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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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UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, 3/8	Daylight Savings
Wednesday, 3/11 9:00-10:30 AM	7th Grade Play AM Performance
5:30-7:30PM	Board Meeting
5:30-7:30 PM	Parent Council
Thursday, 3/12 7:00-8:30 PM	7th Grade Play PM Performance
Friday, 3/13 1:00 PM	Lottery for 2015-16 Enrollment
3/16-3/30	NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
Tuesday, 3/31	School Resumes

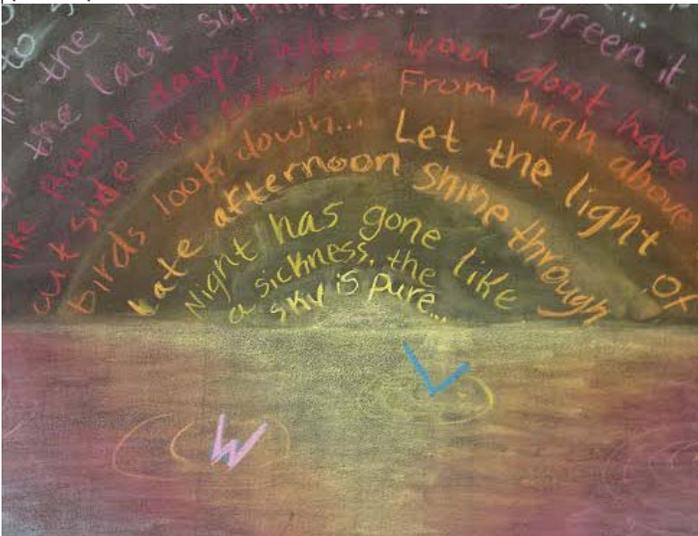
DON'T FORGET TO...



SPRING FORWARD THIS SUNDAY!

ANNUAL GIVING CAMPAIGN 2015

Our specialty programs, Spanish, Music, Handwork and Movement, rely on your support. Thank you to all who have already made contributions; we hope to see 100% participation! We have raised \$3,600 to date.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings! We are enjoying the sunshine this week along with all of our activities. Today is a teacher workday/parent-teacher meeting day.

Author's night was quite poignant, with all of the young authors bravely reading their work to large groups of multi-aged listeners. Thanks to **Tana Bailey, Shannon Powell**, and the **4th grade parents** for organizing the event, and thanks to **Toña Aguilar** and kitchen volunteers for another delicious supper. See pictures on page 4.



Yesterday we had a fabulous assembly from environmental activists **Xiutezcatl** and **Itzcuahtli Martinez**. The cafeteria was filled. Thank you to **Julia Olson** and **Matthew Rutman** for bringing these inspired, young eco-warriors to our school. See page 5 for photos.



Our latest exciting endeavor is the vetting of the Dunn Center as a possible purchase and new home for our school. The Board has moved up its March meeting to specifically discuss this and a Town Hall meeting is being scheduled for the community – see page two for details. Don't miss the Seventh Grade play, "Tapestry", next Wednesday, see page two for more information.

Our school lottery for enrollment is next Friday, March 13, which is always exciting, and then we are off for a two week spring break. The year is moving rapidly along, we still have lots to do but it will be great to have a two week vacation to catch our breath and restore our health!
--Kent

DUNN SITE DISCUSSION ON WEDNESDAY 3/11 AT OVERLAPPING PARENT COUNCIL & BOARD MEETINGS

Due to the excitement and timeline of the Dunn site opportunity, the March VS Board meeting has been moved up one week. The new meeting date coincides with the regular Parent Council meeting. So on **Wednesday 3/11**, the VS Board meeting will begin at **5:30 PM**, and the Dunn site will be at the top of the agenda. The Parent Council is invited to join this portion of the Board meeting before breaking off for the Parent Council business meeting at 6:00 PM.

For frequently asked questions and answers regarding the possibility of buying the Dunn site, please see the second attachment to this week's Village Voice email.

SCHOOL HEALTH UPDATE

Another child in our school tested positive for pertussis (whooping cough). Please watch for pertussis symptoms, and if you believe your child may be sick, keep him or her home, and notify the school office ASAP. This illness is most contagious before the trademark cough develops. During this most contagious phase, pertussis may seem like a common cold, with symptoms including: runny nose, nasal congestion, sneezing, red/watery eyes, mild fever, and dry cough.

Also be aware that there are cases of strep throat going around the school.

Thank you for keeping children at home if they are sick. This will help protect those most at risk for complications, including babies, pregnant women, people with compromised immune systems, and the elderly.

