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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

Monday, 5/11 5:30 PM	<b>Special Board Meeting</b>
Tuesday, 5/12 9:00 AM	<b>All School Photo</b>
5:45-7:00 PM	<b>Grade 2 Parent Evening</b>
Wednesday, 5/13 6:30-7:30 PM	<b>Parent Council</b>
Thursday, 5/14 10:00-11:15 AM 7:00-8:15PM	<b>8th Grade Play</b>
Saturday, 5/16 8:00 AM-3:00 PM	<b>8th Grade Yard Sale</b>
Monday, 5/18 9:15 AM-12:45 PM	<b>1st Grade Field Trip</b>
Tues., 5/19-Wed., 5/20	<b>6th Grade Overnight Field Trip</b>
Wednesday, 5/20 5:30-7:30 PM	<b>Board Meeting</b>
Thurs., 5/21-Fri., 5/22	<b>6th Grade Medieval Games</b>
Monday, 5/25	<b>NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day</b>
Tuesday, 5/26	<b>Volunteer Recognition Party</b>
Thursday, 5/28 6:00 PM	<b>1st Grade Play</b>
Sunday, 5/31	<b>8th Grade Departs for Trip</b>



## DUNN SITE UPDATE

As promised, we have an update on the vetting process for the Dunn site. The site will require improvements (roof, kitchen, transportation/circulation, playground, garden, miscellaneous painting and repairs), but our investigations and inspection reports have revealed no problems that would render the site infeasible for our uses. The vetting team will be presenting its findings to The Village School and Village School Foundation boards on Monday, May 11th at 5:30pm, and presenting a request to negotiate for the purchase of the site. The discussion of findings will be open to the public, and the discussion about negotiation for purchase will be closed to the public.

## 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 \$4,150 to date.



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

What a May whirlwind we are in right now. The fifth grade just got back from the Greek Games in Southern Oregon, which went fabulously (see pictures on page 4). Dance Africa performed for our students this morning, and was also wonderful. Our "Green" challenge has us all walking and biking to school and conserving power wherever possible. Everyone should be looking for their swimsuits because it looks like we may win our Earth Month challenge and go to Amazon Pool on June 11. The all school picture is next week, Tuesday, May 12, at 9AM. Next week is also the Eighth Grade play, *The Wizard of Oz*, on May 14th. The Dunn site committee is done with the major inspections, and we are closing in on actual negotiations for the site with 4J, stay tuned! So much is happening, and so much more is still to come before school is out that we all need to help each other, take a breath here and there, and close the year in harmonious Village fashion. Thanks for all you do to support our Village Community. Don't forget those fabulous Moms this weekend! -Kent

## SB 819: CHARTER SCHOOL FUNDING

The Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education is taking up SB 819. If passed, this bill would significantly equalize funding for charter schools, seeing as students in charter schools get about 55-65% of what other students schools receive. The Village School does not take a position on legislation, but encourages parents to let lawmakers know their thoughts about The Village School, its value to your family, equitable school funding, and the financial conditions for charter schools. Comments can be addressed to the following members of the Joint Committee:

[Rep.JohnHuffman@state.or.us](mailto:Rep.JohnHuffman@state.or.us),  
[Rep.BettyKomp@state.or.us](mailto:Rep.BettyKomp@state.or.us),  
[Rep.barbarasmithwarner@state.or.us](mailto:Rep.barbarasmithwarner@state.or.us),  
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## ALL SCHOOL PHOTO TUESDAY 5/12

The annual All School Photo will be taken this Tuesday, May 12th at 9:00am. Northwest Exposures will take the photograph, and families may pre-order their own copies now. Order forms were placed in family mailboxes early this week, and extras are available in the school office.

## THE GREEN SCENE



Have you noticed the new trees planted on the Village School grounds? There are five in the strip along the steep part of Lincoln and another one planted in the camas field nearby. These are there with thanks to the generous donation and work of Friends of Trees (<http://www.friendsoftrees.org/>). Five volunteers from Pacific Continental Bank came to help plant them on April 29, right after Earth Week.

