

The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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Happy New Year!

Welcome back! We hope you had a wonderful vacation!

Calendar Events

January 2010

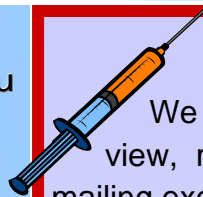
- 12 Tues— Parent Council; 6:30 PM
- 18 Mon— No School; Martin Luther King Day
- 19 Tues— VS Board Meeting; 5:30 PM
- 20 Wed—7-8 Gr Parent Meeting: 6:30-8 PM
- 23 Sat—**Site Clean-Up** (3-5 Gr); 9 AM-12PM
- 25 Mon—Safety Committee; 3:30 PM
- 27 Wed—5th Gr to Eugene Buddhist Priory
- 28 Thurs—2nd Gr Play; 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM
- 29 Fri— No School (Parent Teacher Conference)

February 2010

- 1 Mon— No School (Parent Teacher Conference)
- 5 Fri—Deadline for Re-enrollment Forms
- 6 Sat— Heart of the Village Celebration
- 9 Tues— Parent Council : 6:30 PM
- 16 Tues - VS Board Mtg; 5:30 PM
- 22 Mon—Safety Committee; 3:30 PM
- 24 Wed—New Parent Information Meeting; 6-8 PM
- 27 Sat—New Parent Information Meeting; 10 AM-12 PM

March 2010

- 2 Tues—Middle School Orientation; 6-7:30 PM
- 3 Wed—4th Gr Author's Night; 5:30-7:30 PM (Dinner will be served)
- 9 Tues— 8th Gr Play; 9 AM
- 10 Wed—8th Gr Play; 6:30 PM
- 12 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day
- 16 Tues—Lottery for 2010-2011 School Year
- 17 Wed—Gr 6 Parent Mtg; TBD
- 22 Mon— Spring Break Begins!



Updated Immunization Records Needed!

We have begun the 2009-2010 Immunization Review, required by Lane County. Lane County will be mailing exclusion letters to parents of all students who are listed as "incomplete" as of 2/3/10, notifying them that they will be excluded from school starting on 2/17/10.

This means that if you haven't received (and reported to me) updated vaccines or signed the religious exemption, your child will not be able to attend school as of 2/17/10.

Please note: Hepatitis A is required for all kindergarteners and 1st graders. Tdap (tetanus with pertussis) is required for all 7th graders and 8th graders.

Thank you for your prompt response to this matter!

Please update all forms with Ilana in the Office.

Tel: (541) 345-7285 Fax: (541) 242-6874 Email: village@4j.lane.edu

Thank you David Atkin
for the beautiful sandwich board signs!

THANK YOU

Caught Doing Good!

Thank you Dylan and Maya
for picking up all of the pencil shavings in Ms. Romatz's class!

Thank You So Much!

The Village School 2010-2011 Re-Enrollment Process

Enrollment for the 2010-11 school year is beginning! It is time to re-enroll your current student(s) and submit a New Siblings Enrollment Application, before spaces are made available to first-time applicants in our lottery.

The re-enrollment deadline is Friday, Feb. 5th at 3pm. An application is on Page 4 of this issue.

Although new siblings receive priority for spots, they can only be admitted on a space available basis. In the event there are more sibling applicants than there are spaces, a lottery will be held to place those students in spots or on the wait list.

Announcements

Morning Arrival Time/ Lost and Found

Students should not be dropped off at school before 8 AM unless their families have made special arrangements with school staff. Generally, the School buildings are closed up until 8 AM.

Lots of nice clothes and jackets are getting left out in the rain on the playground. Please remind your students to bring their belongings home! Also, the Lost and Found is getting very full. Please check it regularly.

Lost and Found items will be displayed on the railings on Monday's during the Bake Sale. Left over items may be donated, so don't forget to check!

With the rainy season upon us, it is a good idea to have an extra set of clothing in the building. Please bring in an extra set of clothing for your child for emergency use.



Alternative Education Fair

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2010 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Downtown Library: 10th & Olive

A great opportunity for parents, teens, and kids to learn about alternative education programs in Eugene and Lane County.

See displays and talk with staff and students from private schools, charter schools, Eugene School District 4-J alternative programs, and home schooling organizations.

Make the most of Library resources, including Live Homework Help free tutoring service, available online 7 days a week.

Sponsored by the Eugene Public Library, Eugene Waldorf School, the Eugene Public Library Foundation, and Friends of the Library.

Information: (541) 682-8316



January 26th Election —Ballot Measures 66 and 67: How Would They Affect School Funding?

Oregon voters will decide whether to approve a personal income tax increase (Measure 66) and a corporate tax increase (Measure 67).

If the tax measures are approved: The expected revenue from Measures 66 and 67 is included in the state funding allocated to schools for the 2009–10 and 2010–11 school years. About 40% of the state's general fund and lottery budget goes to K–12 education.

If the tax measures are defeated: The 2009 Legislature made reductions to many state services, including schools, and passed the tax increases to help balance the budget. If the tax measures are not approved, the Legislature would need to decide how to balance the state budget without this revenue.

If reductions are spread evenly across-the-board, school funding would be reduced by about \$285 million (about \$430 per student) for 2009–11.

The Eugene School District's proportionate share of the reductions would be about \$8.5 million for the 2009–11 biennium. That's the equivalent of 94.4 teachers or 19 school days.

For more information, including the source of figures cited above, please see <http://www.4j.lane.edu/ballotmeasures>.



Saturday, January 23rd 9am-Noon

Site Clean Up

Goal: clean up stage area!

