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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

Saturday, 5/16 8:00 AM-3:00 PM	8th Grade Yard Sale
Monday, 5/18 9:15 AM-12:45 PM	1st Grade Field Trip
Tues., 5/19-Wed., 5/20	6th Grade Overnight Field Trip
Wednesday, 5/20 10:45 AM-2:15 PM	2nd Grade Field Trip
5:30-7:30 PM	Board Meeting
Thursday, 5/21 8:45-11:45 AM	6th Grade Medieval Games 3rd Grade Field Trip
Friday, 5/22 2:45-3:30 PM	6th Grade Medieval Games Sweet Sale for the Bees
Monday, 5/25	NO SCHOOL: Memorial Day
Tuesday, 5/26 9:00 AM	Volunteer Recognition Party All School Picture
Thursday, 5/28 6:00 PM	1st Grade Play
Sunday, 5/31	8th Grade Departs for Trip

A SPECIAL MESSAGE FROM THE VILLAGE SCHOOL BOARD

Dear Village School Community,

The Village School Board of Directors is pleased to announce that Kent Ratekin has been hired as the permanent Principal of The Village School. The hiring committee was in 100% agreement that Kent should be hired as the permanent Principal and made this recommendation to the Board. We are all looking forward to working with Kent.

Respectfully,
Mike Ware
Board President

DUNN SITE UPDATE

On Monday, the Village School and Village School Foundation Boards decided to move forward with beginning the process of negotiating for the Dunn site with 4J. We will notify the school community when an agreement has been made with the school district.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Our May whirlwind continues. The 8th grade performed *The Wizard of Oz* last night for their families and this morning for the entire school. Not only did the class pull it off, they brought many laughs and magical moments. Our all-school picture was rained out and postponed to Tuesday, the 26th. Next week things really start to heat up with 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade field trips, a 6th grade overnighter, and the Medieval Games. A new Medieval dinner and evening games portion of the event will be on our school campus; you might want to check out the after dinner games from 7-9 PM. Smarter Balanced testing and Easy CBM testing continue; we are about half way through it all. The Board has given the site committee the green light to pursue negotiations with 4J in our purchase of the Dunn Center, and Andy, Pablo Valentine, Mike Magee, and I will be meeting on Monday to open negotiations. Our Green Challenge keeps us all walking and biking to school and conserving power wherever possible. The Parent Council approved funding the end of year pool trip and will be asking parents now for their approval of funds. So if we win our Earth Month challenge we will go to Amazon Pool on June 11.

Finally, I would like to thank the School Board, the Foundation Board, the staff and parents for hiring me as the Principal of The Village School this week. This is an exciting learning community, and I feel lucky to be here participating in the evolution of this excellent endeavor. Also, thank you all for continuing to help us close the year in harmonious Village fashion. -Kent

THE WONDERFUL WIZARD OF OZ

Bravo to the 8th grade for a fun and entertaining performance of *The Wizard of Oz*! Special thanks to VS alumna Madeleine Pears for co-directing with Andy Traisman.



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 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.

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

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 \$4,376 to date.

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,
Rep.BettyKomp@state.or.us,
Rep.barbarasmithwarner@state.or.us,
Rep.SherrieSprenger@state.or.us,
rep.kathleentaylor@state.or.us,
Sen.RodMonroe@state.or.us,
Sen.ArnieRoblan@state.or.us,
Sen.ChuckThomsen@state.or.us

SUMMER MEALS

This summer, meals at no charge are available to all children and teens 1-18 year old in Oregon. To find the nearest summer meal site, text "FOOD" to 877877, or call 1-866-348-6479 (1-866-3-HUNGRY), or visit www.summerfoodoregon.org.

THE GREEN SCENE

Garden News



Dear families,

The rain was beautiful on all the flower petals and leaves in the garden this week! We are thankful the plants got a lot to drink. The strawberries are ripe at this time, and we made kale smoothies with the 1st and 5th grade classes. We are super busy in the garden planting beans, greens, broccoli, and more. Many thanks to **Liza Starr Lilly** and **Tricia** (Kent's wife), who have been coming in every week to weed, mulch, and plant. Also, **Brett Jacobs** helped our 4th grade class last week mulch a huge part of the sundial bed! **Lydia Scott** and **Ted Purdy** have been donating starts. The garden is exploding with weeds and tons of other jobs, well beyond my 20 hours a week!

