



The Village Announcements



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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

- 26 Wed— 9:30-11:30am, Gr. 2 Field Trip to Thistledown Farm
5:00-6:00pm, Garden Committee Meeting, cafeteria
- 27 Thurs— 8:40-11:45am, Gr. K Field Trip to River's Turn Farm
8:45am-12:30pm, Gr. 4 Field Trip to Mt. Pisgah
3:00-3:30pm, Kitchen Volunteer training, cafeteria
- 28 Fri— Halloween Carnival & Parade, see pg. 2
7-9:30pm, Tentative Gr. 7 & 8 Dance
- 31 Mon— No School, 1st Semester Conferences

November 2011

- 1 Tues— No School, 1st Semester Conferences
- 2 Wed— 8:30am Gr. 5 leaves for Overnight Field Trip to Opal Creek
- 3 Thurs— 9:30 -11:45am, Gr. 7 & 8 Field Trip to Romeo & Juliet at Hult Center
3:00pm, Gr. 5 Returns from Opal Creek
- 5 Sat— 5-8pm, Dia de los Muertos Festival
- 6 Sun— DAYLIGHT SAVINGS
- 9 Wed— 6:30pm, Parent Council Meeting
- 10 Thurs— 5:30pm, Kinder Lantern Walk
- 11 Fri— No School, Veteran's Day
- 14 Mon— 11:30am-2:30pm Gr. 5 & 7 Field Trip to UO Geography Conf.
5:30pm, Site Committee Meeting
- 16 Wed— Picture Retakes, sign up in office
8:45am-2:45pm, Gr. 4 & 6 Field Trip to Triangle Lake Salmon Watch
- 22 Tues— Gr. 2 Play Performance, time TBA
- 24 Thurs— No School, Thanksgiving
- 25 Fri— No School, Thanksgiving

December 2011

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

January 2012

- 3 Tues— School Resumes

Halloween Carnival & Parade

Friday, October 28, 2011

Grades 1-8 will visit the 6th grade classroom for a Halloween Carnival during the school day.

Grades 1-6 will participate in the Halloween Parade, 1:50-2:20pm. We will parade throughout the school and gather together as a school outside of the cafeteria weather permitting.

To make this a safe and enjoyable event, please follow these rules:

- Do not wear costume to school
Bring costume in a bag labeled with name
- Follow school dress code
- No weapons of any kind
- No masks
- No fake blood

Buy Your Locally Made Tamales!

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 NEXT TUESDAY, 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.

First Garden Committee Meeting!

If you have not yet received an email from the Garden Committee, please contact parent Kimberlae VanCleave at villagegardeneugene@yahoo.com and she will add you to the committee mailing list. Kimberlae and her husband Clark Tippin are the co-chairs of the committee.

If you are interested in being involved in any way please come to the FIRST GARDEN COMMITTEE MEETING on Wednesday, October 26 at 5:00pm.

The meeting will be about one hour long. At the meeting we will plan the next steps needed to transform the area into a functioning garden and out-

door classroom. Lorri Nelson, UO Landscape Architect Instructor and Rachel Sanders, Garden Educator with the School Garden Project will present ideas about the Village School garden. We will also hear ideas generated by our students! Childcare will be provided for school age children that attend the Village School.

The leaves were delivered Friday, Oct. 14, yay! They will be our base. We are at a place where we have a few things that need to be done right away. The first being: removal of foreign matter in the leaves. Given that they are from the city, they came with a few things i.e.: garbage, cans, glass etc.

We need to get a few of us together and sift through it... if anybody is available to help sift through those leaves that would be greatly appreciated, please contact Kimberlae.

At this moment we have 100 garlic bulbs, 24 broccoli starts, lettuce, bok choy, kale, onions, shallots and a few herbs.

We are looking to get dirt delivered this coming week. We are in need of wood to build boxed beds and some willing hands to make them. We will discuss all of these topics and more at the meeting but in the meantime if anybody has time this weekend to get any of this going that would be great. Please email Kimberlae for more details if something works for you.

Please contact the Garden Committee at villagegardeneugene@yahoo.com.

2011-2012 Volunteer Survey

We need your input! Be on the lookout for an email next week that gives you a link to our online Volunteer Survey for the 2011-2012 school year.

This is a brief and easy survey for parents to complete. The survey will give you an idea of the different volunteer opportunities here at the Village School and give us an idea of your skills, availability and what areas you are interested in.

Utilizing the online system will expedite the results and help the office staff in data collection.

For those of you who can't access the online survey, we will have printed copies in the office for you to fill out as well.

Your participation in the survey is greatly appreciated!

Candles Needed!

Do you have any partially used or new candles lying around that you aren't using? Sweet Leaf Farm, one of our wonderful Village Kitchen supporters, is looking for either partial used or new candles for lighting pumpkins at the corner market.

If you have any to donate, please bring them to Sherri at the office by next Wednesday, October 26.

Thanks for your help!

Parent-Teacher Conferences

There is no school on Monday, October 31 and Tuesday, November 1 due to our first term parent teacher conferences. Please be sure to sign up with your child's teacher.

News from the Village Kitchen

You may have seen the article in the Register Guard recently about our food service efforts, and the visits we initiated with Lane County Environmental Health to ensure we have an excellent program. We are very pleased with, and appreciative of, their support. As a demonstration of their desire for our program to succeed, they have kindly offered us a brief training on Thursday, October 27th from 3:00-3:30pm in the cafeteria. This is a training for Village Kitchen volunteers and will be focused on the top 10 safety concerns in food preparation.

Many thanks to those Village Kitchen volunteers who have brought in your Oregon Food Handler's card to be photocopied for our files. We need every one of you to do so as soon as you are able. Here is the link again to read the manual and take the test on-line. <http://orfoodhandlers.com/eMain.aspx?State=OREGON>

If you would like to volunteer with the Village Kitchen please email villagekitchenvolunteers@gmail.com.

Support Eugene Coalition for Better School Food and Village School Kitchen

5% of all profit from sales of Emerson Ecologics products ordered through Village School parent, Debra Nash-Galpern, M.S., L.Ac. will be donated to these organizations! Find quality dietary supplements, homeopathy, natural health and beauty products, and more. Avoid shipping charges. Pick up locally.

1. Go online to emersonecologics.com
2. Find your products (note item numbers if possible to avoid confusion, and give your phone #)
3. Contact office manager, Jamie Mellor: acuoffice@yahoo.com or 541-683-1125

We will place an order on the 1st and 15th of each month (Nov '11/Dec '11/Jan '12) and call you when your items arrive at our office: Healing Spirit, 1355 Oak Street, Suite 100, Eugene OR 97401.

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.

Dia de los Muertos is Coming Up!

Saturday, November 5th, 5:00- 8:00pm

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.

Thank You for Turning in Walk-a-thon Donations

Congratulations to the Village School Community for a successful Community Service Walk-a-thon. Currently our grand total is just above \$8,200. Please continue to turn in your remaining donations.

We hope to be able to announce our final total very soon so that we are able to calculate the donations we will make to our community organizations: Cascades Raptor Center, Next Step Recycling, Wala-ma Restoration and Food for Lane County's Community Gardens. Thank you to our students, their families and their communities for their heartfelt efforts and generous support.

Pictures Delivered to Family Mailboxes!

All students received a proof of their picture even if they have not ordered a package. 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.

Gray Whales Event

Thursday October 27th, 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.