

# The Village Voice

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## Calendar Events

### August 2008

25<sup>th</sup> Mon—Kinder Open House, 10-2

25<sup>th</sup> Mon—Parent Info Meeting for interested families, 6pm (tell your friends!)

28<sup>th</sup> Thur—Kinder Open House, 2-5

29<sup>th</sup> Fri—Kinder Open House, 10-2

29<sup>th</sup> Fri—Back to School Site Cleaning Party! Please join us from 10am-2pm and help us clean and beautify our grounds.\*\*\*

### September 2008

3<sup>rd</sup> Wed—First day of school! Early release at 11:45 for everyone. New Parent Orientation, 10:30.

5<sup>th</sup> Friday—Village Café, 9:30-10:30 EVERY FRIDAY\*\*\*

9<sup>th</sup> Tues—All School Meeting/Open House Class Meeting, 5:30-7:30pm, please join us! \*\*\*

13<sup>th</sup> Sat—Eugene Celebration Parade. Join our entry, first 100 people get a free t-shirt!\*\*\*

23<sup>rd</sup> Tues—School Photos\*\*\*

\*\*\* see article for further details

## Back to School Cleaning Party

The Village School will be holding our annual back-to-school cleaning party on Friday, August 29, from 10am-2pm. Drinks and snacks will be served. Stop by anytime and lend a hand. It's a great way to meet other families, let the kids get together and play (or help out!), feel good about getting our grounds and buildings ready for school, and start adding up those volunteer hours. Our site is heavily used during the summer, so it's nice to get it cleaned and ready for the school year. If you would like to help but can't make that date, here are a list of things that people can do before or after that date at their own convenience: walk the grounds and pick up garbage, dog droppings, etc.; sweeping breezeways, stairs, playground areas; clean up the driveway and sidewalks of broken glass or other debris; weeding, etc. If you want to come by during the work week the office folks can give you some more ideas of inside projects that need to be done as well.



## Eugene Celebration Parade

Please join us for another exciting year of marching in the Eugene Celebration Parade!!! Last year we won a ribbon in the "Kid's Choice" category. Our entry had over 100 people marching, complete with banners, our own Chinese dragon, and our Middle School Marimba band. Once again we will be giving out free t-shirts to the first 100 people to meet us at the parade site. This year's shirt will be red with a beautiful dragon drawn by a student. Hope to see you there! Stay tuned for more info and ways to help out.

## All School Meeting & Class Meetings

*First All School Meeting—Tuesday, September 9, 5:30-7:30 \*\*\*NOTE DATE & TIME HAVE BEEN CHANGED*

The Village School is overseen by our own Board of Directors made up of staff, parents, and community members. Each year the Board hosts two All School Meetings meant to provide our parents with important information about our school. In the past we have held these meetings on Saturday mornings, but this year we are going to try a different time hoping to meet people's needs better. As well, we will be combining this gathering with the first back-to-school class meetings. Please join us from 5:30-6 for refreshments, followed by a board presentation from 6-6:45. From 6:45-7:30 you will have an opportunity to visit your student's classroom. Limited childcare will be available for a nominal fee, please sign-up through the office.

# Announcements

**Carpool Wanted**—New 6th grade family seeking a carpool from the East Amazon neighborhood. Call Irina, 747-7416.

**Piano lessons offered**—Beginning piano for ages 8-88, call Ann Richer, 461-7744.

**Computer For Sale**—G3 Mac iBook, only \$300. Good operating condition includes wireless card, office, iTunes, iFoto, etc. Needs new battery but works fine plugged in. Call Miss Sally at 515-0140 for more info.

**Village Voice Submissions** must be in the office by 10am Friday morning. Bonus points for emailed submissions ([village@aj.lane.edu](mailto:village@aj.lane.edu)). Announcements will run for 2 weeks in a row unless otherwise arranged. All submissions may be edited for length or content. The VV will be posted on our website every Monday afternoon; paper copies available in the office.

## Upcoming Events & FYI

**We're Going Paperless**—The Village Voice (and lots of other info) will be on our website now! Paper copies will be available in the office on request.

**School Photos**—Mark your calendars! School photos will be taken on Sept. 23 by Inter-State Photography. They will also be making our Middle School ID cards.

**Student Directory Information**—All families will receive a Family Handbook that will include a student directory, listing the student, parents, addresses and phone numbers. All families will be included in this directory unless they request otherwise. If you do not want your contact information released, please notify Catia in the office by Sept. 26. Please return your student verification form to the office by Sept. 12.

**Cell Phone and other electronic devices** are not to be used on campus. This includes handheld video games, MP3/iPods, etc. If a student must make a phone call while at school, they may use the phone in the office.

**Bikes, Blades, Skateboards and Scooters** are a great way to get to school, but please, no wheels on campus! This creates a safety hazard. Students are expected to walk/put the wheels away once they reach the school grounds.

**Parking Etiquette**—Parents may park in the lot or on the street. Please be courteous to our neighbors and do not block driveways or move garbage cans! Please drive slowly and safely, looking out for children. Do not park in the yellow zone, near the intersections, or on the grass.

**Village Café**—Every Friday during the school year, all parents are invited to the Village Café in the cafeteria from 8:30-9:30 for socializing and organizing. The school will provide coffee and tea (and fixings), and parents are most welcome to bring treats. Help coordinating this fun event is always appreciated!

## Volunteer Corner

Village School Parents Volunteer! There are many ways to help out at the Village School. Whether it's during the school day, after school, or on the weekends from home, there are many essential activities that parents do at our school. Look in this corner of each newsletter for ongoing volunteer needs, check the board outside the office, or check with your classroom teacher.

### Volunteer Ideas to get you started:

- ♥ Help with organizing our entry in the Eugene Celebration Parade
- ♥ Attend the All-School Meeting (you get hours for attending meetings—Cool!)
- ♥ Come to School Clean-Up day
- ♥ Volunteer to be your classroom coordinator
- ♥ Help Set-Up/Break-Down or gather treats for the weekly Village Café
- ♥ Anything else that you want to do to help!



## Fundraising

We have a very active fundraising community at the school. We sell Café Mam Coffee, Student Art Greeting Cards, locally produced Calendars, Chinook Books, and we also have bake sales, pizza sales and offer Escrip. Please join us in our fundraising efforts. Look in this box for information on new and on-going fundraising projects.

*“Rest is not idleness, and to lie sometimes on the grass under the trees on a summer's day, listening to the murmur of water, or watching the clouds float across the sky, is by no means a waste of time.”*

*~John Lubbock*