These trees will grow and provide habitat, shade, and food for pollinators--in fact, all six trees are insect-pollinated. One tree, lowest on the hill (photo above), is called a strawberry tree (*Arbutus unedo*). Yes, the fruits are edible! The next two are Marina Madrones (*Arbutus* 'Marina'), which are cultivars. The one in the camas field is a Pacific Madrone (*Arbutus menziesii*; pronounced "men-z-z-i." Fun to say, right?). The last two, the highest on the hill, are Amur Maackias (*Maackia amurensis*). Five trees are in the blueberry family and have edible fruit and one is in the pea family and makes bean pods--can you guess which?

All these trees are suited for summer drought conditions. However, they still need to be watered over the first few summers (about 15 times this summer, 8 times next summer, and 4 times the third summer) until their roots get deep enough to get to their own water. If you want to be on the Water Crew, contact Erik Burke (Director of Friends of Trees and Village School parent). His phone # is (541) 915-1601 and his email is: [erikb@friendsoftrees.org](mailto:erikb@friendsoftrees.org). You can also contact Erik if you see a problem with any of the trees or have questions. Thank you, Erik, and Friends of Trees!

## HAVE YOU COMPLETED YOUR 40 VOLUNTEER HOURS YET?

As the year is winding down, we are reviewing everyone's volunteer hours for the year to help with preparations for the Volunteer Recognition Celebration happening on **Tuesday, May 26th**. Do you have your 40 hours of combined family member's volunteer work done and entered yet? Each parent should have received an email link today with their individual login to our online volunteer tracking system, on which you can record your volunteer hours each time you perform a service for the school. We need everyone to enter their hours so that we can acknowledge all you've done. Please login online to see how many hours you have entered and update your volunteer hours. If you need any help or have any questions, please contact Sherri in the office or email her at: [sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org](mailto:sherrim@eugenevillageschool.org).

**Please update your hours by Friday, May 15th.**

## GARDEN NEWS

Thanks for an amazing Earth Day week! We had a garden work day on April 20th. Many thanks to Liza (Maeve and Aziza's mom), Tom Bettman of the U. of Oregon, Matthew Rutman and his class, the 5th grade, and Tricia (Kent's wife) for sifting all that compost, weeding the tenacious strawberry bed, turning beds, and planting greens! Also, Erik Burke lent us many tools, and Holly McRae and Mike Magee brought a whole trailer-full of woodchips! We could not have been so successful without your help!

We will have another mid-day work party soon. Stay tuned! Also, we are nearing the summer and we would like to invite you to adopt a chicken, or adopt a garden bed! We will be needing chicken-sitters over the summer, so consider taking home 2-4 chickens, or the whole flock of 8 to get fresh eggs and fertilizer every day! Also, you can have access to all of our amazing greens, tomatoes, peas, herbs, strawberries, and blueberries over the summer if you commit to 1-2 hours of weeding or watering once a week! Please contact me if you have interest!

Thanks so much, Lesley [lesleyhawk@yahoo.com](mailto:lesleyhawk@yahoo.com)

## STAFF WELLNESS PROGRAM NEWS

In April, the school staff participated in an Active April challenge, during which staff tried to be especially physically active, and they earned points for doing activities. The challenge kicked off with a staff bowling party at South Towne Lanes, and staff found lots of, creative ways to get active throughout the month. This year, the grand prize winner was Ms. Lesley, Ms. Julie from Title I came in a close 2nd place, and Señora Pamela came in 3rd place. Congratulations! These active super staff members won some cool prizes in addition to becoming healthier.

This month, we are celebrating Market Fresh May, focusing on increasing the amount of locally grown veggies and fruit we eat. Toña is putting on a cooking class for the staff, and staff members who track their veggie and fruit intake this month will get Village School Staff Wellness Program cookbooks. Let's hear it for being healthy!

