

The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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Calendar Events

May 2010

- 22 Sat—8th Grade Pre-Class Trip Potluck; 4:30-7:30 pm
- 23 Sun-28 Fri —8th Grade Trip
- 24 Mon-25 Tues—6th Grade Medieval Games
- 25 Tues-27 Thurs—7th Grade Trip
- 26 Wed-27 Thurs—4th Grade Trip
- 28 Fri-31 Mon—No School; Memorial Day Weekend

June 2010

- 1 Tues—Oregon Ballet Academy's *Peter and the Wolf*; 10:30 am
- 4 Fri—1st Grade Play; 6 pm
- 11 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day
- 12 Sat – Final Site Clean Up; 9-12 pm
- 15 Tues—VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm
- 16 Wed—Final Assembly
- 17 Thurs—All School Picnic, 10 Year Celebration & Volunteer Recognition Event; 5:30 pm
- 18 Fri—Last Day of School; Early Release at 1 pm
- 18 Fri—8th grade dinner and graduation; 5-8

The **Yearbook** group needs photos from this year's events. We're hoping to get supplies of photos from school wide events and class-related activities, plays and outings.



Media

It would help if you can put your photos on a CD or can temporarily lend us a thumb drive. Please, to the extent possible, provide us your original electronic files, and not compressed, low resolution, thumbnail versions. The small, compressed files do not enlarge well for printing. If you can, include a note of what you have on your CD or thumb drive, and your contact information.

Where to bring files

Please bring the files to the office or give them directly to Andy Traisman.

What Photos are Needed?

Class photos:

Miscellaneous photos from activities in the class or on class-specific events.

Events to date:

- Class Plays
- Class Trips
- Eugene Celebration
- Dia de los Muertos
- Talent Show
- Winter Concert
- Author's Night
- Track Meet
- May Day
- Greek Games

Events to come:


- Class Plays
- Class Trips
- Medieval Games



Thank you!

Thank you Martha, the Atkins Family, and the Johnson Family or all of your help during last weekend's Site Clean Up!

Caught Doing Good!

 Third grader Weston for helping a classmate with a sprained ankle and wrist up the stairs!

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Sixth graders Iain and James for putting up and taking down the flag!



Seventh grader Rowan for mopping up the office spill!

Sixth grader Talib for taking out the office recycling!

Annual Giving Campaign Update— We'd like to thank the parents, teachers, alumni, grandparents and friends of the Village School who have given so generously to this year's Annual Giving Campaign.

As of now we have accrued \$3,477.00 of our \$10,000 monetary goal. We are seeking 100% participation from our community. Thank you.

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Board	Total
Participation	41%	27%	41%	38%	42%	15%	9%	25%	4%	20%	26%
Totals	\$327.50	\$410.00	\$177.50	\$307.50	\$900.00	\$102.50	\$152.00	\$350.00	\$1000.00	\$100.00	\$3,827.00

Announcements



The **Annual Village School Parent Survey** (not to be confused with the ODE Survey below) results are now in and available for anyone who would like to see them!

Oregon Department of Education requires all charter schools to participate in an annual survey. This survey is used to collect information that is reported to the USDE.

There are three parts to the survey – a staff survey, a parent survey and a student survey. No log-in is needed and the survey is online. It is located at: <http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/default.aspx>

Many of you have done a good job of getting your surveys complete... if you have not yet done so, please take the time to get this done.

The information from this survey helps ODE in grant reporting, reports to the State Board of Education, media requests and legislative and other partner requests and has been used to further the charter school movement from all avenues.

RESULTS can be found at:

http://www.ode.state.or.us/opportunities/grants/nclb/title_v/b_charterschools/surveyresults/charterschools.aspx

The survey will remain open until June 15, 2010, in order to facilitate your schedules. Please notify the office after your family has completed the survey -Tel: (541) 345-7285, Fax: (541) 242-6874, Email: village@4j.lane.edu. It will remain anonymous, but we would like to track that each family is completing it. We would like to demonstrate a high percentage of participation and, as always, we value your feedback. If you are unable to access the Internet, pencil and paper copies are available in the School office. Please stop by and complete the survey and a volunteer will input the data on to the website.

Race & Ethnicity Form Reminder

The federal requirements about recording race and ethnicity data have changed, and so we are updating all student records using the new categories.

Thank you to all the families who have already updated their students' records. For those who missed the April 30th due date, please complete both the race/ethnicity form and the home language survey, and return them to the school office as soon as possible. We believe that self-identification is the only way to gather this information accurately and respectfully. We would like to have all students' forms in by the end of the school year. For more information please see this link: www.4j.lane.edu/communications/recordsupdate.

The Village School Board of Directors is actively recruiting volunteer members!

The Board consists of the School's administrator, teachers, parents, and community members. It meets every third Tuesday of the month. The meetings usually take place at the School but refer to the weekly newsletter on our website: <http://www.eugenevillageschool.org> for the location of the meetings in case of change.

Meetings are open to the public. Parents and community members are welcome to attend.

