

The Village Voice



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As many hands do make a house,
So many hearts do make our school

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Community Service Walk-a-thon Details

Our first Community Service Walk-a-Thon is underway! Pledge materials are available above your family mailboxes. Collection envelopes and thank you cards will be in your family mailboxes later this week.

Classroom Visits

This week has been busy with presentations from the groups we are sponsoring. Kit Lacey of Cascades Raptor Center brought a screech owl to introduce K, 1st, 2nd, 7th & 8th graders to the work of the Center, and ongoing needs for funds for medicine and food for their birds. Jorah LaFleur of Next Step Recycling met with the 4th grade, and Rachel Foster from Walama Restoration presented to the 3rd grade class. Jen Anonia, from Food for Lane County's Community Gardens will present to the 5th & 6th grades.

Bike and Walk Day Activities

The Walk-a-Thon's date, October 5th, coincides with International Bike and Walk to School Day, and kids who participate in the Walk-a-Thon will be entered into a raffle for biking and walking throughout October. Each day students walk or bike to school Oct. 5-27, they will get an additional raffle ticket. The raffle will be held on the Friday before Halloween.

Thank you for your support, Andy Peara

Walk-a-Thon Schedule

*Be sure your child has the appropriate materials!

Lunch (K-4) 10:45 – 11:10am

Lunch (5-8) 11:15 – 11:35am

Leave Village School: 11:40am

Arrive at SEHS Track: 12:10pm

Commence Walk-a-Thon: 12:15pm

Conclude Walk-a-Thon: 2:00pm

Return to Village School: 2:35pm

Walk-a-Thon Planning Meeting: Fri. 9/30 3:00pm.
Come to the office if you'd like to help with planning!

*See pg. 2 for **Materials to Bring to School on Wednesday, Oct. 5 for our Walk-a-Thon!**

Principal's Message

We are off to great start. Participation in school events is getting better and better. The All School Meeting, September 14, was attended by approximately 150 adults and 75 children were in child-care. The School-Community-Partnership Meeting on Saturday, September 17 was attended by seven staff members and eight parents. They produced the *Village Zap #1*, discussed survey results obtained at The All School Meeting, and developed ideas for strengthening communication and volunteering at the Village School.

Please go to www.eugenevillageschool.org and watch the *Village Zap #1*. It is a 30 second message to all Village School families. Your comments and ideas are invited.

The first Parent Council meeting of the year will be October 12, 6:30pm. Classroom Coordinators will be contacted soon by me or Abra Cooper, Parent Council Co-President about a special event for Classroom Coordinators prior to the meeting. Parent Council Meetings are open to all Village School parents and guardians!

A new and revised *Village School Family Handbook* has been published for this 2011-2012 school year.

If you did not attend the All School Meeting, please stop by the office to pick up a Family Handbook. There are important policy updates on medications, attendance, dress code, complaint process, use of electronic devices by students, before/after school supervision, student code of conduct, behavior expectations and more!

The *2011-2012 Family Directory* is being finalized and will be available to all families Friday. Make sure your mailing address, email address and contact numbers are up-to-date.

Lastly, if you do NOT want your information included in the *Family Directory*, you must contact the office by this Wednesday, Sept. 28, village@4j.lane.edu.

Warm Regards, Bob Kaminski

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Materials to Bring to School on Wednesday, Oct. 5 for our Walk-a-Thon:

- ◇ Re-usable water bottle
- ◇ Hat
- ◇ Good walking shoes
- ◇ Sunscreen, or rain gear if it's a rainy day

We hope that each family will participate in the walk-a-thon to the best of its ability. If each family raises \$45, we will achieve our goal, but don't stop at that!

The more contributions you raise, the more successful we'll be at achieving our goal of giving back to the community and helping our school.

Thank you very much for your participation!

