

Late Breaking News, Thursday, May 27, 2010



- **There is no school tomorrow or Monday - Memorial Day Weekend! Have fun!**

June 2010 Events

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

- We have a confirmed case of **Pinworm** in our school. **Please make sure to teach your children proper hand washing techniques and to use a scrubber to get under the fingernails.** Please see below (page 5) for more information.
- **Earth Action Day Update:** So far our children have raised \$1360.20 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.
- **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.

- 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. Thank you to the 47 of you who have completed the survey (1.8%). If you have not completed it, please do. Here are the results: http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx.
- This year's yearbook still needs some 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
- Class Trips
- Eugene Celebration
- Dia de los Muertos
- Talent Show
- Winter Concert
- Author's Night
- Track Meet
- May Day
- Greek Games
- Medieval Games

Events to come:

- Class Plays
- Class Trips

The students will be finalizing the yearbook this upcoming week. Please supply all photos by Tuesday, June 1st so they will be included in the yearbook.

- **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. **Due to the construction, please drop off your child(ren) at the circle in the parking lot rather than on Lincoln Street.**
- **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>
- **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 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. 11th 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 Village School 10th 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 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. There will be no Homework Club on Wednesday, June 16th for the younger grades.
- **Seventh and Eighth Grade Homework Help** is available Mon., Tues., Wed., and Fri. from 3-3:45 with Justin and Mr. T.

- We have a confirmed case of **Pinworm** infection (Enterobiasis) in our school. **Please make sure to teach your children proper hand washing techniques and to use a scrubber to get under the fingernails.**

What is a pinworm?

A pinworm ("threadworm") is a small, thin, white roundworm (nematode) called *Enterobius vermicularis* (EN-ter-O-be-us ver-MIK-u-lar-is) that sometimes lives in the colon and rectum of humans. Pinworms are about the length of a staple. While an infected person sleeps, female pinworms leave the intestine through the anus and deposit their eggs on the surrounding skin.

What are the symptoms of a pinworm infection?

Pinworm infection (called enterobiasis or oxyuriasis) causes itching around the anus which can lead to difficulty sleeping and restlessness. Symptoms are caused by the female pinworm laying her eggs. Symptoms of pinworm infection usually are mild and some infected people have no symptoms.

Who is at risk for pinworm infection?

Pinworm infection occurs worldwide and affects persons of all ages and socioeconomic levels. It is the most common worm infection in the United States. Pinworm infection occurs most commonly among

- school-aged and preschool-aged children,
- institutionalized persons, and
- household members and caretakers of persons with pinworm infection.

Pinworm infection often occurs in more than one person in household and institutional settings. Child care centers often are the site of cases of pinworm infection.

How is pinworm infection spread?

Pinworm infection is spread by the fecal-oral route, that is by the transfer of infective pinworm eggs from the anus to someone's mouth, either directly by hand or indirectly through contaminated clothing, bedding, food, or other articles.

Pinworm eggs become infective within a few hours after being deposited on the skin around the anus and can survive for 2 to 3 weeks on clothing, bedding, or other objects. People become infected, usually unknowingly, by swallowing (ingesting) infective pinworm eggs that are on fingers, under fingernails, or on clothing, bedding, and other contaminated objects and surfaces. Because of their small size, pinworm eggs sometimes can become airborne and ingested while breathing.

How is pinworm infection diagnosed?

Itching during the night in a child's perianal area strongly suggests pinworm infection. Diagnosis is made by identifying the worm or its eggs. Worms can sometimes be seen on the skin near the anus or on underclothing, pajamas, or sheets about 2 to 3 hours after falling asleep.

Pinworm eggs can be collected and examined using the "tape test" as soon as the person wakes up. This "test" is done by firmly pressing the adhesive side of clear, transparent cellophane tape to the skin around the anus. The eggs stick to the tape and the tape can be placed on a slide and looked at under a microscope. Because washing/bathing or having a bowel movement can remove eggs from the skin, this test should be done as soon as the person wakes up in the morning before they wash, bathe, go to the toilet, or get dressed. The "tape test" should be done on three consecutive mornings to increase the chance of finding pinworm eggs.

Because itching and scratching of the anal area is common in pinworm infection, samples taken from under the fingernails may also contain eggs. Pinworm eggs rarely are found in routine stool or urine samples.

How is pinworm infection treated?

Pinworm can be treated with either prescription or over-the-counter medications. A health care provider should be consulted before treating a suspected case of pinworm infection.

Treatment involves two doses of medication with the second dose being given 2 weeks after the first dose. All household contacts and caretakers of the infected person should be treated at the same time. Reinfection can occur easily so strict observance of good hand hygiene is essential (e.g. proper hand washing, maintaining clean short fingernails, avoiding nail biting, avoiding scratching the perianal area).

Daily morning bathing removes a large proportion of eggs; showering may be preferred to avoid possible contamination of bath water. Careful handling and frequent changing of underclothing, night clothes, towels, and bedding can help reduce infection, reinfection, and environmental contamination with pinworm eggs. These items should be laundered in hot water, especially after each treatment of the infected person.

What should be done if the pinworm infection occurs again?

Reinfection occurs easily. Prevention always should be discussed at the time of treatment. Good hand hygiene is the most effective means of prevention. If pinworm infection occurs again, the infected person should be retreated with the same two-dose treatment. The infected person's household contacts and caretakers also should be treated. If pinworm infection continues to occur, the source of the infection should be sought and treated. Playmates, schoolmates, close contacts outside the home, and household members should be considered possible sources of infection. Each infected person should receive the recommended two-dose treatment.

How can pinworm infection and reinfection be prevented?

Strict observance of good hand hygiene is the most effective means of preventing pinworm infection. This includes proper hand washing (particularly before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, and after changing a diaper), keeping fingernails clean and short, avoiding fingernail-biting, and avoiding scratching the skin in the perianal area.

Daily morning bathing and changing of underclothes helps remove a large proportion of pinworm eggs and can help prevent infection and reinfection. Showering may be preferred to avoid possible contamination of bath water. Careful handling (avoid shaking) and frequent laundering of underclothes, night clothes, towels, and bed sheets using hot water also helps reduce the chance of infection and reinfection by reducing environmental contamination with eggs.

Control can be difficult in child care centers and schools because the rate of reinfection is high. In institutions, mass and simultaneous treatment, repeated in 2 weeks, can be effective. Hand hygiene is the most effective method of prevention. Trimming and scrubbing the fingernails and bathing after treatment is important to help prevent reinfection and spread of pinworms.

This fact sheet is for information only and is not meant to be used for self-diagnosis or as a substitute for consultation with a health care provider. If you have any questions about the disease described above or think that you may have a parasitic infection, consult a health care provider.

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!