

The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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Calendar Events

August 2009

Aug 27—7/8 Grade potluck, 6-8pm Tugman Park

Aug 24-28—Office and grounds closed due to demolition of the lower wing following the fire that happened this summer.

31 Mon— Parent Info Meeting for families interested in enrollment, 6pm (tell your friends!)

September 2009

3 Thur—Kinder Potluck, Friendly Park, 5:00

3 Thur—6th Grade Potluck, Tugman Park, 5:00

3 Thur—3rd Grade Potluck, Friendly Park, 5:30

4 Fri—Back to School Site Cleaning Party! Please join us from 10am-2pm and help us clean and beautify our grounds.***

5 Sat—Eugene Celebration Parade! Join our entry, first 100 people get a free t-shirt with our gorgeous new dragon!***

7/8 Mon/Tue—Kinder Open House, 10-2 (drop-in)

8 Tue—1st Grade Potluck, Tugman Park, 5:30

9 Wed—First day of school! PLEASE NOTE: **Early release at 1:00** for everyone (Kinders out at 11:45, Kindercare goes until 1:00). New Parent Orientation, 9am. Lunch available.

11 Fri—Village Café, 8:30-9:30 EVERY FRIDAY***

11 Fri—Maude Kerns Teen Art Show Opening, 6-8pm, featuring Dia de los Muertos Kites by last year's 7th & 8th Graders.

16 Wed—All School Meeting and Class Meetings, 5:30-7:30pm, please join us! ***

23 Wed—Ms. Sally hosts a slide show of her trip to Kenya to deliver the water filters! More details to follow...

***See Article in this *Village Voice*

Eugene Celebration Parade

Please join us for another exciting year of marching in the Eugene Celebration Parade!!! Our school has won ribbons the last two years! Our entry will be similar to last year's, complete with over 100 marchers, our own Chinese dragon, beautiful banners, 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 our new "official" school colors of blue and gray with this beautiful dragon drawn by 7th grader Morgan. The parade starts at 9:30, we will gather at 8:45am. Look for updates on our website about logistics of where to meet; we will post that info as soon as we receive it from the parade committee. In the meantime, spread the word, call your friends, grab your kids and plan to meet



All School Meeting & Class Meetings

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. Last year was the first year we combined this event with the first back-to-school Class Meetings, and it was a great success. Please join us from 5:30-6 for refreshments, then there will be a board presentation followed by class meetings from 6:45-7:30. Childcare will be available for a nominal fee, please sign-up through the office.

Back to School Cleaning Party

The Village School will be holding our annual back-to-school cleaning party on Friday, September 4, from 10am-2pm. 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. It's so nice to get our site all cleaned up 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 at their own convenience: walk the grounds and pick up garbage, dog droppings, etc.; sweep breezeways, stairs, playground areas; clean up the driveway and sidewalks of broken glass or other debris; weed/weed whack, etc. If you want to come by during the work week we can give you some more ideas of inside projects that need to be done as well.



Caught Doing Good!

Hunter, Carmin, Jade & Bodin
(and their amazing families!)

For coming in during summer vacation to help the office staff move furniture and clean up.

Thank You So Much!

THE UNITED FUNDRAISING AMERICA

We have a very active fundraising community at the school. We sell Café Mam Coffee (order Tuesday, have your coffee Wednesday), Student Art Greeting Cards (beautiful Village School artwork, \$1 each in the office), locally produced Fairy Tale Moons Calendars, Escrip (it's easy and adds up quick! Our Group ID is # 9130886) and we also have weekly bake sales, pizza sales. Please join us in our fundraising efforts. Look in this box for information on new and on-going fundraising projects. And if you are interested in helping to coordinate fundraising efforts for the school or being part of a committee, see Ashleigh, Volunteer Coordinator, in the office.

