlock, Backyard Belladonnas** ukulele group, **Downing Street Singers**, and **The Heart Tones** for performing. Thank you to **Jennifer Sellers** for leading our student choir, and to **Jon Bilenki** for providing the live music for the cake walk. Thank-you to **Andy von Engel** for designing our poster!

We are especially grateful to the **1st grade** and **Ms. Emily** for sharing their special puppet plays. Thank you, **Kimberlae Van Cleave-Tippin** for organizing the prayer flag room! Thanks to **Ron Constable** and the **Parent Council** for helping with organizing donations. Thank you, **Stacey Black**, for working so hard to prepare such a yummy lunch with our 5th/6th grade parents.

And, to all the parent volunteers not mentioned above, who baked goodies, moved tables, donated raffle basket and silent auction items, sorted through recyclables, prepared food, and a multitude of other tasks that helped make this incredible event happen, we thank you!



**NO SCHOOL KG-6TH:
FRIDAY, MARCH 4TH
CONFERENCES/WORK DAY
REGULAR SCHEDULE FOR
7TH-8TH GRADES**


TALK ABOUT TECHNOLOGY

The Parent Council at the Village School invites you to attend a talk about wireless technologies and children's health on Wednesday, March 9th, in the Village School Cafeteria from 7:00 to 8:00 pm. Dr. Paul Dart, MD FCA, will review the current research and talk about what actions are being taken around the world by governments and medical communities to address growing concerns about safety. Questions are welcome and encouraged during the discussion which will follow.

The Parent Council at the Village School presents

UNPLUGGED:
How Safe are Wireless Technologies?

While the scientific community continues to debate the health risks of electromagnetic radiation (EMR), governments and medical communities around the world are taking action



Join us for a discussion at the Village School
with Dr. Paul Dart, MD FCA

Wednesday, March 9, 7:00-8:00 pm
The Village School Cafeteria
2855 Lincoln St., Eugene

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

NEW SCHOOL NEWS!

2/26/16

We had an opportunity to share information about our new school with families at the Heart of the Village. Parents and children got to look at maps of the buildings, maps of how to access the site by car/bike/foot, and learned about opportunities to get involved in the near future. Thank-you to Rex Redmond and Mike Magee for staffing this booth during the event and answering everyone's questions!

We now have site hosts at our new school! Former Village School parents, Chelise & Scott Mrdalj. They will be temporarily living on-site to provide extra sets of eyes on the place, until we move in next Fall. If you see them at the school, introduce yourself and say hello!

Upcoming Meetings & Events

Monday, 3/7	Building Development Committee 5:30-7:00pm
Monday, 3/12	Building Development Committee 5:30-7:00pm

TWO VILLAGE SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE!



WHO: Twenty-one youth plaintiffs (including two Village School students), Dr. James Hansen, and fellow climate actionists from around the U.S.

WHAT: Hearing in federal constitutional climate recovery lawsuit brought by 21 youth from across the U.S. against the federal government, the President and multiple federal agencies. The youths' lawyers will argue against the government and fossil fuel industry claims that the youth do not have a legal right to a healthy future, that the government does not have an obligation to protect the atmosphere for future generations, and that the industry has the right to pollute the youth's futures!

WHEN: Wednesday, March 9, 2016 at 10:00 a.m. sharp (arrive early)

WHERE: U.S. District Court, 405 E. 8th Ave., Eugene, OR

WHY: The youth are taking the position that judicial action is necessary to elevate government and industry response to climate change.

To learn more, go to www.ourchildrenstrust.org or contact us at info@ourchildrenstrust.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.

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

"Closeness counts. There is no substitute for genuine felt connection. We cannot control the culture outside our homes, but as parents we can create the culture we choose inside our families and communities. Our children need us to step into that role, reclaim our parental authority to 'know what's best,' dig deep for resolve, and tap the resources available to help us do it. Especially in today's tech-oriented environment, it is in the humanizing qualities of family and empathy, of a protected childhood rich in play, with sheltered time for reflection and conversation that closeness grows."

-- Catherine Steiner-Adair, EdD, from *The Big Disconnect: Protecting Childhood and Family Relationships in the Digital Age*

We invite you to share your thoughts, family practices, stories and advice on the topics of the interface between childhood, family, and media with our school community. Drop them in the Happy family box, or send them to JaneHappy@aol.com.

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