

# The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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## Calendar Events

### September 2009

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\*\*\*
- 15 Tues—Rose Ceremony, 9:30-10. We will welcome the kinders, and 8th graders will give roses to the 1st graders. Parents welcome.
- 15 Tues—Village School Board Mtg, 5:30
- 16 Wed—All School Meeting and Class Meetings, 5:30-7:30pm, please join us! \*\*\*
- 22 Thur—Photo Day! Middle Schoolers will also get their ID cards this day. If you want your student to receive a bus pass, make sure their "school solutions" form has been signed and returned to the office.
- 23 Wed—Kenya Slideshow by Ms. Sally, opening remarks by Mayor Kitty Piercy, Cafeteria, 6:30-7:30\*\*\*

\*\*\*See Article in this *Village Voice*

### PAPERWORK DUE ASAP!

*Please return all enrollment and back to school paperwork to the office, as well as supply donations, hot lunch payments, and photo-day envelopes (in your family mailbox). Once we have received your paperwork, we will track it.*

**Student Directory Information**—All families will be included in this directory unless they request otherwise by Sept. 30.

## Village School Wins Two 1st Place Ribbons!



Congratulations to all the dedicated students, parents, dogs, staff, and alumni that came out to march in the rain—it paid off! We were awarded two First Place Ribbons in the Eugene Celebration Parade. We won top honors in the Middle School Marching Band category for our AWESOME Marimba Band and our enthusiastic marchers, AND we won the First Place Ribbon in the highly esteemed "Judges Know Best" category—this general category allows the judges to choose their favorite from all 80 entrants, and we won first place!

We had over 100 marchers, bikers, scooterers, skaters, Chinese dragon dancers, marimba players and banner carriers. Many thanks to all who helped and participated. As well, we won a total of \$300 for our two ribbons! This is the third year in a row that we have won ribbons for our entry, but the first year we've also won a cash prize! More photos will be posted soon on our website.

## 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.

## Kenya Slide Show

Wednesday, September 23, 6:30-7:30pm —Village School 4th grade teacher Sally Grimsrud will give a slide show of her trip to Kenya to deliver the water filters to orphans in Africa, with opening remarks by Mayor Kitty Piercy. Village School students raised \$9,000 for the water filters and other necessities for African children. Come here music from the children in Africa, including a special surprise song that you have to hear to believe! Please don't miss this very special event. Village School Cafeteria, 2855 Lincoln St. Free.

## Village School Artists at Maude Kerns

As you may or may not know, last year's graduated 8th graders, and this year's current 8th graders' kite projects were accepted this summer in Maude Kerns teen art show. The opening reception is next Friday 9/11 from 6-8pm; visit <http://www.mkartcenter.org/events.htm> for more info. Artists (students) are requested to attend. Mayor Piercy will speak and present awards. There will be some appetizers and some great student art. It promises to be a good time (and you all get to see one another again and celebrate your achievement). Hope to see you there, and congratulations on your beautiful art.

Caught Doing Good!

Jeri, Joe, & Jake

For going above and beyond in helping with the parade this year. YOU ARE APPRECIATED!

Thank You So Much!

# Announcements

**Free Playshop at Alvord Farm** and Museum Sat. Sept. 26—Glorious Gastropods, hosted by the slug queen. Crafts, slug walks, and slimy facts. Pre-registration only, Karen, 968-1986.

**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 orches-

tras 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 sign-up sheet** is posted outside office

**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**—Get your smiles ready! 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 receive bus stickers on their cards. Photo make up day is 10/27. Order forms are now in your family mailbox, extra forms on the table. Everyone will be photographed for school records, so be sure to dress nicely.

**Village Café**—Every Friday during the school year, all parents are invited to the Village Café in the cafeteria from 8:30-9ish 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. We are looking for interested parents to help coordinate this event. If you are interested, talk to Catia in the office.

**Support the Eighth Grade End of Year Trip!** Pizza sale every Wed. after school, bake sale tba...

## FYI & Other Tidbitz

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

**Communication from the school:** Please check your family mailbox regularly, and if your student has 2 households, please let us know so we can put duplicates of important forms in your box. Village Voice and Late Breaking News Newsletters will be e-mailed out weekly. If you are not receiving these emails, let the office know. As well, they will be posted on-line.

**Food Service Updates**—Breakfast will now be available in the office to take to their classrooms to eat. It will be fresh fruit, juice, granola bar, or cold cereal. Students will sign for their breakfast in the office, and for families qualifying for free/reduced, there is not charge, otherwise it will be \$1.50. No chocolate milk at breakfast. Also, orange juice will only be offered during breakfast and not during lunch. For those kids who are lactose intolerant, allergic to dairy, or choose not to consume milk for ethnic or religious reasons, a form can be filled out and signed by the parent and returned to the kitchen. And the milk is hormone free!

## Administrator's Corner

Many of you have approached staff members with questions about what if any environmental impacts exist in the aftermath of the fire and subsequent demolition of the lower classroom building. 4J has provided the following information: Rigorous air sampling was done during all phases of the demolition of the lower wing. The air samples showed no asbestos fibers over and above "background" levels. If there was no evidence of fiber release, then it can reasonably be expected that no fibers fell on the ground during that time. Soil samples were taken and results are expected back soon. They fully expect them to be clear. Trace amounts of asbestos are present in the environment. One possible source of any asbestos in soil (and again, we do not expect it to be found) is vermiculite – a component of planting soil – which has trace amounts of asbestos fibers in it from the mining process. Again, they do not expect to find any levels over and above what might be found in soil at other locations. There was no evident layer of "soot" on other structures immediately after the fire, so it is reasonable to expect that there would not be any significant deposits of soot or anything else on the property other than what was on the immediate footprint of the demolished building. As soon as the soil samples have been reviewed, a report will be posted on the School website. Meanwhile, please feel free to address any questions you have to Administrator, Martha Collins in the School office.

## Volunteer Corner

- ♥ Recycling bins need to be rolled out to the end of the driveway every Friday.
- ♥ We are in need of someone with a pick up to haul away some longer wood poles to be recycled or taken for personal use.
- ♥ There are sign up sheets outside the classrooms for assistance in handwork and Spanish class. Please fill in your name if interested.
- ♥ Attend the All-School Meeting (you get hours for attending meetings!)
- ♥ Help Set-Up/Break-Down or gather treats for the weekly Friday morning Village Café.
- ♥ 5th grade still needs a class coordinator.
- ♥ There is an All-School meeting on the 16th in which assistance is needed for the refreshment table.
- ♥ If anybody has some free time every Tuesday or Thursday to pick up flowers from Trader Joe's and bring to the school to help Krishnangini that would be greatly appreciated!
- ♥ Classroom teachers are always needing extra help here and there, be sure to touch base with them if you ever have some free time as well.
- ♥ Office helpers are always appreciated, especially regularly scheduled so we can plan ahead for projects for you to do.
- ♥ Photo day helper needed to escort children back and forth to class and to help with the last minute hair fixing and smile checking.

**And, don't forget to sign in at the office and grab a visitor pass each time you help out and be sure to log yours volunteer time as well.**