OZ WITH THE EUGENE SYMPHONY

The Eugene Symphony is showing the movie Oz and doing all the live musical score for it- here is the discount information for this Oz with Orchestra concert this Sunday, March 8 at 2:30pm – Use the coupon code WIZARD to get \$10 off tickets in the Rear Orchestra and Mezzanine seating areas.

Buy tickets online or through the Hult Center box office at 541-682-5000. There will be pre-concert activities beginning at 1:30pm, including a costume contest, a photo booth, face painting and our instrument "petting zoo."

DIRECTING DUCKLINGS

Directing Ducklings is a book by Judy Wenger, retired teacher of 37 years in middle school, with 27 of those years at Roosevelt Middle School in Eugene. The book describes the lessons she taught and learned while surviving middle school.

You can buy the book for \$10 in the Village School office, and 100% of the proceeds of your purchase will benefit the 8th Grade Trip fund.

THE 7TH GRADE PRESENTS: *Tapestry*

On Wednesday 3/11 at 9:00AM and Thursday 3/12 at 7:00PM, the Village School 7th grade class will perform *Tapestry* by Craig Sodaro.

Synopsis

A weaver, under the threat of death, must create a tapestry that will provide the King some comfort upon the death of his beloved son.

The woman weaves six tales into her tapestry, the first telling the story of a girl who encounters an old woman stuck to a stump in the forest. When they accidentally exchange places, the girl learns a good deal about herself. The second concerns two farmers who have a change at a tremendous fortune. All it may cost them is everything they have. In the third story, three sisters go searching for a treasure using a map their grandmother had used. The trouble is they don't know what the treasure is. The fourth tale concerns a young man who is a failure at everything, until he falls in love. In the fifth tale, a vegetarian wolf faces the prejudices of the "normal" wolves in his clan until a drought upsets their lives. Finally the woman weaves the story of Tatiana, a mother who loses her daughter and almost, but not quite, succumbs to her own grief.

Upon completion of the tapestry, the King must decide whether he has found consolation and peace.

SHOP LOCALLY OR ONLINE AND RAISE FUNDS FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL



We encourage everyone to use scrip from eScrip, Capella, and Unique Eugene. These programs help local vendors and bring fundraising dollars to our school.

To use eScrip, log onto www.eScrip.com, and click: Sign up! Our Group I.D. is 9130886 (beware: there are several Village Schools). Register your Safeway, debit & credit cards (the site is secured), then shop at eScrip merchants, such as Market of Choice & Safeway. You can use your eScrip registered cards for all your purchases.



To shop for Village School on Amazon.com, go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and click "Shop for Village School" on the left. Click the Amazon.com link, and shop. The Village School earns as much as 15% of your sales.



When you shop at MightyNest.com, a website that sells eco-friendly cookware and some natural toys, 15% of the proceeds of your purchases can be donated to our school when you select us when shopping! To check it out, go to MightyNest.com and click "Support your local school" to register Village as your school of choice before you make any purchases.

THE GREEN SCENE

Free Gardening Workshop with Ted Purdy

(Village School parent & coordinator of the FOOD for Lane County Youth Farm)

Free Seed Starting/Greenhouse Growing Workshop on Saturday March 7, 1-3pm. The workshop will cover the basics of annual plant propagation and greenhouse management as well as seeding schedules, best varieties for our area and more. At the FOOD for Lane County Youth Farm, 705 Flamingo Ave., Springfield.

Earth Guardians Assembly

Thank you to the Roske-Martinez family and to Julia Olson for Thursday's inspiring performance. We are primed and ready for Earth Week next month! Help us move the school towards greener status, with an ultimate goal of being "carbon neutral." There are photos on page 4.

What can YOU do to help? Come to next week's meeting about Earth Week (see below).

If you are a student, how about starting a local chapter of Earth Guardians right here at the school?

Earth Week Planning Meeting

Wednesday, 3/11, 3:15pm in the school courtyard

The Village School's 2nd Annual Earth Week is coming up next month (April 20-24). We will be addressing climate change issues in fun, positive, empowering ways and we could use some help to make this a success! Come if you like to make visual displays, lead activities, brainstorm ideas, +/or being part of something big. Come if you are a student, parent/family member/friend, or staff.

Questions or ideas? Contact Jo at j_rdgrs@yahoo.com or drop a note in the mailbox for "Kora Purdy."

Let's Go Green!

Garden News

We would love to have chicken helpers over the spring break. You will get to have about 3 eggs per day for taking care of the chickens, plus achieve your volunteer hours! A sign-up sheet will be posted online soon.

