

Late Breaking News, Friday, April 30, 2010



- Thank you everyone who participated in last week's **Earth Action Day** (grades 3-7). We want to extend a special thanks to Diane Steeck for bringing the idea to Parent Council and starting the organizing process, to Eugene City Parks Volunteer Coordinator Lorna Baldwin, for organizing the day of service for us, Lorna's staff, and all the students and parents that participated in the day! It was a wonderful success. The children spent close to two hours working hard to beautify the area around Campbell Community Center. We had radio station KUGN run a story on our event and we were on the KVAL 5:00 News that evening! It was beautiful to see our community celebrate Earth Day and give back to the community. Great job everyone!

Please remember to bring in those hard earned pledges to the office so that we can add up the donations.

- **The 2010 7th/8th Grade Northwest Track Meet:** The Village School played host to the 12th Annual Northwest Waldorf Schools (and Charter) Track Meet. Schools from Eugene, Portland, Corvallis and the Oregon Coast (Lighthouse School) participated in a festive meet of dramatic exploits. In the spirit of the ancient Greeks who laid down their weapons to participate peacefully in athletic competition, the host school led the way with a number of extraordinary performances. Congratulations to all of our upper school participants. Many thanks to Mr. Taber for all of his efforts in getting our students ready and organizing a most excellent track meet! Thanks to all the teachers and parents who supported this wonderful event!
- Next week is **Teacher Appreciation Week!** The first week in May marks National Teacher Appreciation Week, making now the ideal time to deepen our support and appreciation for the work that our teachers do every day.

Next week's events:

- Tues** - All School Photo; 10:15 am
 - 8th Grade Class Trip Meeting; 7-8 pm
- Thurs** - Substitute Teacher Appreciation Day
 - 3rd Grade Play; 10:20 am and 6 pm

- With the new **federal reporting requirements** for race and ethnicity going into effect, a letter was placed in each of your family mailboxes, asking you to update your child's records. These

forms are also available outside your child's classroom door. If you have not yet completed and returned this form, please do so at your earliest convenience.

- **All charter schools** are expected to complete the Annual Charter School Survey: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/default.aspx>. Please complete the Parent Survey. 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 by phone (541) 345-7285 or 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. So far 33 families completed the survey! Here are the results: http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx.
- **29th and Willamette Intersection Construction Notice:** The City of Eugene is reconstructing the roadway in the area of Willamette Street and 29th 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.
- **Ballot Measure 68:** A measure that would affect schools has been referred to voters by the Oregon Legislature. Ballot Measure 68 would amend the Oregon Constitution to allow Oregon public school districts to use bond proceeds to buy land and other assets, and would create a state matching fund to help finance school district capital costs. The measure would have no financial effect on either state or local government expenditures or revenues. (*Source: Measure 68 ballot titles and explanatory statements, "Oregon Voters' Guide for May 18, 2010, Primary Election."*) Statewide primary election ballots should arrive in registered voters' mailboxes in early May and are due to election offices by May 18. For more information about Ballot Measure 68, please visit www.4j.lane.edu/measure68.
- **Bridging the Gap:** No contribution is too small in helping us achieve our \$10,000+ goal for the Annual Giving Campaign. Your gift is fully tax-deductible to the degree allowed by law. 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.

- **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 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

- **Reminder about early release:** When picking their children up early, parents need to sign their students out in the office first and take an early release pass to the teacher so that the teacher knows the student has been properly signed out before they leave campus.
- **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.
- **Volunteer Opportunities:**

- **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.
- **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!
- **Trash Police:** Please watch 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.