

The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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Calendar Events

January 2010

- 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 Conferences)

February 2010

- 1 Mon— No School (Parent Teacher Conferences)
- 2 Tues—7/8 Gr Field Trip to EWEB
- 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—Author's Night; 5:30-7:30 PM (Dinner will be served)
- 9 Tues— 8th Gr Play; 1:15 PM
- 10 Wed—8th Gr Play; 7 PM
- 12 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day
- 16 Tues—Enrollment Lottery for the 2010-2011 School Year
- 17 Wed—Gr 6 Parent Mtg; TBD
- 22 Mon— Spring Break Begins!

Site Clean Up - Saturday, January 23, 2010

9 AM – Noon will be the second Site Clean-Up of the year and is designated to 3rd, 4th & 5th grade families. If you are available on Saturday, however, we encourage all families of the Village School to stop by and lend a hand. The main goal of this clean-up is to tidy up the stage area before the busy "Play Season" arrives. The 3rd (and last) Site Clean-Up, designated to 6th, 7th and 8th grade families will be in May.

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.

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.

Caught Doing Good!



Miles in kindergarten washed our soup pot without even being asked!



Riley in first grade turned in a purple mood ring found on the playground!



Kiarha, Samira, and Sierra in second grade put the temporary fence that had blown away in the wind storm back up during their recess time this week!



Oliva, Lucio, and Maya in fifth grade recycled boxes in the cafeteria!



Perrin in seventh grade treated Senor B's Blackboard: She is the Lemon Oiler Extrodinaire!



Thank you Kelsey and Alora for painting our new beautiful boards!

The Children's Program Initiative to Bring Dental Services to Uninsured Students: ODS and the Oregon Educators Benefit Board (OEBB) are launching an effort, The Children's Program, to provide access to basic dental services for uninsured 6-12 year olds at no charge once they have been enrolled in the program.

Please contact Ilana for more information. (541) 345-7285

Announcements

Morning Arrival

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.

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.



Lost and Found

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.

January 26, 2010 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>.

New Online Resource

Please check our website for ongoing community opportunities:
<http://eugenevillageschool.org>

The Village School's Student Work will be on Display

In the month of February, the Eugene Public Library will display samples of Village School students' handwork. So, we are asking students to lend some of their completed projects from Handwork Class. It's a great way to share our student's accomplishments with the larger community.

Please drop items, clearly labeled with the student's name and grade in Room 10. Please note: Send only items that have not previously been shown at the library. They will be returned to the students at the beginning of March.

Thank you,
The Handwork Teachers



Heart of the Village Celebration News

The festival is really starting to take form. As you read in the last Village Voice, the enthusiastic planning committee is meeting weekly and encourages all folks interested to join them!

The celebration will include lots of exciting events going on throughout the day including: Professional Story-Telling, a Magician Performance by Vince, African Drumming and Dance Performance by Won Tan Nara, Improv Theatre Performed by Village School Alumni, Cake-Walks, Valentine Making, Salmon Dance performed by our 4th graders, Choir Performance, "Michael Fever" Dance Performance – followed by a Break Dancing Workshop, Shadow Puppet Shows, Marimba Performance, Geometric Drawing Workshops, Themed Raffle Baskets, and Face Painting. There will also be Hot Food and a Home Made Goodies Bake Sale.

Don't miss out on this exciting, annual celebration! **Saturday, February 6th 11am-3pm. More on Page 5.**

Won Tan Nara Drum & Dance Ensemble will be performing at the Heart of the Village Celebration. This is a vibrant group of dancers and percussionists under the artistic direction of Alseny Yansane who shares the compelling and beautiful cultural arts of his homeland Guinea, West Africa:

www.wontanaraproductions.com



Announcements Cont'd

E1550.01 - Limitations Regarding Animals

Rule: No animals, including dogs or cats, shall be allowed in school buildings or grounds while school is in session unless specifically permitted by the Principal or administrator, and proof of appropriate and/or current rabies vaccination is provided. Animals are not allowed to be on District property for any other time frames or reasons. This limitation applies to faculty, staff, and student pets as well as those of the public.

Animals granted permission to be in classrooms, buildings, or grounds will be allowed access only for a specified and appropriate educational purpose for the time necessary to achieve the educational goal. When permission is granted to allow an animal into a classroom or building, the health and safety of students and staff must be given the highest consideration.

Animals are not to be kept in buildings during school vacations, breaks, or extended holidays. Any exceptions must be obtained from the Principal or site administrator.

Updated Immunization Records Needed!

The 2009-2010 Immunization Review has begun. Please give all updated immunizations to Ilana by Monday, 1/25/10 or Lane County Public Health Services will mail you an exclusion letter, notifying you that your child will be excluded from school starting Wednesday, 2/17/10.

This means that if you haven't reported to me your 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.

Alternative Education Fair

Saturday, January 30, 2010 from 1:00 - 4:00 PM
Eugene Public Library: 10th & Olive
FREE

The 14th Annual Alternative Education Fair will be held Saturday, January 30, 1:00 - 4:00, at the Downtown Eugene Public Library. The fair offers parents, children, and teens a drop-in opportunity to learn about educational programs in Eugene and throughout Lane County.

Get information, meet, and talk with staff and student representatives from private schools, charter schools, Eugene School District 4-J alternative programs, and homeschooling organizations. Learn how to make the most of Eugene Public Library resources, such as the Live Homework Help professional tutoring service that is available online 7 days a week, free.

For more information, contact Eugene Public Library at (541) 682-8316 or www.eugene-or.gov/library.

Co-sponsored by Eugene Public Library, the Waldorf School, Friends of the Library, and Eugene Public Library Foundation.

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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 3 PM.

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: three performances
Recycling

2nd Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Cake Walk: Set up, staff, and take-down
Chinese dragon parade

3rd Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Valentine making
Set up, staff, and break down room
Purchase supplies

4th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Salmon Dance

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

Improvisational Theatre
Set up a cozy atmosphere to host story-telling
Set up and break down rooms

8th Grade Roles and Responsibilities

Improvisational theatre-main stage
Set up a cozy atmosphere to host story-telling
Set up and break down rooms



ATTENTION! ATTENTION! While the 5th and 6th grade parents are the central planners and coordinators of this celebration, all Village School parents will be asked to contribute to making this event a big success. Many hands make light work and many hearts make fun and joyful celebrations. Please see the sign-up outside the office doors if you are able to help out.

Volunteers Needed: Entrance Attendants, Kitchen Crew Members, Lunch Ticket Attendants, Stage Crew Members and Clean-Up Crew Members. If you would like to sign up for any of these and are unable to come into the building, please contact Ashleigh in the office at 345-7285 and she will sign you up.

Also, the Bake Sale will need participation from everybody in order to make it a success! Please contact a Kindergarten Class Coordinator to donate your baked goods!