



The Village Voice



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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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Calendar Highlights

The calendar is always available on our website!

October 2011

- 19 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 20 Thurs— Gr. 4 on Field Trip, 10:15-11:45am
- Title I Math Night, 6-7:45pm
- 21 Fri— No School, Grading Day
- 28 Fri— Halloween Carnival during school,
Gr. 7 & 8 Dance, 7-9:30pm
- 31 Mon— No School, 1st Semester Conferences

November 2011

- 1 Tues— No School, 1st Semester Conferences
- 2 Wed— Gr. 5 Overnight Field Trip to Opal Creek
- 3 Thurs— Gr. 5 Overnight Field Trip to Opal Creek
- Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trip to Hult Center
- 5 Sat— Dia de los Muertos Festival, 5-8pm
- 6 Sun— DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
- 9 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30pm
- 10 Thurs— Kinder Lantern Walk, 5:30pm
- 11 Fri— No School, Veteran's Day
- 14 Mon— Gr. 5 & 7 Field Trip to UO Geography Conf.
Site Committee Meeting, 5:30pm
- 16 Wed— Picture Retakes, sign up in office
- Gr. 4 & 6 Field Trip to Salmon Watch
- 22 Tues— Gr. 2 Play Performance
- 24 Thurs— No School, Thanksgiving
- 25 Fri— No School, Thanksgiving

December 2011

- 7 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30pm, Meeting Business
then at 7:00pm, Special Program
- 8 Thurs— Winter Concert, 6:30pm, offsite
- 12 Mon— No School, Winter Break

January 2012

- 3 Tues— School Resumes
- 11 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30pm
- 16 Mon— No School, MLK Jr. Day
- 18 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30pm
- 26 Thurs— Talent Show, details TBA
- 27 Fri— No School, Grading Day
- 30 Mon— 2nd Term Begins

Village Voice submissions must be submitted by
Thursday afternoon to village@4j.lane.edu. Thanks!

Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Magnificent! Superb! Thrilling! Those words just begin to describe the wonderful things going on at Village School.

First, a sincere thanks to all the parents creating and attending the kitchen fundraiser at Cosmic Pizza on October 9. Our Community Service Walk-a-thon on October 6 was a successful and lovely event. All the children rallied as a community to raise funds for special causes and they had fun walking and running around the track. The Village School kitchen is absolutely fabulous! (But you knew that).

Our Parent Council got off to a rousing start on October 12. Keep an eye peeled for the programs and events they have planned for Village School parents to attend throughout this school year.

The classrooms look stunning and the teaching and learning going on is fantastic. By the way, the Village School received the highest rating of "Outstanding" from the Oregon Department of Education.

Thank you parents, teachers, staff and students for doing your best in all ways.

The All School Title I Math Night is October 20, and begins at 6:00 PM. I hope to see you there. The evening begins with a light snack, special games, prizes and announcements. It is a family event and each student will have a passport as they circulate through all the activities.

Have a great weekend,
Bob Kaminski

Included in this issue

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Walk-a-thon a Great Success!

Thank you Village School Community!

Thank you to the parents and guardians who participated in the Walk-a-thon last Thursday. Your presence was much appreciated and helped create a wonderful sense of community. We hope you enjoyed yourselves! So far we have brought in over \$6,000. We will announce our final count next week!



Special thanks to Rich & Denice Goodheart; Victoria Hedenstrom; Brian & Carol McDermott; Carma Douglas; Heidi Tracy; Cassondra Walters; Anne & Mike Magee; Deb Chorney; Adam Rubino; Jon Erick Romans; Kimberly

Dunn; Tesha Shriro; Mark Leahey; David Kennedy; Elizabeth Starr Lilly; Shannon Phifer; Ashley Wolf; Sarah Cantril; Jenny Sherlock; Ryan Young; Erik Swinney; Thorston Bradsher; Julie Hefferman; Abra Cooper; Don St. Clair & Fiora Starchild.



Field Trips are Underway!

Many classes are beginning to schedule field trips. Wednesday the 3rd grade went to River Bend Farm.

Our Field Trip to River Bend Farm

My class went on a field trip. The main reason that we went was to pick apples and make applesauce for the school. But we saw other things too. We picked pumpkins and we saw chickens. We had cider, we saw hazelnut trees and we all got to pick an Asian pear. Oh, back to the pumpkin patch. It was a small pumpkin patch and I got one that was so small! We also got to run in this grass that was 8 feet tall! It was hard to get through. It was so fun!

by Tallulah Waldorf



Math Night is Next Thursday, Oct. 20!

Math Night begins in the cafeteria at 6:00 for snacks, socializing and entering the estimation jars contest for about 20 minutes. Families will then spread out among the classrooms for math games. There will be reminders, about 20 minutes apart, to move to another classroom.

The final movement bullhorn will indicate that it is time to gather again in the cafeteria. Prizes will be awarded to estimation jar winners and passport participants. We look forward to seeing many families enjoying math together.

Volunteers are needed for Math Night, this Thursday, October 10th! The event will run from 6-7:45pm.

