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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

Wednesday, 4/15 5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Friday, 4/17 9:30 AM-2:30 PM	Upper Grades Track Meet
Tuesday, 4/21 11:00 AM	Environment Awards Assembly
Wednesday, 4/22 6:00-7:00 PM	Earth Day 5th Grade Play
Thursday, 4/23 10:15-11:15 AM	5th Grade Play
Friday, 4/24	Professional Development Day: NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, 4/28 5:30-7:30 PM	Mentorship Evening
Wednesday, 4/29 8:40-11:00 AM	3rd Grade Field Trip
Thursday, 4/30 10:15 AM	Spring Guitar Assembly



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Greetings! We had an exciting week including an alumni court case, (possibly affecting the entire planet) being heard last Tuesday at the Lane County Circuit Courthouse and a presentation on our possible new site on Wednesday evening. If you missed the Dunn site presentation, Andy Peara can catch you up, just give him a call or stop by in the afternoon. We welcome your feedback and questions.

Next week is the upper grades track meet and the week after is Earth Week. We are putting out feelers to see if parents are interested in any Waldorf Education study groups, talk to parent Molly Kenzie if you are interested.

We could also use some good traffic guard subs for the morning. The Happy family and the Davis family are both amazing, and they need some help now and then. Just let Tom Happy or I know if you can help, and we will suit you up for duty!

The year is zipping by now, 5th grade play and Greek Games, 6th grade Medieval Games, May Day Festival, Spring Guitar Assembly, Smarter Balanced Testing and several class trips yet to come. What a great school!

--Kent

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*
- *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.

REVISION TO LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: FRIDAY JUNE 12TH

The last day of school has been changed to Friday June 12th, with dismissal at 11:45am. The calendar for 2015 included two additional days to adjust for possible snow days. Since we did not have any snow days for this school year, we are adjusting the last few days of school. Previously the last day was scheduled for Wednesday June 17th, and Friday June 12th was a no-school day.

This change also affects last week of school activities, moving the rose ceremony and 8th grade farewell up to Wednesday, June 10th, and making field day and 8th grade graduation take place on Thursday, June 11th.

PARENT SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

This is a reminder that we are conducting our annual survey on your family's experience at the Village School 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 for a link to the survey; surveys were emailed last Friday. Thank you for your participation!

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.



THE GREEN SCENE

An Update from Our Children's Trust

Thanks to all of you who came out to support the youth plaintiffs today in Eugene at the Lane County Circuit Court. Kelsey and Olivia's attorney Chris Winter with the Crag Law Center did a great job today in oral argument before Judge Rasmussen. The courtroom and the overflow room (where the hearing was streamed live) were packed with supporters.

During the argument, the youth plaintiffs asked the court to declare that the state of Oregon has an affirmative public trust obligation to protect the atmosphere from substantial impairment caused by greenhouse gas emissions in Oregon and the resulting adverse effects of climate change and ocean acidification. There's a scientific understanding that carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere should be no higher than 350 ppm, and youth argue that 350 ppm is the legal standard for substantial impairment that the court should use and that the state is failing to do its part to meet that standard.

Youth plaintiffs are disappointed that the state's attorneys are fighting them so hard and denying any public trust responsibility to protect Oregon's air, water, coastal areas, and wildlife from carbon dioxide emissions.

We expect Judge Rasmussen to make a decision in the next couple of months.

To learn more about Our Children's Trust visit:

<http://www.ourchildrenstrust.org/>

To learn more about 350.org visit:

<http://world.350.org/eugene/>

The full press release is included as a separate attachment to the emailed edition of this Village Voice.



Village School students at Lane County Circuit Court

Garden News

Thank you to all our wonderful chicken-sitters over the break! **Toña Aguilar, the Happys, Julia Fishwick, and Melissa Hart** all helped feed and care for the chickens. The chickens are happy, roaming free part of the day and looking for bugs and worms.

Our garden is exploding! We are bringing one big bowl of greens to the kitchen a day: kale, spinach, and chard. The apples trees are blooming, and we just planted 15 blueberry bushes, now blooming, from our Whole Kids garden grant. This is all perfect timing for pollinators: the amazing bees that **Jen Hornaday** and **Mr. Matthew's class** are bringing on Friday. We are getting lots of help from parent **Harry Bousquet** who is helping to build the fence around the bees. We would love to have help this Sunday, the 12th, around 11am-2pm in the garden if you are able to stop by to help with the fence, weeding, planting, etc.

If you are able to help with weeding, turning compost, planting, or other jobs of your choice, please stop by the garden or e-mail me at lesleyhawk@yahoo.com. That would be greatly appreciated!

Thanks so much, Lesley McClintock

FREE KATIE SINGER EVENT TONIGHT

Katie Singer, medical journalist and author of "An Electronic Silent Spring" (Steiner Books, www.electronic-silentspring.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.

MAYOR KITTY PIERCY AND SUPT. SHELLEY BERMAN TO RECOGNIZE RECENT VILLAGE SCHOOL'S ENVIRONMENT AWARDS

On Tuesday April 21st, 11am, Mayor Kitty Piercy, 4J Superintendent Shelley Berman, and Carolyn Stein from BRING Recycling will be presenting recent environmental awards to The Village School. The awards include the

- Oregon Green School "Merit" level recognition,
- ReThink Business certification, and
- Sustainable Oregon School's award for Healthy, Safe Students and Staff.

The Village School is proud to be receive so many recognitions. Each of these has required application and verification efforts of parent volunteers and staff. Along with the presentation of awards there will be a brief skit from staff. Parents are encouraged to attend!

GOT AN HOUR TO SPARE BEFORE PICKING UP THE KIDS?



Spring has arrived, and the grass is growing up a storm of glorious green. We have a few areas that need mowing, and would love it if you could spare some time, whether it's an hour or two, whenever the office is open. We've got a nice mower and a very powerful, walk-behind wacker. Let us know if you can lend a hand.

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

SQUARE DANCE

MUSIC BY

The Barnstormers

WITH CALLER

Rosie Sweetman

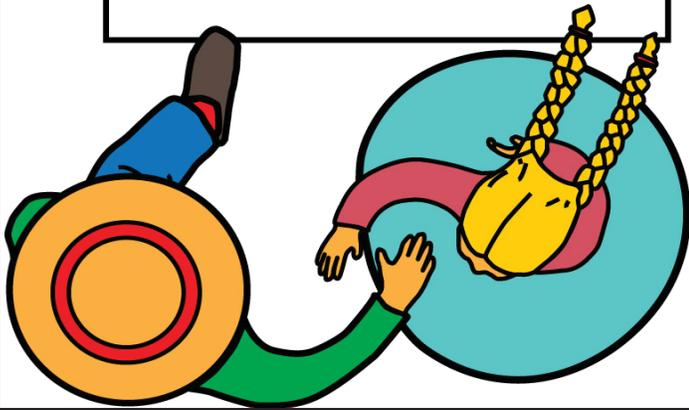
Saturday, April 25th

1- 4pm • Cozmic Pizza

Individual \$5 -10 • Family \$10 - 20



Benefit &
Silent Auction for
Hazelwood Outdoor
Kindergarten



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

To register:

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

SafeRoutes
Eugene-Springfield Safe Routes to School



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.