There is excellent storage space under the stage that is filled with clutter and must get cleaned out before we can use it.

This clean up is designated to the 3rd, 4th & 5th grade, but if you're available please join us for 3 hours of easy volunteer time!

The more hands we get, the quicker it will get done.

We need to pull everything out, throw away the junk, and put back what's needed.

Contact Ashleigh in the office if you are willing to help us out this day!

Our annual Heart of the Village celebration is quickly approaching!

Families of the 5th & 6th Grade will be coordinating this fun fulfilled day! Therefore 5th and 6th grade families: Heart of the Village Celebration is your designated festival for the year.

This is a huge celebration and we are in need of more hands to make it a success! If you are able to help, please contact Ashleigh in the office. **Please see Page 5.**

Ads

Grand Opening

Cornbread Cafe - Vegan Comfort Food -
Grand Opening Jan 18 - 11am-3pm Mon-Fri
112 E 13th (& Oak), Eugene

Cafe owned by VS Parent, Sheree Walters

New Winter *Feldenkrais*® Classes with VS
Parent, Katie Hynes-Petty

This is a great opportunity to:

- break cycles of pain
- alleviate the effects of everyday stresses
- find greater ease and pleasure in every-day movements
- enhance performance in sports, music and daily activities
- increase range of movement without stretching
- improve coordination and posture
- feel younger and move better in just minutes daily!

Call Katie Hynes-Petty at 344-4041 or email hynespetty@comcast.net to reserve your space.

Each class consists of a series of gentle, sequential movements which are verbally directed, exploratory in nature, and fun to do. We will focus on awareness of habitual movement patterns, exploring options for comfortable, efficient movement, and incorporate the information into daily activities.

Class Fee: \$80 for 8 class series or \$12 drop-in.

Times: 8 Mondays, 5:15-6:15; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 22; March 1, 8, and 15.

The Village School families want to invite you and your family to “The Heart of the Village Celebration,” a hands-on showcase of rich music, arts & crafts, and food from our students and community! Saturday, February 6th from 11am- 3pm. \$2.50/person or \$8/family.

Puppet Shows*Valentine Making * Marimba Performance * Bake Sale * Cake Walk * Improv Theatre * Storytelling* Drumming and Dance * Drawing Workshop * Choir * Great Food!

There are many opportunities to help make this a fabulous event! Please contact Ashleigh if you are able to help out! Each classroom has been assigned a responsibility and class coordinators are in charge of communicating that throughout the families. If you have not heard what you are responsible for, please see your class rep. The next meeting will be Thursday, January 14th at 2:45 in room 10.

Coyote Kids! After School Program With Whole Earth Nature School

Does your child like to play outside? Coyote Kids! after school program is an excellent opportunity to take outdoor play and learning to a new level. Our program has expanded to include grades 1 through 6.

Winter term will include learning the language of the birds, moving invisibly like a cougar, camouflaging our bodies with mud, plants for food and medicine plus more. The 4th-6th grade group will also learn to use a knife safely and carve their own traps.

1st-3rd grade program is Mondays from 2:30-4:30. 4th-6th Grade program is Tuesdays 2:45-4:45.

For details and to register visit <http://wholeearthschool.com> or call 541-517-9098

Lost Booster Seat. Black with red hooks. The seat was left at school the last day before winter break. If found, please call Matt at 541-510-9322.

The Village School
Re-Enrollment Form for the 2010-11 school year

Please return this form to the office ASAP. We cannot ensure a space for your child if this form is not received by the deadline of
Friday, February 5, 2010 at 3pm.

Please complete this form for the student(s) you plan to re-enroll in the Village School.

_____ **Yes, I plan on re-enrolling the following student(s) in 2010-11.**

Name: _____ Grade next year: _____

Name: _____ Grade next year: _____

Name: _____ Grade next year: _____

Please note if you are requesting a grade retention: _____

_____ **No, I am not re-enrolling the following student(s) in 2010-11.**

Name: _____ Reason: _____

Name: _____ Reason: _____

Name: _____ Reason: _____

_____ **Yes, I plan to enroll new sibling(s) in the 2010-11 school year.**

Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade applying for: _____

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Name: _____ Birthdate: _____ Grade applying for: _____

Please note that incoming kindergarteners must be 5 years old by Sept. 1st to be eligible for enrollment that year.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

After your current student's re-enrollment form has been processed, you will receive a Confirmation of Enrollment notice. If you are applying for a new sibling, you will also receive a New Sibling Enrollment Application.

Class Roles and Responsibilities for Heart of the Village Celebration 2010

Kindergarten Roles and Responsibilities

Organize and staff bake & tea sale

1st Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Shadow puppets show. Two performances

Recycling

2nd Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Cake Walk

Chinese dragon

3rd Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Valentine making

Set up room and break down room

Purchase supplies

4th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Salmon Dance

Recruit helpers for the day

5th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Food and Drinks

Coordinate celebration

Fill in any gaps

6th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Food and Drinks

Coordinate celebration

Fill in any gaps

7th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Improvistional theatre- main stage

Set up a cozy atmosphere to host story-telling

Set up and break down room when over

8th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Improvistional theatre-main stage

Set up a cozy atmosphere to host story-telling

Set up and break down room when over



Everybody: The Bake Sale will need participation from everybody in order to make a success! Please contact a Kindergarten Class Coordinator if you are able to donate!

We need people that are willing to help with clean up, set up, and kitchen. If you would like to help with any of this, please contact Ashleigh in the office! 345-7285. Thanks much!!