If you or someone you know may be interested, please complete an application. If you are not interested in becoming a member, but know of a family or community member who might be, please let them know we are recruiting by sharing this information.

Board of Directors Job Description at a Glance

The Village School Board of Directors has ultimate legal and financial responsibility for the school. The Board is composed of teachers, parents, and community members. Primary Board responsibilities include maintaining the legal and financial security of the school, long-range planning and development, and creating and overseeing the implementation of policies and procedures of the school that are consistent with the school's pedagogy, community vision, and its charter. The Board elects a President, Secretary, and Treasurer from among its members. All Board members are encouraged to participate in the major committees of the school.

Announcements, cont'd



Earth Action Day Update: So far our children have raised \$1350.00 for Earth Action Day! This exciting day was dedicated to service and fundraising to benefit the school and the local community. Our children worked outdoors to beautify Campbell Community Center weeding, mulching, and planting. Please continue to bring in your pledges.



The Village School 10th Year Celebration Committee needs your help!

We are looking for Village School photos from over the years! We are especially in need of older photos from the first 3-5 years when the school began. If photos can be placed on a disc, that would be very helpful.

Please send photos to Tree at lisamitcheltree@hotmail.com or drop CDs in the Boyd-Mitcheltree family mailbox.



LTD Service Changes During the Last Week of School (K-12)

LTD service reductions that take effect on Sunday, June 13, may impact the school commute for K-12 students during their last week of school. Routes 13 Centennial, 28 Hilyard, 30 Bertlesen, 40 Echo Hollow, 41 Barger/West 11th, 67 VRC/Coburg Road, and 73 UO/Willamette will have changes. Please visit ltd.org or call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for details.

LTD 2009-10 Student Pass Is Good through June

The LTD 2009-10 Student Pass is valid through June 30, 2010, for students in grades 6-12.

Summer Youth Pass

LTD will sell a Summer Youth Pass that is valid for July and August for youth ages 6-18. The two-month pass will cost \$35 and will go on sale in late June at LTD Customer Service, located at the corner of E. 11th Avenue and Willamette Street. Call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for more information. Without the Student Transit Pass Program, a one-month youth pass would cost \$22.50. The STPP doesn't cover non-school months, so LTD offers the two-month pass at a discount.

2010-11 Student Pass

LTD will offer the 2010-11 passes beginning September 1, 2010, for students in grades 6-12. Interested families should look for program information in their back-to-school materials.

Announcements, cont'd

Are you in need of a **Sturdy Work Bench** or know someone who is? We have one that is in need of a new home. Come check out this 9x3 bench next time you're in the office wing and let us know if you're interested!

Fundraising

Please join us in our fundraising efforts!

Register your debit/credit cards with **eScrip** and a small percentage of your purchases go to the Village School! You can register either online or by mail. For more information on E-Scrip please pick up a flyer and registration form outside the Administration office. Our Group ID is # 9130886.

Order **Café Mam Coffee** through us (order Tuesday, have your coffee Wednesday).

Buy Student Art **Greeting Cards** (beautiful Village School artwork for \$1.00).

Donate **Campbell's Soup Labels** to get some free items for our school; the container is placed above the family mail boxes.

Hungry? We also have weekly **bake sales and pizza sales** for our eighth grade graduation field trip.

If you are interested in helping to coordinate fundraising efforts for the school or being part of a committee, see Ashleigh in the office.

Bridging the Gap: Annual Giving Campaign

We are 1/3 of the way toward our \$10,000 goal! This Campaign will raise money for our field trip budget, school supplies, and to purchase student desks. You can make a donation via the following options:

Check – Make your check payable to "The Village School." Mail it to The Village School, 2855 Lincoln St, Suite B, Eugene, Oregon 97405 or drop it off at the school office.

Matching Gifts – Some employers match gifts. If your employer has a form, it can be mailed to the same address as direct donations (see above).

Credit Card – To donate using your credit card you will be forwarded to the website of the non-profit *Network for Good*, where your gift (and any earmarks you make) will be recorded.

Direct Donation from your bank account – You can set us up in your Bill Pay preferences through your online banking institution. Once you set up Bill Pay just select a one-time payment or a recurring automated monthly payment for your donation. If you have questions please call your bank and ask which is the best option for you.

Your gift is fully tax-deductible to the degree allowed by law.

Reminder about Early Release

When picking their children up early, parents need to sign their students out in the office first and take an early release pass to the teacher so that the teacher knows the student has been properly signed out before they leave campus.

29th and Willamette Intersection Construction Notice

The City of Eugene is reconstructing the roadway in the area of Willamette Street and 29th Avenue. The existing road surfacing will be removed and replaced with new concrete. The work will occur in 4 phases, each lasting approximately 2 weeks. During construction, traffic will be reduced to a single lane in each direction, and the signal will be replaced with a 4-way stop. Access to local businesses will be maintained throughout construction. Work is scheduled to begin in the later part of April and last approximately 10 weeks.

Village School Volunteers Needed

After School Supervision: There has been a consistent pattern of unsafe behavior outside the entrance doors after school. When picking up our child(ren), please remind the children that students are not to hang from the hand rails, play tag in front of the doors or stand on the ramp ledges. This reminder is mainly needed from 2:45-3:00 pm.