We need helpers to:

- *Setup snack area and cleanup
- *Monitor sign in table
- *Help tally estimation jar guesses & locate winners
- *Collect materials at closing of event

If you can help, please contact the office asap.

Dia de los Muertos is Coming Up!

Saturday, November, 5th from 5 to 8 pm

Dia de los Muertos is a traditional Mexican holiday when the living invite the departed to return for one night. Offerings of food, flowers, incense, light, art, and music welcome them. We will create an ofrenda (an altar) and a remembrance tree. Our students will be working on writings and art to decorate the cafeteria.

There will be a Latin-inspired potluck for all members of the Village School community to participate in. Please label your dishes with ingredients (Nuts, Vegan, Dairy, etc.). Bring your own dishware. All families are also requested to bake either "Soul Cakes" (no nuts) or "Mexican Wedding Cakes" (nuts). These will be sold as a fundraiser for the festival committee. Recipes will be available soon.

Sign-ups for participation opportunities for the event will be appearing soon. There will be a variety of jobs—something for everyone! We will need help with such things as decorating, setup, food sales, and clean up. You can also check with teachers to see what help is needed.

Each year we sell tamales made by a local vendor. Order forms are in your mailbox, complete and return it to the office with a check to the Village School by Oct. 25th.

Pick up your fresh tamales at the Festival on Nov. 5th. The tamale sale is a fundraiser which helps support the Day of the Dead event.

Join in to make this the best Dia de los Muertos Festival ever!

If you have any questions, please call Alison at 541-349-9153 or e-mail alison.cantril@gmail.com, or Carol at 541-335-9686 or e-mail heartshome4us@gmail.com.

Garden Update

The ground for the garden was prepped two weeks ago with a power scraper by Village School parent, Clark Tippin. On October 14th thirty-five cubic yards of decomposed leaves were dumped. Again thanks to Clark for obtaining a dump truck and driver and for taking charge of the front loader tractor. The leaves will serve as a base layer, upon which beds with new fresh soil will be placed and there will also be pathways of additional material created. Clark Tippin and Kimberlae VanCleave are the coordinators for parents interested in helping to build and care for the garden. Watch for emails and invitations from them about next steps in creating our garden.



News From Our Kitchen!

Get Your Pumpkin in the Cafeteria!

Organic Pumpkin Sale to benefit the Village School kitchen and garden! Buy your certified organic carving pumpkin in the cafeteria before or after school all next week. \$5 each, while supplies last.

Compost Bins!

Thank you to Matthew Rutman and Greg Williams for the kitchen's beautiful new compost system. We're loving it! If you haven't seen it, check it out, its located just behind the cafeteria.

Marche Customers Support Our Kitchen!

This fall Marche Restaurant held a fundraiser for the Village School Kitchen. Customers were provided with information about the school's new healthy meal program and encouraged to donate toward the cause. The restaurant staff was also extremely supportive of the fundraiser. And Marche customers exceeded the \$500 goal- Marche donated \$671.

Thank you Marche and its customers!

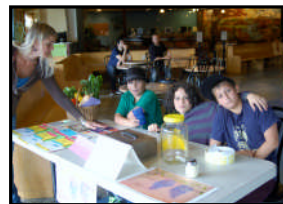
Marche staff shared that they are, "happy to see this great movement taking hold in our community, thanks in no small part to commitment and focus from people like the Village Kitchen staff." This fundraiser is a wonderful example of the community coming together to support our school and our kitchen!

Village Kitchen Benefit Raises \$2600!

Thanks to those who supported the Village Kitchen benefit at Cozmic Pizza last Sunday, Oct. 9. It was a wonderful event filled with lots of fun!



Many heartfelt thanks to parents Sunny Waldorf and Meadow Boeck for their many hours of hard work.



Also a big thanks to Dawn Cianciulli, Nick Crump, Vince Panero, Daevy Cwynar, Jon Bilenki, Darby Partner, Azure Hess, Joel Straw, Toña Aguilar, Stacey Black,

Don St. Clair and Bob Kaminski. Also thanks to Cozmic Pizza for hosting the event and donating some proceeds from food sales.



Ceramic Bowls for Our Kitchen!

Village School parent and local ceramicist Steve Daniels has been working diligently to create beautiful bowls for our kitchen meals. We hope to have approximately 200 ceramic bowls ready to hold hot soup sometime in November. Laughing Planet has kindly agreed to donate a percentage of their sales on a set day to support this effort. Look for the date and other details in an upcoming Village Voice.

Walk-a-thon Granola Bar Recipe

2 cups rolled oats
1 cup sliced almonds (or any nut pieces)
1 cup shredded coconut, unsweetened
2/3 cup honey
1 teaspoon vanilla
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups dried fruit (used currants and cranberries)
2 Tbs flax meal
Preheat your oven to 350°F. Oil 9 x 13 in. baking dish. Toss the oatmeal, almonds, and coconut together on a sheet pan and bake for 10 to 12 minutes, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned. Transfer the mixture to a large mixing bowl and stir in the honey,

vanilla and salt until the mixture is well coated. Mix the flax meal with the dried fruit and then add them to the bowl too. Dump the mixture into your prepared baking dish and press it to fit evenly. You'll want to press it in tightly. Cut into bars and enjoy!

