

Late Breaking News, Thursday, June 10, 2010



- There is no school tomorrow. Please join us Saturday for the school's final Site Clean Up.

- **June 2010 Events**

11 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day

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

13 Sun - LTD Service Changes

14 Mon —VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm

14 Mon - 2nd Grade Author's Night; 6-7:30 pm

15 Tues - Annual Charter School Surveys due.

15-17 Tues-Thurs - Yearbooks for sale!

16 Wed—No Homework Club

16 Wed - Final Assembly; 1:15 pm

17 Thurs—All School Picnic, 10 Year Celebration & Volunteer Recognition Event; 5:30-8 pm

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

18 Fri—Kindergarten picnic at Lafferty Park

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

- Letter from the Administrator, Martha Collins

June 10, 2010

Dear Village School Families:

There is only one more week of school left. It seemed that last week when I wrote to you in the *Village Voice* that we had announced most of the upcoming changes in our staff – both those who are leaving and those who will be joining the school. However, there is yet one more significant change.

Farewell to Brandy Newton

The Village School Business Manager for these past nine years, Brandy Newton will be leaving her post as of July 25th. Brandy has provided excellent financial management over the years, leaving the school with savings in the bank and an excellent track record of clean, transparent financial reporting. Over the years, Village School staff has come to rely on Brandy for all things financial as have so many parents who have been supported by Brandy on various school projects and fundraisers. She will be sorely missed. We wish Brandy the best of luck in all of her future endeavors.

One more good-bye...

Artist, Helen Liu, who has taught art classes to upper grade students as part of the Upper Grade Enrichments will not be returning in the fall. She and her family are going to live in Thailand for a year. Helen hopes to return to teach our students when she returns in the fall of 2011. We wish Helen a safe and enjoyable sojourn.

The final Village Voice of this school year will be coming out next Thursday, June 17. Look for some additional announcements regarding the new people who will be joining the school in the fall including the new Principal and the new Executive Director.

I sincerely hope that we are aware of all the changes that will take place in the school over the next few months. It has been a big year for changes!

Have a wonderful three-day-weekend.

Warmly,

Martha

- **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.

- **Village School Board Meeting - Monday, June 14th** at 5:30 pm. The Village School Board of Directors is actively recruiting members. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a member, please complete an [application](#). The Board usually meets every third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are open to the public. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.
- **Annual Charter School Surveys due Tuesday, June 15th**. 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. If you have not completed it, please do so:
<http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/template.aspx?sid=326>. Here are the results:
http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx.
- **Yearbooks will be for sale Tuesday, June 15th - Thursday, June 17th!** The yearbook will be on sale before and after school in the lower wing foyer for \$15 per book. This wonderful

keepsake includes all classes and students and is produced by our 7th and 8th grade Yearbook Enrichment Class.

- **All School Picnic, 10 Year Celebration & Volunteer Recognition Event on Thursday, June 17th** from 5:30-8 pm. There will be musical performances from members of the Sugar Beets, Gypsy Moon Band, and past and present Marimba students. There will also be a juggling performance from Village School's own Kris Manaois, juggling lessons for all ages, and art projects.

This year's volunteer acknowledgments, founders and long time staff acknowledgments, door prizes, and more will also take place! We will be giving our wonderful administrator, Martha Collins, a warm farewell at this event. Please join us in thanking her for the many years of service she has provided for our school and community. In addition, we will warmly welcome our new administrative team. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of you to meet the newest members of our school.

We have invited many of our founders, past employees, and board members to celebrate, but we may have mistakenly forgotten someone, so please spread the word! It would also be great to have our alumni join us for this fun celebration. Please inform them of our anniversary party!

Don't forget your picnic dinner and blanket! We hope to see all of you there!

- Kindergarteners will walk to **Lafferty Park** for a picnic on **Friday, June 18th**. Parents are invited to join the class for the day. Students will be dismissed at 11:45 am. There will not be any After Care.



- **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 deadline, please complete both the race/ethnicity form and the home language survey, and return them to the school office. We believe that self-identification is the only way to gather this information accurately and respectfully. For more information please see this link: www.4j.lane.edu/communications/recordsupdate.

- 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>
- **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.
- **Lane Transit District Information**
The 2009-10 LTD Student Transit Passes remain valid for students in grades 6-12 through June 30, 2010.

LTD Summer Youth Pass

This year Lane Transit District (LTD) will sell a Summer Youth Pass covering July and August to help families bridge the gap created when their students' 2009-10 pass expires and before their 2010-11 pass becomes effective on September 1, 2010. The two-month pass will cost \$35 and will be available for purchase in late June at the LTD Customer Service Center, 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.

LTD 2010-11 Student Pass

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

LTD Service Changes Effective Sunday, June 13, 2010

Beginning Sunday, June 13, Lane Transit District summer bus service changes will go into effect. These changes are adjustments to the level of service during the summer when the UO, LCC, and 4J enter their summer session, and they include phase one of a four-phase plan that reduces service hours in order to balance the District's operating budget.

The following routes will be eliminated effective Sunday, June 13:

3x River Road Station 8x Thurston Station Breeze 60 Cal Young

The following routes will experience changes effective Sunday, June 13. Visit ltd.org for service details.

1 Campbell Center	32 West 1 st Avenue	81 LCC/Harris
24 Donald	55 River Road Connector	91 McKenzie Bridge
27 Fairmount	66 VRC/Coburg	95 Junction City
28 Hilyard	67 Coburg/VRC	96 Coburg

The following routes will be eliminated effective Friday, June 18, at the end of the school session:

422 AM SEHS and PM Crest Drive	435 AM CHS and PM City View
426 AM SEHS and PM UO/Brae Burn	451 AM and PM NEHS

The following routes do not operate during the summer effective Sunday, June 13. Service will resume in the fall.

76 UO/Westmoreland, Weekday	78 UO/Oak Patch, Weekday
79x UO/Kinsrow, Weekday	81 LCC/Harris, Saturday

*Visit LTD's website, stop by LTD Customer Service at the Eugene Station, or call **541-687-5555** (1-800-735-2900 TTY-Oregon Relay) for more details or if you have questions about the service changes.*

Gentle Reminders

- **Due to the construction:** Please drop off your child(ren) at the circle in the parking lot rather than on Lincoln Street.
- **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!