

# The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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## Calendar Events

### May 2010

- 3-7 Mon-Fri—Teacher Appreciation Week
- 8 Sat—**Site Clean Up (Grades 6, 7, 8)**; 9-12
- 10 Mon—2nd Grade Parent Meeting; 6-7:30 pm
- 13 Thurs and 14 Fri—Grade 5 Greek Games
- 18 Tues—VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm
- 20 Thurs—7th Grade Play; 9 am
- 20 Thurs—Cozmic Upper School Concert; 7-9 pm
- 21 Fri—7th Grade Play; 6 pm
- 22 Sat—8th Grade Pre-Class Trip Potluck; 4:30-7:30 pm



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:

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

#### Events to date:

- Class Plays
- Eugene Celebration Parade
- Day of the Dead
- Talent Show
- Winter Concert
- Author's Night
- Track Meet
- May Day

#### Events to come:

- Class Plays
- Dia de los Muertos
- Greek Games
- Medieval Games



### Site Clean-Up

**Saturday, May 7, 2010**

**9 AM – Noon** will be the third (and last) Site Clean-Up of the year and is designated to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade families. If you are available to help on Saturday, however, we encourage all families of the Village School to stop by and lend a hand.



## Caught Doing Good!



First graders, Tallulah and Sukadeva cleaned syrup up off of the floor!



Third graders, Sydney and Zia returned the Tardy Passes to the office!



## Thank you, Teachers!

The first week in May marks National Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you teachers for doing such a wonderful job every day!



We appreciate all that you do!

**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	<u>K</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>Board</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Participation</u>	29%	18%	23%	38%	15%	12%	9%	21%	4%	20%	21%
<u>Totals</u>	\$232.50	\$340.00	\$105.00	\$307.50	\$815.00	\$100.00	\$152.00	\$325.00	\$1000.00	\$100.00	\$3,477.00

# Announcements

Thank you everyone who participated in last week's **Earth Action Day** (grades 3-7). We want to extend a special thanks to Diane Steeck for bringing the idea to Parent Council, to Eugene City Parks, and all the students and parents that participated in the day! It was a wonderful success. The children spent close to two hours working hard to beautify the area around Campbell Community Center. We had radio station KUGN run a story on our event and we were on the KVAL 5:00 News that evening! It was beautiful to see our community celebrate Earth Day and give back to the community. Great job everyone!

Please remember to bring in those hard earned pledges to the office so that we can add up the donations.

Thank you Third Grade Parents and everyone who volunteered to make our **May Day Festival** a huge success! Everyone enjoyed the class performances, decorating the May pole, making wreathes, face painting, and playing outside! Thanks again!

The Village School played host to the **12th Annual Northwest Waldorf Schools (and Charter) Track Meet**. Schools from Eugene, Portland, Corvallis and the Oregon Coast (Lighthouse School) participated in a festive meet of dramatic exploits. In the spirit of the ancient Greeks who laid down their weapons to participate peacefully in athletic competition, the host school led the way with a number of extraordinary performances. Congratulations to all of our upper school participants. Many thanks to Mr. Taber for all of his efforts in getting our students ready and organizing a most excellent track meet! Thanks to all the teachers and parents who supported this wonderful event!



# 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](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](mailto: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.

**A Message from 4J:** The Continuous Improvement Plan (No Child Left Behind Grant) input meeting is being held on **Monday, May 10, from 12:00 P.M. to 1:00 P.M.** in the Ed. Center Auditorium, located at 200 North Monroe St.

Please join us for pizza and beverages, and hear about the services and activities these Title Programs currently provide.

We will also have a discussion and share ideas to see how we might strengthen and improve our services and programs for the 2010-2011 school year.

Thank you.

## **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



## 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](http://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. 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Ballot Measure 68

Statewide primary election ballots should arrive in registered voters' mailboxes in early May and are due to election offices by May 18. **Please vote!**

### Ballot Measure 68: How would it impact schools?

Ballot Measure 68, referred to the ballot by the Oregon Legislature, would amend the Oregon Constitution to allow Oregon public school districts to use bond proceeds to buy land and other assets, and would create a state matching fund to help finance school district capital costs.

### Would allow schools to use bond funds for more capital costs

Measure 68 would broaden how Oregon school districts can use bond proceeds. Districts could use voter-approved bonds to buy land, furniture, equipment and textbooks and pay costs associated with capital projects such as professional fees.

### Would allow state to match local capital improvement bonds

Measure 68 would allow the state to issue general obligation bonds and use the revenue from these bonds to pay some capital costs for local school districts. Oregon school districts with voter-approved capital bonds could receive state matching funds, lowering local costs for the project.

Currently, the state can issue general obligation bonds to help finance state university and community college capital costs. Measure 68 would add public school districts to that authority.

The measure would prohibit repaying the state bonds by raising property taxes. Rather, it would dedicate 15 percent of state lottery revenue to the school capital matching fund to repay state funds provided to districts. According to the state voters' pamphlet statement\*, the measure would have no financial effect on either state or local government expenditures or revenues.

\* Source: Measure 68 ballot titles and explanatory statements, "Oregon Voters' Guide for May 18, 2010, Primary Election"

# 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.

## 29<sup>th</sup> and Willamette Intersection Construction Notice

The City of Eugene is reconstructing the roadway in the area of Willamette Street and 29<sup>th</sup> 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** have been purchased! We need someone to put them 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.

**Playground Helpers Needed:** 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!

**Trash Police:** Please keep your eye 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. Thanks.

**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](http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/headlice.html)