

The Village School

September 30th, 2011

LATE BREAKING NEWS

If you ask any of the teachers, kitchen or admin staff, they'll tell you this has been perhaps the busiest September we've had in a while. We have a lot of great things going on: the new food service, the garden, the Community Service Walk-a-Thon, the Village Zap!, lots of press coverage, new needs for volunteers, and a fresh year of opportunities for our students to grow personally, socially, artistically and academically.

On October 5th, we will combine Community Service Walk-a-Thon and Bike & Walk Day. The Bike & Walk day launches a month-long effort to encourage pedestrian transport to school.

We also have a lot of news and events so you may be receiving a few of our recorded announcements in the next few days.

Thank you for your time, and have a great weekend.

Andy Peara & Bob Kaminski

COMMUNITY SVC WALK-A-THON – OCT 5th

Volunteers & Supplies Needed:

In preparation for the Walk-a-Thon, we are asking for class coordinators to find a parent volunteer or two from each class to help on the day of the event. This will entail helping set up, support the tabulation of labs, and clean up.

Please let us know in the office if you can help with the event or if you can spare a tarp, a pop-up tent, or water cooler.

What to Bring:

We strongly encourage you to supply your children with adequate shoes, appropriate clothing (rain gear?), sun screen & hat, and a water bottle.

Schedule:

Students will eat lunch early, leave from school at 11:40am, begin the walk-a-thon at 12:00am, and head back to school at 2pm.

This Week:

We completed our class visits from the 4 community groups we will be sponsoring. Also, during our Sing-a-Long Wednesday, the office staff put on a short skit explaining the ins and outs of the walk-a-thon, and handed out pledge envelopes and thank-you cards. Best of luck in getting pledges.

BIKE and WALK DAY – OCT 5th

Wednesday October 5, 2011 is International Bike and Walk Day. Join the fun by walking, biking or riding LTD to school that day. Better yet, start a new habit and arrive at school via human power every day of the week!!! This year our event will include free prizes and snacks as we arrive from 8:15 to 8:30 am.

Walk and Bike Incentive for all of October

To encourage habit forming behavior we have decided to extend the raffle through the end of October. What that means is every day that you arrive at school via human power you can enter your name into the raffle for fabulous prizes to be drawn on October 28, 2011 at the culmination of the schools Halloween festivities. The raffle jar will be available during the morning of the 5th by the bike racks and from then on in the office. Please submit one ticket with your name and the date for each day that you walk, bike or ride LTD to school. Tickets will be collected daily.

Carpoolers & Out of Towners

What if you live out of town? What if you carpool? Living out of town poses a significant barrier to human powered transportation; however, it is possible to park at some distance from the school and walk with the children (or allow them to walk alone).

We are encouraging getting out of the car, using your bodies and stimulating our brains!! If you walk from a distance of ½ mile or so please put a ticket in the jar!!! Any distance that you walk or bike to school on October 5, 2011 may be added to your walk-a-thon distances. Yet more incentive!!!!!!

If you would like to walk en mass to school join other families at these locations to walk together.

- Friendly Park (27th and Madison) - leaves at 8:05am
- Amazon Bus Depot (28th and Amazon) - leaves at 8:00am.
- Biking Bus: South side of Fairgrounds – leaves at

8:00am

Feel free to make signs, carry flags & let yourselves be seen!!

CONFIDENT CYCLING FOR FAMILIES SATURDAY OCT 1st, 9am –Noon

Class attendees will not only learn about basic traffic skills but also learn how to perform a bicycle safety check, how to properly fit a helmet, how to size a bike for a child, and how to properly carry things on a bicycle. Information will also be provided about gear and clothing, proper lighting, use of lights and locking a bike. Half the course will be conducted indoors and the last portion will be held in the parking lot with skills and drills before a final ride on neighborhood streets.

This class is meant for parents AND kids so all participants are asked to bring a bike and a helmet to class. Some reduced cost helmets will be available. Anyone requiring a loaner bike for the class is asked to state that in the comment section of the registration form. The class is geared toward children 5-13 years of age and is free and open to all families. Pre-registration is required.

Location: Roosevelt Middle School
Class is hosted by Eugene Safe Routes to School.
Contact Shane McRhodes at 541 556-3553 or at rhodes-sh@4j.edu.

Registration at www.eugenesrts.org

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 facepainting and hair feather extensions!

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: 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!

Late Breaking & in The News

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. This was produced with parent and staff input, and filmed & edited by our Volunteer Coordinator, Sherri. Also, be sure to check out the latest news on our Village Kitchen

<http://www.kval.com/news/health/130602088.html>

<http://www.registerguard.com/web/newslocalnews/26887813-41/district-lunch-students-eugene-schools.html.csp>

Parent Council and Site Committee

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

The **Site Committee** meets on Monday October 10th at 5:30pm. Discussion will include latest news on facilities.

Family Handbook & Directory

Family Directory's are in your mail boxes.

Also, if you did not attend the All School Meeting, please stop by the office to pick up a FamilyHandbook for 2011-12. 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!

Fall Writing Groups w/ Young Writers Association at Village School site

Middle School Writers, grades 6-8, Mentor with an author while discovering writers your age. Exercise creativity and stretch the imagination!

Mondays, 4:00-5:30, Fall term: October 10-November 28 (no meeting 10/31). Workshops led by Carter McKenzie

Three terms in eight-week sessions; the 8th week is the Community Reading and reception for all groups. The fall reading is Wednesday, December 7th.

Fee-based, limited to 10 participants; three partial scholarships available for Village School teens who love to write and qualify for free or reduced lunches.

Snack & writing supplies provided to fortify creativity. Students submit work to read on YWA's radio spot *Mixed Voices* and to publish in YWA's creative writing journal, *UpStarts*

Details, including tuition and registration information, are available at www.ywalane.org. Questions? 541/485-2259, ywalouisa@aol.com

About YWA: Since 1994, YWA has stirred up literary play in youth and community. A nonprofit org., YWA provides Lane County elementary through high school students with interactive, literature-based experiences in workshops, publications, camps, classrooms, and in inter generational settings. More information is available at www.ywalane.org

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 & Int'l 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

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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