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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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Calendar of Events

November 2011

24 Thurs— No School, Thanksgiving
 25 Fri— No School, Thanksgiving
 29 Tues— Gr. 2 Play, 10:20-11:00am
 Gr. 1 Parent Meeting, 6:00-7:30pm
 Gr. 2 Play, 6:30-7:00pm

December 2011

1 Thurs— Heart of the Village Planning Meeting,
 5:00-6:00pm
 8 Thurs— Winter Concert, 6:30-8:00pm,
 First Christian Church, 1166 Oak St, see pg. 2
 12 Mon— No School, Winter Break
 14 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm

January 2012

3 Tues— *School Resumes*
 11 Wed— Parent Council, 6:30pm
 16 Mon— No School, MLK Jr. Day
 18 Wed— Gr. 5 Play Performance, 10:15-11:00am
 Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
 Gr. 5 Play Performance, 6:00-7:00pm
 26 Thurs— Talent Show, details TBA
 27 Fri— No School, Grading Day
 30 Mon— 2nd Term Begins

February 2012

1 Wed— Parent Info. Meeting (for prospective
 parents only), 6:00-8:00pm
 2 Tues— Gr. 4 Play Performance, time TBA
 3 Wed— Gr. 4 Play Performance, time TBA
 4 Sat— Parent Info. Meeting, 10:00am-12:00pm
 11 Sat— Heart of the Village Celebration,
 11:00am-2:00pm, see pg. 3
 15 Wed— Board Meeting, 5:30-7:00pm
 20 Mon— No School, President's Day
 22 Wed— Upper Grades Parent Info. Meeting
 (for current 6th grade parents), 6:00-7:30pm
 27 Mon— No School, Parent Teacher Conferences
 28 Tues— No School, Parent Teacher Conferences

Thank you to K, 1 and 2 families For a Successful SITE CLEAN-Up!

Thank you to those who volunteered this past Saturday, Nov. 19. It was a productive morning of parents and students working together to clean up our school grounds and building. Thanks to Michael and Simon Warren, Jessica and Nora Higgs, Holly, Jordan, Jacob and Orion Graham, Toña Aguilar, Abra Cooper, Annabelle Tsui, Erik, Seth and Elliott Swinney, Ann, Mike and Abigail Magee, and our fabulous Kinder assistant Leela Mangiafico-Greensberg.

With everyone's help we combed the entire property for trash and lost items, mowed, edged and weed-wacked, repaired some chairs, touched up paint in the lower wing bathroom, and cleaned the upper wing hallway and windows. We appreciate your time and efforts!



Pictures from left to right, top to bottom: Toña and Nora painting the bathroom, Jessica cleaning paint trays, Mike mowing the front lawn, Simon and Orion weeding, Abra and Leela washing windows.

Equal Exchange Fundraiser

Please remember to turn in your Equal Exchange orders **THIS COMING MONDAY**, November 28 so that they can arrive before Winter Break, which begins on Dec. 12th. Remember that **Equal Exchange will donate 40% of proceeds!**

To honor our long-time partners, Cafe Mam, the coffee portion on page two is not available. Thank you for understanding, and thank you for participating in this fundraiser!

Thanks to parent Heathir Brown for all her help to make this fundraiser happen.

Wreaths made by 8th Grade

The 8th grade is making holiday wreaths as a fundraiser for their end of year class trip. **100% of profits will be donated to the 8th grade field trip fund.**

If you have already ordered a wreath, you can pick it up afterschool beginning on Monday, Nov. 28th and through Friday, Dec. 2.



If you have not had a chance to order a wreath you may purchase afterschool next week.

If you have question, please contact Colleen Forbes at 541-954-2284 or colleen@homemidwiferycare.com.

Can You Donate a Vacation Rental?

The 8th grade is also planning a raffle to be held at the Talent Show on January 26. Do you have a vacation rental that you are willing to donate for the raffle prize?

Please contact Carol Basso-McDermott at 541-935-1430 or heartshome4us@gmail.com.

Please email newsletter submissions to village@4j.lane.edu by Thursday afternoon.

Support Village School when shopping at the Holiday Market!

Village School offers Scrip through 3 venues.

