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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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## APRIL EVENTS



Tuesday, 4/7 5:00-6:00 PM	<b>5th Grade Parent Meeting</b>
Wednesday, 4/8 6:30-7:30 PM	<b>Parent Council</b>
7:00-8:00 PM	<b>Dunn Site Town Hall Meeting</b>
Friday, 4/10 8:40-10:50 AM	<b>3rd Grade Field Trip</b>
Wednesday, 4/15 5:30-7:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Thursday, 4/16 6:00 PM	<b>1st Grade Play</b>
Friday, 4/17 9:30 AM-2:30 PM	<b>Upper Grades Track Meet</b>
Wednesday, 4/22 6:00-7:00 PM	<b>Earth Day</b> <b>5th Grade Play</b>
Thursday, 4/23 10:15-11:15 AM	<b>5th Grade Play</b>
Friday, 4/24	<b>Professional Development Day: NO SCHOOL</b>
Tuesday, 4/28 5:30-7:30 PM	<b>Mentorship Evening</b>
Wednesday, 4/29 8:40-11:00 AM	<b>3rd Grade Field Trip</b>
Thursday, 4/30 10:15 AM	<b>Spring Guitar Assembly</b>

## DUNN SITE TOWN HALL MEETING FOR VILLAGE SCHOOL FAMILIES WED. 4/8/15 @ 7:00 PM

You are invited to attend a special town hall meeting this Wednesday, April 8th from 7:00-8:00 PM to discuss The Village School's vetting of the Dunn site. Childcare will be provided for those who RSVP by 3:00 PM on Tuesday, April 7th. To reserve childcare, please contact the office.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR THE UPPER GRADES TRACK MEET!!!



We are in need of parent volunteers for our annual track meet on Friday, April 17 from 9:30 AM-2:30 PM.

### We need:

- \*Set-up crew (9-9:30am)\*
- \*7-8 volunteers for the Javelin\*
- \*7-8 volunteers for the Discus\*
- \*2-3 volunteers for the Shot Put\*
- \*2-3 volunteers for the High Jump\*
- \*2-3 volunteers for Girls Long Jump\*
- \*2-3 volunteers for Boys Long Jump\*
- \*2-3 volunteers for snack distribution and First Aid\*
- \*Clean-up crew members\*

Please come and support our students while getting your volunteer hours completed! If you can't help this time; come cheer on our athletes. To sign up for one of these volunteer jobs or to ask questions, please sign up online, contact the school office or talk to Ms. Kimball.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

I had a great break, hope you did too. I was able to see my 1 and 3 year old granddaughters in Honolulu, learn our disc golf courses around Eugene, crab and fish on the coast and end it all with a fun concert at the McDonald Theater featuring the Yonder Mountain String Band. My wife loves Oregon, and I do too.

Returning to school brings all there is to do before summer: Earth Week, continued vetting of the Dunn Center, (town hall next Wednesday to share more about this), 5th grade play and Greek Games, 6th grade play and Medieval Games, Upper grades Track Meet, May Day Festival, Spring Guitar Assembly, Smarter Balanced Testing and several class trips. Whew! Fun but busy times are ahead. Working together I know we will have a successful and fruitful final quarter. --Kent

## PARENT SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

We are conducting our annual survey on your family's experience at the Village School for this year. The survey asks your opinion about school climate, your child's experience, and behavior policies. This is an opportunity to let us know areas where our school is successful and where it needs to improve. Please check your email later today for a link to the survey. Thanks in advance!

## IMPORTANT CHARTER SCHOOL LEGISLATION

The Oregon Senate Education Committee is holding a public hearing for SB 819 on Tuesday April 7th. This bill is revolutionary because it attempts to rectify many funding problems for charter schools:

- increases per student funding from 80% to 95% of what districts receive,
- mandates that charter schools receive state transportation funds,
- requires that charter schools get share of local option levies and facility bonds.

We are fortunate that our district shares local option funds, but if SB 819 passes, we would get about \$220,000 extra per year in per student funds. If we received facilities funds, we might have been granted about \$1 million a few years ago with the district's last bond levy. These numbers illustrate why the Chalkboard Project in conjunction with Eco-Northwest has released a study validating that charter schools get about 55-65% of the resources that regular districts receive.

### What can you do?

As a school we cannot advocate for legislation, but citizens are encouraged to let legislators know where they stand on issues. If you have time, let the following senators know your thoughts on SB 819, the status of charter school funding, and the role charter schools have played for your family:

Senator Herman E. Baertschiger Jr.  
Republican - District 2 - Grants Pass  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1702

Senator Lee Beyer  
Democrat - District 6 - Springfield  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1706

Senator Sara Gelsler  
Democrat - District 8 - Corvallis, Albany, Philomath  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1708

Senator Mark Hass  
Democrat - District 14 - Beaverton  
Capitol & District Phone: 503-986-1714

Senator Tim Knopp  
Republican - District 27 - Bend  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1727

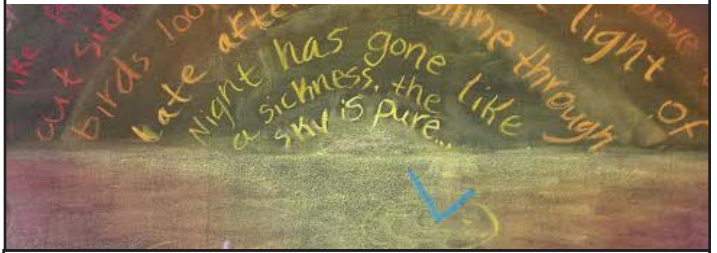
Senator Jeff Kruse - sponsor of SB 819  
Republican - District 1 - Roseburg  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1701

Senator Arnie Roblan sponsor of SB 819  
Democrat - District 5 - Coos Bay  
Capitol Phone: 503-986-1705

Please submit Village Voice entries to Maureen on Thursdays by noon at [village@4j.lane.edu](mailto:village@4j.lane.edu).