Many Messages From the Village Kitchen

We can't express enough how grateful we are to all the parent volunteers working in our kitchen. Things are going really well so far and we look forward to working with more of you in the future. **If you took home compost buckets, please be sure to return them to the kitchen!**

Our breakfast service has been growing fast! Breakfast numbers went from 1, to 5, to 12, to 18 and today over 20! We encourage families to come and eat our nutritious breakfast. We start serving in the cafeteria at 8:00am. At 8:20am a five minute warning is given and at 8:25am students are excused for class. Our lunch service has almost doubled in numbers from last year. Last year approx. 75 students ate lunch from the cafeteria and this year we are averaging approx. 135 students and 10 adults a day. We really want families to know that the more students and adults participate in our meals program, the stronger we will be! Kindergarten parents who pick up their children at 11:45am are welcome to stay and eat lunch in our cafeteria. Pay in the office.

Another great volunteer opportunity occurred Saturday, Sept. 17. A group of parents had a food preservation party and produced 170 zucchini muffins, shredded zucchini and tomato soup for future use. This is a great example of volunteering on the weekend!

Our next volunteer training is this Friday, September 30th at 1:30pm in the cafeteria.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact the Village Kitchen volunteer coordinator Ann Hammond-Ollman at annollman@gmail.com.

If you haven't already seen the Register Guard article about the Village Kitchen, check it out: <http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/26887813-41/district-lunch-students-eugene-schools.html.csp>

The Village Kitchen would like to thank the following businesses for their support: *Organically Grown Company, Valley River Equipment, Sweet Leaf Farm, Eugene Coalition for Better School Food, Cafe Yumm, Deck Family Farm, Glory Bee Foods, Amazing Acre Farm, Chef's Kitchen, Hartwicks, Curtis Restaurant Supply, Chef Bernstein, Marche, Hummingbird, De Casa Fine Foods, Ecolab, Kiva, Long's Meat Market, Groundwork Organics, Hey Bayles, Nancy's Yogurt, Georgie's Clay, Miller Paint Sherwin-Williams Paint* and all the individuals who have supported us by donating supplies, time, energy and money. Thank you!

Picture Orders Online through Friday, Sept. 30

Thank you to parents Abra Cooper, Jane Rittenhouse and Kathleen Berg-Olsen for assisting with Picture Day. Every class came to the cafeteria for their group photo and then each student was photographed individually. Orders can be placed at www.inter-state.com through Friday, Sept. 30. **Our code is 891507.** Picture packages will be delivered to family mailboxes.

Retake Day will be the morning of November 16. If you can help out the morning of Retake Day, please contact the office.

Village Kitchen Benefit Sunday, Oct. 9

Parents Sunny Waldorf and Meadow Boeck have teamed up to organize a benefit for the Village Kitchen at Cozmic Pizza, 199 West 8th Avenue.

The event will be on Sunday, Oct. 9, 4 to 10pm. Suggested admission donation is a sliding scale of \$5-25. This is a fundraiser for our fabulous new kitchen so any amount is appreciated. Please tell your friends and family to join us!

There will be numerous bands performing, a silent auction, a raffle and other activities for a small donation amount. Such activities will include face-painting and hair feather extensions!

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We are hoping to find more parents and students to provide activities and performances. If you have a skill or trade to contribute please *contact Sunny Waldorf at 541-913-8336 or email her at: turtlemoonwoman@hotmail.com.*

Also we are looking to accrue items for the silent auction and raffle. For example, artwork, handmade items, and gift certificates for services such as bodywork or landscaping. Please *contact Meadow if you have questions, 541-736-6861.*

If you would like to volunteer in helping organize this exciting event, staffing the admissions table or assisting with other aspects please contact either Sunny or Meadow. Thank you!

Message From Sherri, Our Volunteer Coordinator

Thank you everyone for making the start of the year so wonderful. I am very excited to be a part of the school and have really enjoyed meeting all the students and families during this transition. As the new Volunteer Coordinator, I am excited to work closely with all of you to fill all our volunteer needs.

As you may have noticed, there have been some changes with the volunteer procedures for this year. When you come in to volunteer, please sign in and find your blue name badge in the volunteer hour box.

These are organized by parent's last name.

If you don't have a blue badge, you will need to fill out a background check form and return it to me. You can wear a pink visitor badge in the meantime until your form is processed and new badge is printed.

Remember to log your volunteer hours on an index card in the volunteer box to keep track of your hours and sign out when you leave.