Village Kitchen Meal Payments

As you may have noticed, the new lunch system is in place and families are getting used to how things run with payment. Remember that you can either pay your student's lunch balance in the office or online via the www.mymealtime.com interface.

Parent Council Report

This week's Parent Council meeting was a truly successful one. We had a terrific turn out and got many things accomplished.

Attention was given to the Parent Council Survey. Results showed that the three most important programs families are interested in are: work and family balance, internet safety, and humorist for stress relief. With this in mind, the council has decided to concentrate on these subjects for some of the upcoming meetings this school year. Abra Cooper and Sheryl Berman were both designated as Co-Council Chairpersons.

Class coordinators discussed dates to meet to plan this school year's festivals and events. These events will need a lot of help. Parents look for class coordinators contacting you for help for these events throughout the year.

Two proposals were passed. One will fund a hospital-ity package of coffee and tea teachers and staff, and the Village Cafe. The other will fund an audio system and microphone.

Thank you to all that attended. It was a fantastic night and we all look forward to our next meeting!

On-going Volunteer Needs

Please contact the office to sign up for the following:

- Read to Handwork classes
6th Grade on Thursdays from 10:15-10:55am
- Office work support
- Glass & garbage pick up around grounds
- Crossing guards in morning and afternoon
- Recess supervision in morning and lunch time
- Lunch room supervision
- Kitchen support
- Grass cutting & weed wacking

Picture Proofs To Be Delivered

The office apologizes if the picture ordering has been confusing to some parents. All students will receive a proof of their picture even if they have not ordered a package. These proofs and pre-ordered packages will arrive by Oct. 28th. They will be delivered to your family mailbox. Once you have your student's proof you will be able to go online to www.inter-state.com, view your student's picture and place an order. If you would like to sign up for Retake Day, Nov. 16, please contact the office. If you would like more detailed information, please contact the Inter-State Studio Office 503-954-1838.

Support Village School While Shopping

Purchase Capella Market and Unique Eugene script in the office. For information on signing up online for eScrip which is good at Market of Choice, please see the office. The school will then receive a percentage of your purchases. We'd be happy to explain these opportunities in the office!

Announcements

Tuesday October 18th, 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm
Join us for a very special event at the Alvord Farm and Museum! Learn all about the resident gray whales off the coast of Oregon with the world's expert on them, marine biologist Carrie Newell, PhD. Cost is \$3-5 sliding scale per child. This event is for kids aged 6 and up, but younger siblings can be accommodated (call us for details). An adult is required to stay with participating children. Pre-registration is required; call Karen at 541- 968-1986.

KindTree - Autism Rocks Event
Mask Making Party, Talent Show and Family Fun!
October 23, 3-5:30pm. Cozmic Pizza, 8th & Char-nelton. Make your own mask, sing your own song, wear your own costume! \$5 each, \$20 family. Would you like to share your talent? Get on the list early for the talent show! Send a brief description of your act (tim@kindtree.org) and we'll get you on early. Or you can sign up there. Either way, we want to see what you can do!

Eugene Creative Care offers fun and educational On-Site After School Care from 2:30-6pm, M-F. Please stop by the cafeteria to find out more and to meet Nisha and David, director and supervisor. Additionally, on No School days we will also have all day care. Stop by the cafeteria to sign up for care 2-3 days before the No School day. You can also contact Creative Care at 541-683-7291.

Message from 4J Federal Programs Administrator

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Our school receives Title I funding. Title I is a federal program that provides resources to schools in areas of economic need. NCLB (No Child Left Behind) focuses on schools that receive Title I funding.

Under NCLB, every school receiving Title I money is required to notify parents of their rights to request and receive the following information from the school:

- Professional qualifications of your child's teacher(s) including degrees and certifications held and whether the teacher is certified in the area he/she is teaching.
- Whether or not your child is receiving instruction by a paraprofessional, and if so, his/her qualifications. This applies to all instructional staff in the school, not just those paid with Title I funds.

NCLB also says that Title I schools must notify parents:

- About the school improvement status of your child's school. Title I schools that do not meet AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) for at least 2 years in a row may be required to offer students public school choice within the district or tutoring. Schools that continue to be identified for improvement may be listed for corrective action.
- Of your child's achievement level on Oregon Statewide testing.
- If your child has been assigned or taught for at least four consecutive weeks by a teacher who does not meet the highly qualified definition.
- Of your right to be involved in the planning and implementation of parent involvement program in our school.

We are proud of our schools and staff and are happy to provide you with this information in a timely manner upon your request. We look forward to the school year and hope that you will help us foster strong parent involvement and communication by contacting teachers and staff at your school who can help you and your student experience success.

If you have specific questions about this notification, please contact your school's principal. If you have any additional questions about No Child Left Behind and its impact on schools, please contact Janis Swan, Federal Programs Administrator for Eugene School District 4J at 790-7559, or visit www.ed.gov/nclb.

Sincerely,

Janis Swan

Federal Programs Administrator

Eugene School District 4J

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