We planted hundreds of peas throughout the garden. They are about an inch tall at most now, but they should be fine as long as the chickens don't break in! Our newly planted apple trees (6) are already budding and sprouting new leaves. We planted about 12 blueberry bushes all throughout the garden which we bought through the Whole Kids grant! **Brandess Sorrels** cleaned up the outer garden and it looks so beautiful. Thank you Brandess! We have a new mural/ sign for the garden, with unicorns, hedgehogs, griffins, dragons, and vines. It was painted by 6th grade. The bright colors were inspired by the famous murals in San Francisco that I used to study. Thanks again for all your continued support of the garden!

--Lesley

A NIGHT OF LAUGHTER AT THE EUGENE WALDORF SCHOOL

"The Beeswax Conspiracy: A Loving, Irreverent, and Hilarious Look at Waldorf Education and the Culture of Waldorf Schools."

When: April 11 at 7pm
Where: The Great Hall at EWS

The show includes segments on:

- The Steiner Life Style Points Survey
- Know Your Temperament and Change Your Spouse's
- How to Survive the Class Teacher Home Visit
- The Waldorf-speak Phrase Dictionary

All Ronald's performance are rated G. There is no profanity, sexual or bathroom humor, and no picking on members of the audience—unless they seem to deserve it.

Comments from survivors of Ronald's performances:

"Ronald's humor is positive, warm, intelligent, playful, and very, very funny."

—Joan Stockbridge, storyteller

"Ronald was hilarious when he performed 'The Bee's Wax Conspiracy' in our community. Along with broad Waldorf themes—the Parent Total Indenture Tuition Program, the Steiner Points Lifestyle Quiz, How to Survive the Teacher Home Visit, et al.—he brought humor based on personalities and hot issues in our school. In closing, he gave a very moving picture of the larger ideas that stand behind Waldorf education in a way that even new parents could understand. The laughter and sincerity of the evening was a wonderful medicine for our school community. It was great! He was great!"

—Patrice Maynard, AWSNA former class teacher and college chair, Hawthorne Valley School, Harlemville, N.Y.

Ronald Koetzsch is a faculty member and the Dean of Students at Rudolf Steiner College in Fair Oaks, California, and the editor of *Renewal: A Journal for Waldorf Education*. He is also a professional standup comedian and monologist. Ronald holds degrees from Princeton (B.A) and from Harvard (M.A. and Ph.D.), and has taught at Boston University, Dartmouth College, and Hampden-Sydney College of Virginia. He lives in Fair Oaks, California with his wife Anne, his cat Amelia, five bicycles, and eight fountain pens. His three children all attended Waldorf school.

Please submit Village Voice entries to Maureen on Thursdays by noon at village@4j.lane.edu.

AUTHOR'S NIGHT 2015



EARTH GUARDIANS ASSEMBLY



VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS



SUN. APRIL 19TH CONFIDENT CYCLING FOR FAMILIES CLASS 9AM-NOON – VILLAGE SCHOOL

To register:

<http://eugenesrts.org/events/confidentcycling/>



For more information
contact:

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Class attendees will not only learn about basic traffic skills but also learn how to perform a bicycle safety check, how to properly fit a helmet, how to size a bicycle for a child, and how to properly carry things on a bicycle. Information will also be provided about gear and clothing, proper lighting, use of lights, and locking a bike. Half the course will be conducted indoors and the last portion will be held in the parking lot with skills & drills before a final ride on neighborhood streets.

This class is made for parents AND kids so all participants are asked to bring a bicycle and a helmet with them to class. Some reduced cost helmets will be available. Anyone requiring a loaner bicycle for the class is asked to state that in the comments section of the registration form. This class is geared towards children ages 5 - 13 and is free and open to all families but registration is required.



NO ON SB-442
YES ON MEDICAL FREEDOM

FREEDOM RALLY INVITE

WHEN: Monday, March 9 from 1:00 – 2:30PM

WHERE: Capitol Steps | 900 Court St. NE, Salem Oregon 97305

Join hundreds of other Oregonians as we host a public rally at the Oregon State Capitol to proclaim our message that we need to protect parental rights, medical freedom and informed consent.

Our goal is to have an organized, informative and effective event where we can meet others across the state who share our beliefs about the importance of this legislation (SB442-3).

We have several speakers lined up and pre-made signage will be available for participants.

Parking is limited and expensive, so we encourage carpooling or public transportation.

We hope to see you Monday!

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.

Visit: www.NoOnSB442.com | Email: getactive@noonsb442.com

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