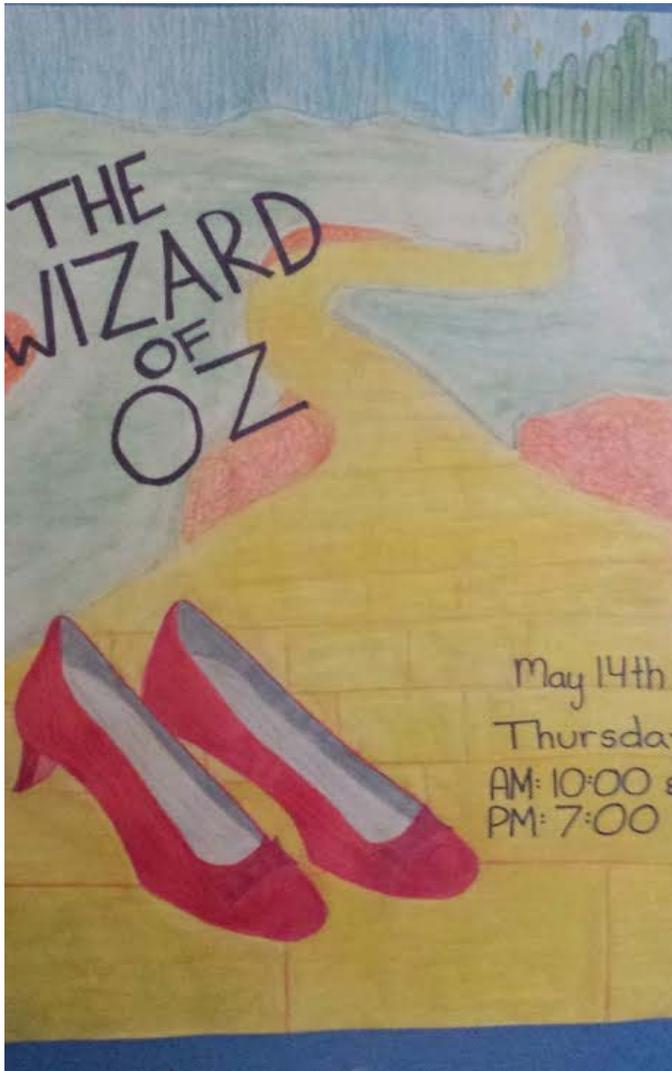
*Support for the Head, Heart, and Hands Staff Wellness Program has been provided by OEA Choice Trust.*

## 8TH GRADE YARD SALE



The 8th-grade yard sale is fast approaching! The yard sale will be **Saturday, May 16th** at The Village School. If families would like to donate items, they are encouraged to bring them the gym Friday after school (May 15). Preferably, NO adult clothing or shoes, please. Good, re-sell able items would be appreciated. All are welcome to come by and shop on Saturday. The sale will be 8 AM until 3 PM. One day only!

## THE 8TH GRADE PRESENTS...



Art work by Zia Kennedy

Follow the yellow brick road to the school cafeteria on Thursday, May 15th to see the 8th graders perform in the last play of their Village School careers: *The Wizard of Oz*. The morning performance will begin at 10:00am, and the evening performance starts at 7:00pm.

## 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.

## ADVERTISE IN THE YEARBOOK

Do you have a business that you would like to advertise in the 2014-15 Village School yearbook?

### Ad sizes and pricing are:

- Business card size ad: \$25
- Quarter page ad: \$40
- Half page ad: \$65
- Full page ad: \$120

The ad submission deadline is **next week**. Contact Sherri in the office at 541-345-7285 or [sherrim@eugenevillage-school.org](mailto:sherrim@eugenevillage-school.org) to set it up.

## 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.

**amazon.com**

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.

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

## VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

### IMAGINE THAT SUMMER ADVENTURES

There are still a few spots left in the July 6 - 17th **Imagine That** summer camp (the Blueberry camp).

If your child is between the ages of 7 and 13, loves to be creative and would be interested in participating in putting on a magical musical extravaganza performance.

Look at our website for details:

[www.eugeneimaginethat.com](http://www.eugeneimaginethat.com)

# 5TH GRADE GREEK GAMES