Lastly, we are planning on having a class coordinator meeting in the near future. This will give us an opportunity to review festival needs and map out our year. Stay tuned for more information on date and time. Please feel free to call me at 541-345-7285 or see me in the office with your questions or needs. Here's to a fun and successful year!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 1st Parent Council Meeting of 2011-2012 will be Wednesday, Oct. 12, 6:30pm.

¡Bienvenidos a Maestra Beth!

Welcome to Ms. Beth, our Lower Grades Spanish Teacher. Ms. Beth shared about her first week, "I had a ton of fun teaching this week. The kids are really excited to learn Spanish. I look forward to learning songs and more together and seeing their foreign language abilities blossom!"

Village Kitchen Meal Payments

As part of the our new food service, we have distributed meal account statements to all family mailboxes in hard copy form. The statement provides instructions on how to pay in the office or online via the www.mymealtime.com interface.

Future Meal Account Statements via Email

To save paper and office time, we will issue subsequent statements via email. One challenge is that our system allows for only one email address per family. This is unlike our attendance and grading systems which allow for multiple email announcements. For our initial emailing, we will send the statements according to the following rules:

- child lives with both parents living together send to mother
- child lives with both parents living separately send to father
- child lives with one parent send to parent with custody

- **Exception:** If we have only one email address on file, we will send statements to this email address.

We understand this system is less than perfect. If you would like us to send statements to a different email address than the one selected, please let us know.

Garden Development

On Sunday, 9/25 and Monday, 9/26, parent and Garden Committee co-chair Clark Tippin reduced the surface grade with a scrapper in preparation for leaf delivery in the near future. Clark and his wife Kimberlae VanCleave are chairing our Garden Committee, which will organize our parent body's passion and energy towards our garden.

Stay tuned for more developments, including the first Garden Committee meeting. Thank you Clark!

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

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Calendar Highlights— The Village School gmail calendar is always available on our website!

October 2011— *6th grade Mr. B in Italy this month!*

5 Wed— Walk-a-thon at South Eugene and International Walk & Bike Day (see page 1 and 2)
7 Fri— No School, State In-Service Day
9 Sun— Village Kitchen Benefit, 4-10pm
10 Mon— Site Committee Mtg, 5:30pm
12 Wed— First Parent Council Mtg, 6:30pm
19 Wed— Board Mtg, 5:30pm
20 Thurs— Title I Math Night, 5:30pm, cafeteria
21 Fri— No School, Grading Day
28 Fri— Halloween Carnival during school
31 Mon— No School, 1st Semester Conferences

November 2011

1 Tues— No School, 1st Semester Conferences
5 Sat— Dia de los Muertos Festival
10 Thurs— Kinder Lantern Walk during school
11 Fri— No School, Veteran's Day
14 Mon— Site Committee Mtg, 5:30pm
16 Wed— Picture Retakes
24 Thurs— No School, Thanksgiving
25 Fri— No School, Thanksgiving

December 2011

8 Thurs— Winter Concert, 6:30pm, offsite

No School for Winter Break

Monday, December 12 — Monday, January 2
School Resumes Tuesday, January 3

Homework Club Program Cut

Please note that Homework Club will NOT be happening this 2011-2012 school year.

Message from our School Counselor

I am the school counselor at the Village School, Tuesdays and Thursdays. I go into classrooms to do social skill training and see students in groups and individually. I call myself a support person for children, not their therapist.

I am excited to get to know all of you. I can also see you privately if your child has special needs that you would like to talk about. If you would like to contact me, please put a message in my mailbox in the school office.
—Pat Anderson, Counselor

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Us Beautify the School!

Would you like to be involved in helping make the Village School a beautiful place? We need some volunteers to help pick up flower donations from Trader Joe's Monday-Thursday. The flowers are usually available for pick-up after 10:30-11:00am and it is optimal that we get them delivered to school by 2:30pm. Please call the office if you are interested.

Tea Fairies Needed

We are looking for one or two more volunteers to make tea for the children in the mornings. We begin making the tea around 8:30am and then deliver it to the classrooms for the children's snack time at 10:00 am. If you are interested in volunteering one or two times a week, please contact the office for details.