## 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.



## FREE KATIE SINGER EVENT 4/10/15

Katie Singer, medical journalist and author of "An Electronic Silent Spring" (Steiner Books, [www.electronicsilentspring.com](http://www.electronicsilentspring.com)) and "Honoring our Cycles" (New Trends), will be offering a free workshop for parents and teachers on how to negotiate between our love of wireless gadgets and devices and the mounting evidence of harm to human health and the environment from electromagnetic radiation. Bring your observations, questions, and ideas. Friday, April 10th, 7-8:30pm at the Eugene Waldorf School (Grade 5 Classroom). She will also be speaking at Lane Community College and Tsunami Books. For more information, contact Karin Almquist at [almquistk@lanec.edu](mailto:almquistk@lanec.edu).

## 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://MightyNest.com) and click "Support your local school" to register Village as your school of choice before you make any purchases.

## THE GREEN SCENE

Do you have a favorite Earth-tending, environmentally educational book, website, and/or film? Please send titles to Jo Rodgers at [j\\_rdgrrs@yahoo.com](mailto:j_rdgrrs@yahoo.com) so we can include them in a resource list for parents during Earth Week (4/20-4/23).

### Kelsey Juliana Climate Change Court Hearing

## Oral Argument, Special Tribunal & Silent Vigil for Youths' Climate Change Case at Lane County Circuit Court

**WHEN:** Tuesday, April 7, 2015

-Children's Tribunal at 2:00 p.m.  
outside the courthouse  
-Hearing begins at 2:30 p.m.\*  
(Silent vigil begins at 2:30 p.m.  
outside courthouse)



**WHERE:** Lane County Circuit Court  
125 East 8th Avenue  
Eugene, Oregon



Come watch Kelsey and Olivia's climate change case, *Chernaik v. Brown*, argued before Judge Karsten Rasmussen and in front of national news media. Last summer, in a nationally significant decision in their case, the Oregon Court of Appeals ruled the circuit court must decide whether the atmosphere is a public trust resource that the State of Oregon has a duty to protect. Come support Kelsey and Olivia in their call for meaningful state climate recovery and emissions reductions.

Courtroom seating is limited. For individuals or groups of students who would like to participate, but are unable to secure seating, come participate in action outside the courthouse! 350 Eugene is organizing the Children's Tribunal, an inspiring silent vigil for climate justice, and photo petition station during the hearing. You won't want to miss it!



For more information and to RSVP contact [meg@ourchildrenstrust.org](mailto:meg@ourchildrenstrust.org)  
To learn more about the hearing and outside activities visit: <https://www.facebook.com/events/463419443805291/>  
\*We advise you to arrive 15 - 30 minutes early to secure seating in the courtroom. Respectful attire in the courthouse is essential.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** to help us transport grade 7 and 8 students from the courthouse back to school after the hearing. The end of the hearing is undetermined, so drivers will need to be flexible with their time.

Please communicate with the office if you are available!

## HELP ENVISION THE NEW "HOME" FOR THE EUGENE WALDORF HIGH SCHOOL!

As part of the next regular board meeting, the high school initiative will have a visioning session in support of our search for a home for the EWHS. Wednesday, April 8 at 6:30, Tom Hahn will lead us in an interactive group exploration to illuminate our goals for the high school setting. We invite everyone who has hopes for the high school to come and help us in emerging the intentions! We will meet in the grade 5 classroom of the Eugene Waldorf School.

# SQUARE DANCE

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**The Barnstormers**

WITH CALLER

**Rosie Sweetman**

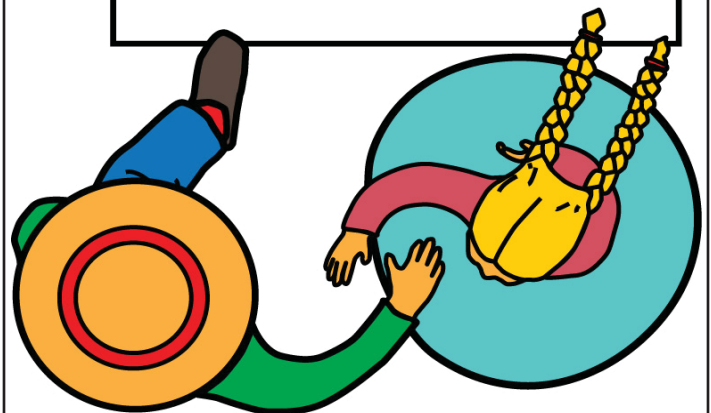
Saturday, April 25th

1- 4pm • Cozmic Pizza

Individual \$5 -10 • Family \$10 - 20



Benefit &  
Silent Auction for  
Hazelwood Outdoor  
Kindergarten



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.

## SUN. APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> CONFIDENT CYCLING FOR FAMILIES CLASS 9AM-NOON - VILLAGE SCHOOL

To register:

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



For more information

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