

Late Breaking News, Thursday, March 11, 2010



- **Author's Night a Great Success!**

Thanks to all those who participated in another stellar author's night! Despite the late arrival of the burritos, a good time was had by all. The students were the stars of the evening with courageous sharing of their excellent writing. Thanks go especially to the 4th grade class for helping to organize the event and to all the classroom teachers for their efforts in teaching our children to be authors.

- There is **no school** tomorrow, **March 12, 2010**, due to a Teacher In-Service Day.

- Saturday, **March 13, 2010** Statewide Prescription Drug Turn-In Event

Eugene

Eugene Water and Electric Board

500 East 4th Avenue

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Contact: Nancy Toth, Eugene Water & Electric Board

541-685-7438 nancy.toth@eweb.org

Springfield

Springfield City Hall

225 Fifth St

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Contact: Bill Hamann, City of Springfield, Environmental Services Division

541-726-3693 bhamann@ci.springfield.or.us

- All **Lost and Found** items will be outside of the office entrance until Friday the 19th. Please take a look and claim your child's misplaced clothes. All unclaimed items will be donated before Spring Break on the 19th.

- Wednesday, March 17 - 6th **Grade Parent Meeting** is from 5:30-7pm

- **Bridging the Gap:** No contribution is too small in helping us achieve our \$10,000+ goal for the Annual Giving Campaign. You can make a donation to the Village School's Annual Giving Campaign with the following options:
 - **Check** - to give by check, make it payable to "The Village School" and mail it to The Village School, 2855 Lincoln St, Suite B, Eugene, Oregon 97405 or drop it off at the school office.
 - **Matching Gifts** - Don't forget that some employers match gifts. If your employer has a form, it can be mailed to the same address as direct donations (see above).
 - **Credit Card** - To donate using your credit card you will be forwarded to the website of the non-profit *Network for Good*, where your gift (and any earmarks you make) will be recorded.
 - **Direct Donation** from your bank account - You can set us up in your Bill Pay preferences through your online banking institution. Once you set up Bill Pay just select a one-time payment or a recurring automated monthly payment for your donation. If you have questions please call your bank and ask which is the best option for you. Information about all of the above options can be found on the pledge form that was placed in your family mailbox this week.

Your gift is fully tax-deductible to the degree allowed by law.

- The Village School warmly welcomes two **University of Oregon interns** to our community, **Tara Gremillion** and **Kevin Kennedy**. Welcome!
- **The Village School's Student Work is on Display at the Library:** For the rest of this month, the Eugene Public Library will display samples of Village School students' work! They will be returned to the students at the beginning of April.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Ashleigh is working hard to help all families find meaningful ways to get involved:
 - **Crosswalk Cones** have been purchased! We need someone to put them into place before school and to bring them into the building after school.
 - **Crossing Guards:** Mon-Fri: 8:10-8:30 AM & 2:30- 2:50 PM.
 - **Flower Pick Up:** We need someone to pick up flowers from Trader's Joe's and bring them to our school.
 - **Nurse's Bed** needs to be assembled.
 - **Playground Helpers Needed:** Supervision on the playground during lunch time is needed for both the upper wing and lower wing. This is a great time to get some volunteer hours

and you don't have to commit to a certain time or day! Lower grades have recess from 12:00 - 12:30 PM and upper wings have recess from 12:45 - 1:15 PM.

- **Recycling Bins:** The large BLUE recycling bins that sit outside the wings entrance doors need to be brought out to the curb each FRIDAY afternoon and returned to their spots MONDAY afternoons... if you take notice of them; please feel free to take them to their designated spots!
- **Repairs needed for Desk Chairs:** We need someone with some extra time to screw on new seats to some of our student desk chairs. We'll supply the screw driver if you can supply the hands and time!
- **Trash Police:** Please keep your eye out for people illegally dumping their trash in our bins and on our lawns. We would like to keep our school clean! If you see a license plate, please write it down. Thanks.
- **Don't Forget About Campbell's Soup Labels!** We are collecting soup labels from Campbell's again this year; the container is placed above the family mail boxes.

Please call Ashleigh at 541-345-7285 to get involved today.

- **Homework Club:** Join us every Wednesday after school in Room 10 until 4 PM.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Homework Help** is available Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. from 3-3:45 with Justin and Mr. T.

Gentle Reminders

- **Oregon Department of Education** requires all charter schools to participate in this annual survey. This survey is used to collect information that we report to the United States Department of Education (USDE). The information reported to the USDE is aggregate data (which means it is combined to reflect all charter schools in the state, not individual schools).

Each charter school can access the school level results - and many charter schools use this information as part of their annual report to the sponsoring school district and board and for renewal data.

There are three parts to the survey - a staff survey, a parent survey and a student survey. Please select the Parent Survey. No login is needed and the survey is online. It is located at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/default.aspx>

The survey will remain open until June 15, 2010 in order to facilitate your schedules. Please notify the office after your family has completed the survey -Tel: (541) 345-7285, Fax: (541) 242-6874, Email: village@4j.lane.edu. It will remain anonymous, but we would like to track that each family is completing it. If you are unable to access the Internet, pencil and paper copies are available in the School office. Please stop by and complete the survey and a volunteer will input the data on to the website.

- **Parents of grades K-3:** Please walk your children into the wing and pick them up outside the classroom at the end of the day. The school day begins at 8:30 AM.
- **Supervision:** The school day ends at 2:45 PM. There will be no supervision provided after 3 PM. When picking up your child(ren), please remind all students that they are not to hang from the hand rails, play tag in front of the doors or stand on the ramp ledges. Thank you.