Other On-going Volunteer Needs

Please contact the office to sign up for the following:

-Read to Handwork classes

3rd Grade on Tuesdays from 10:15-10:55am and Wednesdays from 1:15-1:55pm

-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— see page 2 for contact information

Donations Needed

If you have any of the following, please call the office.

- Comfortable adult chairs— not sofa chairs
- Small cabinet
- Framed art & plants for Staff Lounge
- Large rugs for the music rooms
- Bookshelves
- Small File Cabinet
- Desk
- Folding chairs

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!

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Village Kitchen Supply Needs

This is the big wish list, anything helps!

- Volunteers! Yes, that means you!
- 500 cloth napkins & 5 or more volunteers to wash
- OR 300 cloth napkins & a washer & dryer
- A new 4 burner stove
- Water filters
- Commercial grade spatulas
- 2 extra large commercial grade colanders
- A few really nice knives
- Clean large canning jars and lids
- Table cloths
- A second salad bar
- Bus tubs
- Commercial grade lemon juicing tool
- Stainless steel hotel pans with lids, contact kitchen for details
- 32 qt or larger stainless steel stock pot with lid
- Coffee pot
- Kitchen floor mats
- Long soup stirring spoons
- Nice wooden or bamboo cutting board
- Commercial grade kitchen table to hold mixer, contact kitchen for details

Would you or your business like to advertise in the Family Directory? Ads are \$25 for 1/8 page, \$50 for 1/4 page and \$100 for 1/2 page.

Please call the office right away if you're interested.
We are printing the Directory this Thursday, Sept. 29.

Misc. Community Announcements!

Elemental Play is offering an Explore the Arts Class for Children. **This 6 week class will include working with clay, glass, hats, felting, and more!** The session begins on Wednesday, Sept. 28th, from 3:30 to 5:00pm and runs every Wednesday, at that time, with the last class on Nov. 2nd. This class is appropriate for ages 5 and up. Taught by parent Erika Worman, this class is kid-tested and approved. Class is located near the top of Chambers and Lorane Hwy. Please call today to reserve your child's spot: 484-2529 or emailelemental.play@yahoo.com. We hope to see you there!

Supporting Your Child with Sensory Processing Disorder/Differences

Who: Betsy LaCroix, MS, Ph.C., owner of New Leaf

Family Support, occupational therapist and parent of a child with sensory processing differences.

When: Thurs. Oct. 6th, 6:30-8:00 pm

Where: New Leaf Family Support, 2620 Alder St.

Please call or email ahead; space is limited.

541-543-9230 Betsy@newleaffamilysupport.com

Alvord Farm and Museum presents:

Bugs and Birds Playshop

Friday October 7th, 10:am to 12:30pm.

This is a NO SCHOOL day for the Village School.

Sliding scale donation \$3-\$5 per child, bring a sack lunch and drink, Ages 6-10 only (parent must stay).

Join us to learn all about bugs and birds with Rick Ahrens, a local expert, and search around the farm for insects and birds, make a craft to take home, and explore the museum. Pre-registration required, call Karen at 541-968-1986.

The Cornbread Café, operated by Village School parents, is now located at 1290 W. 7th Ave (& Polk).

Hours: 11-8 Tues – Sat. 541-505-9175.

Many new menu items!

Kidd-O-Meals. Board Games. Free WiFi and more!

Low Cost Internet Access

Comcast is running a new program, in which families with children that qualify for free meals can apply for a \$10.00 internet connection. Call 1-855-846-8376.

Need a Babysitter?

Lucy Neubeck in the 8th grade is babysitting! If you are interested call 541-302-8008 or email lulufalulu18@gmail.com.

Check out our Administrators →

Bob Kaminski and Andy Peara posing before departing for the City Club meeting in which 4J Superintendent Shelly Berman was interviewed.

Our own Bob Kaminski asked the first question of the meeting!



Thank you students!

Many students have been helping in the kitchen this year. At left 7th grader Hannah Vandagriff wash vegetables. The kitchen wants to acknowledge Hannah's hard work. Thank you!