Crosswalk Cones: We need someone to put the cones into place before school and to bring them into the building after school.

Crossing Guards: Mon-Fri: 8:10-8:30 AM & 2:30- 2:50 PM.

Illegal Dumping: Please watch out for people illegally dumping their trash in our dumpsters, bins, and on our lawns. We would like to keep our school clean! If you see a license plate, please write it down.

Playground Helpers: Supervision on the playground during lunch time is needed for both the upper wing and lower wing. This is a great time to get some volunteer hours and you don't have to commit to a certain time or day! Lower grades have recess from 12:00 – 12:30 PM and upper wings have recess from 12:45 – 1:15 PM.

Recycling Bins: The large BLUE recycling bins that sit outside the wings entrance doors need to be brought out to the curb each FRIDAY afternoon and returned to their spots MONDAY afternoons... if you take notice of them; please feel free to take them to their designated spots!

Don't forget to log your Volunteer Hours!

Please join us at our **Annual Year-End Picnic**
(and **Ten Year Anniversary Celebration**)
for our **Volunteer Recognition Event.**
June 17, 2010 from 5:30-7:30 pm

Announcements, cont'd: Head Lice

A case of head lice has been reported in our school. Head lice continues to be one of the most prevalent communicable childhood diseases among children, and outbreaks are possible whenever and wherever children gather. Screen your child regularly and notify us immediately if head lice or their nits (lice eggs) are detected. Working together helps protect all of the children, including your own. Thank you for your cooperation.

Remove head lice and nits:

- Use a fine-toothed louse or nit comb. These combs may be included within packages of chemical treatment or you may buy one from most drug stores or pet supply stores. Combs with metal teeth spaced close together seem to work best.
- Hair should be cleaned and well-combed or brushed to remove tangles before using a louse comb. Clean the louse comb frequently to remove any caught lice or eggs. Some parents report that water, vegetable oils or hair conditioners help lubricate the hair and ease combing; others report that these make it more difficult to see the eggs.
- Sit behind your child, and use a bright light (and magnification if needed), to inspect and comb through the hair, one small section at a time.
- Repeat combing until no more active lice are observed.
- Comb daily until no live lice are discovered for two weeks. It may take several hours each night for several nights to tackle the problem. An entertaining video may help keep the child occupied during this time.
- Adult female lice cement eggs to the base of a hair shaft near the skin. As the hair grows, eggs are moved away from the scalp. Eggs more than ¼ inch from the scalp are nearly always hatched and do not mean live lice are present.
- Combs, brushes, hats and other hair accessories in contact with an infested person should be washed in hot water each day to dislodge any lice or nits.
- Combing is sometimes painful to the child or it may be impractical for other reasons. In these cases, consider using anti-lice products. Speak with your child's doctor for advice.

Over-the-counter treatment:

- Head lice may be treated with shampoos specifically labeled for head lice.
- Read and follow the label directions carefully and specifically. This is very important. Parents should use caution when dealing with any insecticide, particularly on children.
- If the package directions indicate, apply a second treatment 10 days later to kill lice that hatch after the initial treatment.
- Pediculicides do not remove the eggs from the hair.
- You should not treat anyone who does not have live lice (or nits close to the head) and do not use these products as a prevention method to avoid lice.
- Combing can help further reduce the number of live lice and nits on the hair.

Prescription medication:

- In some cases the over-the-counter products fail to eliminate live lice. Your child's physician may then order a prescription for treatment of head lice. As with any treatment product, follow the directions carefully. Ask your physician or pharmacist if you don't fully understand the directions.

Do not apply any insecticide or other chemical not specifically labeled for treating head lice on people. Well-intentioned parents treating their children with toxic or flammable substances have caused deaths and poisonings.

Alternative treatment:

- Other products such as essential oils, food oil, salts, enzymes, mayonnaise, etc., have not been studied sufficiently to determine their effectiveness.
- Hand-held hair dryers may kill lice and their eggs. Because it is easy to burn the hair and the scalp, this method is not recommended.

Treatment of clothes:

- A clothes dryer set at high heat or a hot pressing iron will kill lice or their eggs on pillowcases, sheets, nightclothes, towels and similar items your child has been in contact within the past 2 days.

Freezing:

- Lice and their eggs on objects (e.g. toys) may be killed by freezing temperatures. Objects that cannot be put in a clothes dryer may be placed in a freezer (or outdoors if sufficiently cold) for several days. This treatment is rarely required.

Haircuts: Short hair is more readily searched for lice and eggs, but does not prevent your child from getting head lice.

Cleaning house or car:

- Lice off the head usually die within a day and the eggs generally cannot live much longer. Vacuuming the house is recommended, however, a major cleaning effort will do little to eliminate head lice.
- Using insecticide treatments for home, in vehicles, or on carpets and furniture are not needed and unnecessarily expose family members to insecticides.

Source: Harvard School of Public Health, Richard Pollack PhD. www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html