

# Late Breaking News, Friday, May 14, 2010



- **Next week's events:**

**18 Tues** - VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm

**20 Thurs** - 7th Grade Play; 9 am  
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Concert at Cozmic Pizza; 7-9 pm

**21 Fri** - 7th Grade Play; 6 pm

**22 Sat** - 8th Grade Pre-Class Trip Potluck; 4:30-7:30 pm

Remainder of the year events:

## May 2010

23 Sun-28 Fri —8th Grade Trip

24 Mon-25 Tues—Fifth Grade Medieval Games

25 Tues-27 Thurs—7th Grade Trip

26 Wed-27 Thurs—4th Grade Trip

28 Fri—31 Mon—No School; Memorial Day Weekend

## June 2010

1 Tues—Oregon Ballet Academy's *Peter and the Wolf*; 10:30 am

3 Thurs—1st Grade Play for Kinders; 9:30 am

4 Fri—1st Grade Play; 6 pm

11 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day

12 Sat - Final Site Clean Up; 9-12 pm

15 Tues—VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm

16 Wed—Final Assembly

17 Thurs—All School Picnic; 5:30 pm

18 Fri—Last Day of School; Early Release at 1 pm

18 Fri—8th grade dinner and graduation; 5-8 pm

- **Earth Action Day Update:** So far our children have raised \$1200.00 for Earth Action Day! This exciting day was dedicated to service and fundraising to benefit the school and the local community. Our children worked outdoors to beautify Campbell Community Center weeding, mulching, and planting. Please continue to bring in your pledges.

- **Please vote:** 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."*) For more information about Ballot Measure 68, please visit [www.4j.lane.edu/measure68](http://www.4j.lane.edu/measure68). Today is the last day to mail out your election ballot although you may still drop it off in one of the drop-off locations. All ballots are due by **Tuesday, May 18**.

- **Race & Ethnicity Form Reminder:** The federal requirements about recording race and ethnicity data have changed, and so we are updating all student records using the new categories.

Thank you to all the families who have already updated their students' records. For those who missed the April 30th due date, please complete both the race/ethnicity form and the home language survey, and return them to the school office as soon as you can. We believe that self-identification is the only way to gather this information accurately and respectfully. We would like to have all students' forms in by the end of the school year. For more information please see this link: [www.4j.lane.edu/communications/recordsupdate](http://www.4j.lane.edu/communications/recordsupdate).

- **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](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. 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](http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx).

- **Fundraising idea:** Care2 and GreatSchools.org are sponsoring America's Favorite School Contest. With your help, we school could win \$20,000. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about this contest and ask them to vote for Village School! Here is the link: <http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/4101/634/?refer=17331.02.1273765061.716941>

- **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.

- **LTD Service Changes During the Last Week of School (K-12)**

LTD service reductions that take effect on Sunday, June 13, may impact the school commute for K-12 students during their last week of school. Routes 13 Centennial, 28 Hilyard, 30 Bertlesen, 40 Echo Hollow, 41 Barger/West 11th, 67 VRC/Coburg Road, and 73 UO/Willamette will have changes. Please visit [ltd.org](http://ltd.org) or call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for details.

The LTD 2009-10 Student Pass is valid through June 30, 2010, for students in grades 6-12.

**Summer Youth Pass.** LTD will sell a Summer Youth Pass that is valid for July and August for youth ages 6-18. The two-month pass will cost \$35 and will go on sale in late June at LTD Customer Service, located at the corner of E. 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Willamette Street. Call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for more information. Without the Student Transit Pass Program, a one-month youth pass would cost \$22.50. The STPP doesn't cover non-school months, so LTD offers the two-month pass at a discount.

**2010-11 Student Pass.** LTD will offer the 2010-11 passes beginning September 1, 2010, for students in grades 6-12. Interested families should look for program information in their back-to-school materials.

- **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.

- Are you in need of a **Sturdy Work Bench** or know someone who is? We have one that is in need of a new home. Come check out this 9x3 bench next time you're in the office wing and let us know if you're interested!
- The **Yearbook** group needs photos from this year's events. We're hoping to get supplies of photos from school wide events and class-related activities, plays and outings.

### Media

It would help if you can put your photos on a CD or can temporarily lend us a thumb drive. Please, to the extent possible, provide us your original electronic files, and not compressed, low resolution, thumbnail versions. The small, compressed files do not enlarge well for printing. If you can, include a note of what you have on your CD or thumb drive, and your contact information.

### Where to bring files

Please bring the files to the office or give them directly to Andy Traisman.

### What photos are needed?

#### Class photos:

- Kinders: Class Photos Needed
- 1st Grade: Art Samples
- 2nd Grade: Class Photos, Art Samples
- 3rd Grade: Class Photos, Art Samples
- 4th Grade: Class Play and Class Photos, Art Samples
- 5th Grade: Class Photos, Art Samples
- 6th Grade: Class Play and Class Photos, Art Samples
- 7th Grade: Class Play and Class Photos, Art Samples

#### Events to date:

- Class Plays
- Eugene Celebration
- Dia de los Muertos
- Talent Show
- Winter Concert
- Author's Night
- Track Meet
- May Day

#### Events to come:

- Class Plays
- Class Trips
- Greek Games
- Medieval Games

- **The Village School 10<sup>th</sup> Year Celebration Committee needs your help!**
  - We are looking for Village School photos from over the years! We are especially in need of older photos from the first 3-5 years when the school began. If photos can be placed on a disc, that would be very helpful.
  - Please send photos to Tree at [lisamitcheltree@hotmail.com](mailto:lisamitcheltree@hotmail.com) or drop CDs in the Boyd-Mitcheltree family mailbox.
- **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, slide down the banister, 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.

- **Campbell's Soup Labels:** We are collecting soup labels from Campbell's again this year; the container is placed above the family mail boxes.
- **Crosswalk Cones:** We need someone to put the cones 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.
- **Illegal Dumping:** 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.
- **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!