- Unique Eugene scrip comes in \$10 coupons and is accepted at the Holiday Market, The Kiva, Sundance, Newmans and many more. *The school receive 10% of these sales!*

- eSCRIP includes Safeway and Market of Choice. *The donation varies from 2-4% depending on how much you spend in a month.*

- Capella scrip comes as a magnetized card in denominations of \$50, \$100 and \$200. *Capella donates 5% of the sale to Village School.*

To purchase scrip, stop by the office!

Please take the Volunteer Survey!

Check your email for a short volunteer survey. The responses will be entered into our database which helps us coordinate our many fabulous parent volunteers. Thanks for taking the time to complete this in the near future.

Village Kitchen Bowls Fundraiser

All day Tuesday, Dec. 6th both Eugene Laughing Planet locations will donate 10% of all proceeds to the Village Kitchen Ceramic Bowls project!



Village School parent and local ceramicist Steve Daniels will be creating about 200 ceramic bowls for our kitchen meals.

Please try to visit a Laughing Planet location on Tuesday, Dec. 6th to help raise money to fund the bowls project.

Laughing Planet locations:
760 Blair Blvd. and 2864 Willamette St.

Thanks for your support!

Winter Concert is Thursday, Dec. 8

Our winter concert will be held at First Christian Church on 1166 Oak St. from 6:30-8:00pm.

Students in grades 1-8 will be performing. Some students will sing with their class while others will perform guitar, marimba or dance pieces.

We welcome friends and relatives to join us for this lovely evening of music and community.

Raffle Tickets for Handwork Items

At the Winter Concert, the Handwork teachers will raffle off beautiful handwork items. These items are made by our Handwork staff and are on display in the office. All proceeds go to buy Handwork tools and materials not covered by our budget. Purchase raffle tickets in the office-one ticket is \$1.00 and six tickets are \$5.00.

Planning meeting for Heart of the Village Celebrarion, Dec. 1, 5pm

The Heart of the Village Celebration, is a hands-on showcase of rich music, arts & crafts, and food from our students and school community.

On Thursday, Dec. 1 from 5:00 to 6:00pm, our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherri Marineau will be meeting with classroom coordinators and other parents involved in planning this celebration. All interested parents are welcome. Please come to Room 10 for the meeting. Thanks!

Tea & Flower Fairies Needed

We are still needing volunteers to make tea for the children in the mornings and also to help create flower bouquets.

Tea Fairy

8:00-9:30am, M-F: Fill in for sick days for other Fairies to make tea and deliver to the classrooms (30-40 minutes).

Afternoons, M-F: Pickup tea pots, rinse out pots and file labels (20-25 minutes).

Flower Fairy

M & T Afternoons: Sick day subs for flower pickup at Trader Joes. Arrange flowers and deliver to areas (30-40 minutes).

Fridays: Collecting vases from spaces on last day of the week, dumping flowers, and washing vases (30 minutes).

This is a great way to earn your volunteer hours and beautify the school. To sign up or if you have questions, please contact Michelle Bettencourt at 541-285-1252.

Announcements

Spring Creek Holly Farm in Leaburg will donate 50% of Christmas tree sales to our school. They sell u-pick noble fir Christmas trees, handmade holly, fir & juniper wreaths, and bulk holly and Christmas greens. Visit Spring Creek Holly Farm and choose a tree, have a cup of hot cider and start a new holiday tradition! Just mention the Village School when you buy a tree and 50% of the purchase price will be donated to the school. All trees are \$4.00 per foot. Tree sales begin 11/25/2011. Hours: daily 9am-5pm. 541-896-3483. 4311 McKenzie Highway, Leaburg, OR.

Oregon Children's Choir Holiday Concert, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive St. Sat, Dec 3, 2011, 3:00pm. Cost: \$11 -Students/Seniors; \$14 -Adults; \$38 -Family (2 adults + 3 students/seniors).

Elemental Play, After-School Exploring Arts for Kids: Beginning 3:30 - 5:00pm, Weds., Jan. 11th, this six week class will feature clay, fused glass, mosaic, batik, and much more. The cost is \$125.

1:00pm-3:30pm, Sat., Dec. 3rd. A one day workshop making a hand batiked silk scarf. \$25.

4:00pm-5:30pm, Sat., Dec. 3rd.
Create 5 fused glass ornaments. \$25.

4:00pm-5:30pm, Weds., Dec. 7th.
Make 5 to 10 Mod Podge ornaments/magnets. \$25.

Please enjoy this picture taken in early October.



**Have a safe
and warm
Thanksgiving
weekend!**

-The Village School
Faculty & Staff