

# Late Breaking News, Thursday, April 15, 2010



- There is no school tomorrow, April 16<sup>th</sup>.
- We've extended the **Deadline for Summer School Applications**. Please hand in an application if you're interested in having your child attend summer school by Friday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Dear Village School Families,

Summer school is important for the maintenance of educational gains made by students throughout the school year. Every summer we do pre and post assessments, in addition to comparing these scores to each child's spring, and then fall, district assessments. Our evidence overwhelmingly shows that when struggling students attend summer school, there is no drop, and in most cases an improvement, in their academic performance. For this reason, Title I is once again providing your child with this opportunity for extended learning.

The Village School Title I program will sponsor a 4-week summer school. This program will run from July 5-July 30, five days a week, from 9:00-12:00 at our school site. School will be held Monday through Friday. The program will provide students with book club reading experiences, hands-on math, art and a movement class. Village staff members will support all components of this program. This program is being offered to students exiting first grade through students exiting fifth grade. A summer breakfast and lunch program may also provide meals before and after class.

In preparation for this program, we need to know how many students will participate. Students who are currently in the Title One program will be given priority, but usually everyone who wishes to attend is able to do so. I do encourage all students to apply, however, please do not sign up unless you can commit to excellent attendance. Poor attendance has proven to be disruptive to the learning process, and our main priority with this program is to provide learning experiences.

Please fill out the enrollment form, below, and RETURN (metal mailbox in the office) NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, APRIL 16th. You will be notified no later than April 23rd.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Sally Grimsrud, Title One Coordinator

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SUMMER SCHOOL 2010 REQUEST FOR ENROLLMENT (one per child)

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Gr. \_\_\_\_ Parent(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ home phone: \_\_\_\_\_ cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Questions (if any): \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Next week's events:

**Mon** - Village School Board Meeting; 5:30 pm in Room 10 at the school

**Tues**—8th Grade Mentorship Project Presentations and Evening Potluck Dinner

**Thurs**—6th Grade Play; 10:15 am

**Thurs**—Earth Action Day

This exciting day will be dedicated to service and fundraising to benefit the school and the local community. Each year, Earth Day is celebrated in order to promote and acknowledge the fight for a clean environment. It's a day dedicated to reminding the world of the importance of caring for the land in which we live and sustaining it for future generations.

Please make sure your student is prepared for the big event! Remember, the Village School will be doing its part to clean up the environment and make a positive impact in the community. That means we'll be working outdoors to beautify Campbell Community Center. Activities will include weeding, mulching and planting outside for the afternoon. Rain or shine, we'll be out there doing our part to restore the environment. Please help prepare your child for this day by dressing them in appropriate attire; layered clothing, water resistant shoes, long pants and a rain jacket should suffice. Also, pack some sun block just in case the sunshine pays us a visit.

Please continue to get pledges. We have received great feedback from friends and families in the community!

**Fri**—6th Grade Play; 7 pm

- The upcoming **7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade track meet** will be held Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 10 am-3 pm. Volunteers are needed to make this a success! Please see Ashleigh in the office for ways to get involved!
- With the new **federal reporting requirements** for race and ethnicity going into effect, a letter was placed in each of your family mailboxes this week, asking you to update your child's records. Families are asked to return the forms to the office by April 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **29<sup>th</sup> and Willamette Intersection Construction Notice:** The City of Eugene is reconstructing the roadway in the area of Willamette Street and 29<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The existing road surfacing will be removed and replaced with new concrete. The work will occur in 4 phases, each lasting approximately 2 weeks. During construction, traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction, and the signal will be replaced with a 4-way stop. Access to local businesses will be maintained throughout construction. Work is scheduled to begin in the later part of April and last approximately 10 weeks.