One thing that has taken up a lot of my time this week is that we had a very sick chicken, which died yesterday. Thanks to The Backyard Farmer for their help and to **Jessica Higgs** for helping to care for the chicken in her home.

I have greatly enjoyed my 2 years here at the Village School and I hope to come back someday and work again! I have found a permanent education job with the National Park Service in Colorado and will be leaving May 28th with my AmeriCorps hours nearly finished anyway.

It takes a village to nurture a garden! We greatly need garden lovers such as our second graders who are tending their own beds, and many others to keep a watchful eye on the garden and chickens all summer. You would have free organic greens and veggies all summer. Commit to just coming in once a week, or once a month to weed for an hour, our garden will flourish. Right now, we are mulching with woodchips as much as we can to keep the weeds at bay in the summer. We still need chicken sitters to take a few chickens home until early August, and they do lay eggs almost every day!

We will have an easy-going garden work party on **Wednesday, May 27th 1:00 - 6:00pm**. Please sign up with the separate volunteer sign-up e-mail sent this week. Show your garden love, and take home some veggies!

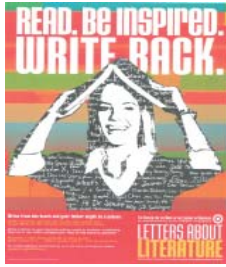
Thanks so much,

Lesley McClintock
lesleyhawk@yahoo.com

ALL SCHOOL PHOTO TUESDAY 5/26

The annual All School Photo has been rescheduled due to weather. The new photo date is Tuesday, May 26h at 9:00am. This gives you more time to put in your orders. Order forms were placed in family mailboxes last week, and extras are available in the school office.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE



Congratulations to 2015 Letters About Literature 8th grader semi-finalists **Sasha Powers, Sophia Fitzgerald, Morgan Gorman, and Tye Atkin!** These Village School students were recognized by the Oregon State Library for the letters they wrote to authors Nancy Garden, Christopher Paul Curtis, John Green, and Veronica Roth. We are proud of these students and their accomplishment!

Want to learn more about the Letters About Literature Contest? Visit <http://1.usa.gov/16xTNeZ>.

SWEET SALE FOR THE BEES



On Friday, May 22nd the third grade will be hosting a bake sale to raise funds and awareness for their bee hive project. In addition to baked goods, our project partner Jen Hornaday, Director of Healthy Bees=Healthy Gardens, will be selling honey and bee-themed jewelry. Please help support the cause by buying a treat, some honey, or some jewelry. The event will be from 2:30-4:00 PM after school next Friday.

8TH GRADE YARD SALE



The 8th grade yard sale is **tomorrow Saturday, May 16th** at The Village School. All are welcome to come by and shop; the sale will be 8 AM until 3 PM. One day only!

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.

DINING FOR DOLLARS

THE VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN

AT LAUGHING PLANET CAFE - WOODFIELD STATION
2864 WILLAMETTE ST.



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Available



15% OF ENTIRE DAY'S SALES GO TO
THE VILLAGE SCHOOL KITCHEN



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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.

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

THE WIZARD OF OZ



VILLAGE CLASSIFIEDS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AT THE VILLAGE SCHOOL

Your favorite school is hiring for the 2015-16 school year! Please spread the word about these great Village School staff member positions:

School Communications and Volunteer Coordinator

Title I Tutor

Title I Math Tutor: Grades 6-8

After School Childcare: Grades K-6

Recess Supervisor

Substitute Teacher

To apply, interested applicants should visit:

<http://www.eugenevillageschool.org/pg1005.cfm>

More Music! More Music! More Music! More Music!

Would you like to play
some music this summer?

Individual and small-group lessons are
available at the Washington Alley Studio.
Please contact Jonathan Bilenki for details:

jbilenki@hotmail.com

www.jonathanbilenki.com