Announcements

Strings Opportunity—After school group classes for 4th & 5th graders on Tuesdays \$12; K-8 private lessons after school \$20; K-8 chamber music groups for advanced students (cost TBA)—quartets, trios, duets, small string orchestras all are possibilities. Taught by Pat Braunlich, who has advanced degrees in strings pedagogy and performance. Call her at 240-743-7127 to sign up or for more details.

Carpool sheet will be posted outside the office; look for others in your neighborhood.

Big-Kid Helpers needed to watch younger kids at our Back To School meeting on Wed. Sept. 16th. Call Ashleigh if you want to help out.

Red Cross Certified babysitter, age 12, available for childcare, \$5/hour. Call 343-7882.

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

Village Voice Submissions must be in the office by 10am Thursday morning before the next bi-weekly issue. Bonus points for emailed submissions (village@4j.lane.edu). Announcements will run for 2 issues in a row unless otherwise arranged. All submissions may be edited for length or content. The VV will be posted on our website every Friday afternoon; paper copies available in the office by request.



Upcoming Events

School Photos—Mark your calendars! School photos will be taken on Tuesday, Sept. 22 by Inter-State Photography. They will also be making our Middle School ID cards on that day, and if parents have returned the LTD bus form, students in grades 6-8 will also receive bus stickers on their cards. Photo make up day is 10/27.

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!

Walk & Bike to School Event—All across the world on October 7th school children and their parents will join together to walk or bike to school. Oregon is proud to be a major player in this international event that is part of a worldwide movement to encourage children to be more active. Walk and Bike to School Day is the capstone event for Safe Routes to School programs, a movement for which Oregon serves as a leader and innovator in promoting walking and biking to school throughout your community all year long. We are looking for interested parents to help coordinate this event. If you are interested, talk to Catia in the office.

FYI & Other Tidbitz

Check out our website for the *Village Voice* (in color!), upcoming events, classroom info, staff bios, & more!

Student Directory Information—All families will receive a 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. 30. Please return your student verification form to the office by Sept. 18.

Cell Phone and other electronic devices are not to be used on campus. This includes 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 as it is a safety hazard. Students should 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! Drive slowly and safely, looking out for children. Do not park in the yellow zone, near intersections, or on the grass.

How to be a Safe Pedestrian—When school is back in session, we all notice more cars and more people in and around schools. Look out for each other! Walking and biking is a fantastic way to get to school and get around town. With so many different kinds of wheels using the roads, we need to have a few rules to keep us all safe and happy. These are just a few Pedestrian Safety Rules—check www.walknbike.org for the full list:

- Keep your **EYES OPEN** and be ready to get out of the way.
- Cross the street at the corner or the crosswalk and obey all traffic signals.
- Walk on a sidewalk or on the left side of the street, facing oncoming traffic.
- Look left, right, and left again before crossing. Continue looking both ways until you reach the other side.
- In traffic, make eye contact with the driver so they see you; make sure they are at a full stop before you cross in front of them.

Back to School Healthy Lunch Ideas

Keep your Child's Brain and Body well Fueled with a Healthy Lunch

A healthy lunch during the school day is important for children because the fuel allows them to stay engaged at school and enjoy the activity that help keeps them healthy. The basic elements of a healthy lunch include a whole grain, fruit and/or vegetable, low-fat protein source, calcium source, and a small treat once in awhile. Use these ideas as a starting point:

- ♥ Roasted veggie & cheese sandwich, low-fat yogurt with frozen berries
- ♥ Low-fat cottage cheese, fruit, cold pasta salad including veggies.
- ♥ Whole wheat pita, hummus, veggie sticks, dried fruit, string cheese
- ♥ Veggie & bean chili or soup in a thermos, whole grain crackers, apple slices, oatmeal cookie



Eat the rainbow! A variety of colors in each meal will help provide good nutrition. When shopping, remember whole natural foods are better than processed foods, which are often high in fat and sodium, and low in nutrients. Have healthy lunch & snack ideas? We'd love to print them in the *Village Voice*; send them to village@4j.lane.edu.