- **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.**

- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Ashleigh is working hard to help all families find meaningful ways to get involved:
  - **After School Supervision:** There has been a consistent pattern of unsafe behavior outside the entrance doors after school. When picking up our child(ren), please remind the children that students are not to hang from the hand rails, play tag in front of the doors or stand on the ramp ledges. This reminder is mainly needed from 2:45-3:00 PM.
  - **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 on Tuesdays and/or Thursdays.
  - **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 dumpsters, 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.**

- **All** charter schools are expected to complete the **annual charter school survey**. There are three parts to the survey: Staff, Parent and Student. 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>

Many of you have done a good job of getting your surveys complete... if you have not yet done so, please take the time to get this done.

The information from this survey helps ODE in grant reporting, reports to the State Board of Education, media requests and legislative and other partner requests and has been used to further the charter school movement from all avenues.

We appreciate you taking time to make this happen!

RESULTS can be found at:

[http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title\\_v/b\\_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx](http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.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](mailto: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.

- **The Village School Board of Directors** is actively recruiting members. Please complete an

application, if interested. If you are not interested in becoming a member, but know of a family or community member who might be, please let them know we are recruiting by sharing this information.

The Board consists of the School's administrator, teachers, parents, and community members.

The Board meets every third Tuesday of the month. The meetings usually take place at the School but refer to the weekly newsletter on our website:

<http://www.eugenevillageschool.org> for the location of the meetings in case of change.

Meetings are open to the public. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

### **Board of Directors Job Description at a Glance**

The Village School Board of Directors has ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the school. The Board is composed of teachers, parents, and community members. Primary Board responsibilities include maintaining the legal and financial security of the school, long-range planning and development, and creating and overseeing the implementation of policies and procedures of the school that are consistent with the school's pedagogy, community vision, and its charter. The Board elects a President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members. All Board members are encouraged to participate in the major committees of the school.

- **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**

- **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.

- **Safety:** The Village School administration, staff, Safety Committee members and concerned parents are working together to raise awareness about traffic safety on Lincoln St. during student drop off and pick up times. As you have probably noticed, the curbs adjacent to heavily used crossings at 27<sup>th</sup> Place and 28<sup>th</sup> Avenue have recently been repainted yellow. A yellow zone on a curb indicates that there is no parking at those points on the street. It is hoped that this action on the part of the City of Eugene along with some of the following reminders will improve pedestrian and vehicular safety during student drop off and pick up times - before and after school.

The following are reminders of the relevant traffic safety laws in the school vicinity. Your adherence to these laws will help us to create a safe environment at school. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

1. **Please do not park in the clearly marked yellow zones, even if only for a few seconds, as doing so blocks the view of the street and potential on-coming traffic for pedestrians in or near the crosswalks.** Conversely, parking in these zones diminishes the view of the crosswalks and their entry points for approaching cars. Orange safety cones are being placed along the painted curbs as an additional reminder about these safety factors. Stopping or parking in the traffic lanes adjacent to these cones to let students out of vehicles is even more dangerous than parking along the curb in the yellow zones as doing so causes the aforementioned problems while additionally blocking a lane of traffic, which may contribute to rash and unsafe decisions by other potentially impatient drivers.
2. **Please be aware of the presence of the crosswalks on Lincoln St at the intersections of 27<sup>th</sup> Place and 28<sup>th</sup> Ave.** Neither crosswalk is very well marked.
3. **Be prepared to stop at crosswalks and yield the right-of-way when pedestrians are present** (remember that pedestrians have the right-of-way at all times).
4. **Drive at or below the 20 mile per hour speed limit that is prescribed for school zones.**
5. **Enter and exit intersections with caution and vigilance.**

**When parking in the vicinity of the school, please refrain from parking on the wrong side of the street.** This action is unsafe for pedestrians and drivers alike, adding unpredictability for other drivers and pedestrians, and greatly reducing the ability of the illegally parked driver to see approaching cars or nearby pedestrians when entering traffic.

In addition, parking on the wrong side of the street requires the driver to cross the lane of on-coming traffic in order to enter the proper lane.

Please contact the Village School administration if you have questions 541-345-7285. Again, we thank you for your help in creating a safe school environment.