

The Village Voice

Celebrating our 10th year!

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June Calendar Events

- 4 Fri—1st Grade Play; 6 pm
- 9 Wed—5th Grade Play; 9 am and 6:30 pm
- 10 Thurs-11 Fri—5th Grade Overnight
- 11 Fri—No School; Teacher Work Day
- 12 Sat – Final Site Clean Up; 9-12 pm
- 14 Mon—2nd Grade Author's Night; 6-7:30 pm
- 14 Mon—VS Board Meeting; 5:30 pm
- 15-17 Tues-Thurs—Yearbooks for sale! More information on page 3.
- 16 Wed—Final Assembly; 1:15 pm
- 17 Thurs—All School Picnic, 10 Year Celebration & Volunteer Recognition Event; 5:30-8 pm
- 18 Fri—Last Day of School; 1 pm dismissal
- 18 Fri—8th Grade Dinner and Graduation; 5-8 pm

Thank You!

Thank you Oregon Ballet Academy for performing "Peter and the Wolf" for our students! The performance was spectacular!
<http://www.oregonballetacademy.com>

We wish 8th grader Canyon all the best in his early graduation. Canyon has been an integral member of our 8th grade class. His work on the 8th grade play was an indispensable piece in what was seen on stage. His amazing feat as "deer stalker" on our 8th grade trip will long be remembered. We wish Canyon well as he heads to Alaska to work beside his father fishing. We will miss him during our graduation festivities, and appreciate all he's achieved and all he's brought to our class community this year. Happy Trails Canyon!

We have a confirmed case of **Pinworm** in our school. **Please make sure to teach your children proper hand washing techniques and to use a scrubber to get under the fingernails.** More information on page 7.

The Village School Celebrates 10 years!

Please join us at our **Annual Year-End Picnic and Volunteer Recognition Event**

We hope everyone can join us for the 10th Anniversary Celebration in conjunction with the end of the school year picnic: Thursday, June 17, 5:30-8:00 pm

There will be musical performances from members of the Sugar Beets and Gypsy Moon Band. We warmly welcome the Village School middle school band to play as well, the Yurden Sturts. (For anyone else interested, please contact Heather Cyrus at cyrush18@yahoo.com.)

There will also be a juggling performance from Village School's own Kris Manaois, juggling lessons for all ages, and art projects. This year's volunteer acknowledgments, founders and long time staff acknowledgments, door prizes, and more will also take place!

We will be giving our wonderful administrator, Martha Collins, a warm farewell at this event. Please join us in thanking her for the many years of service she has provided for our school and community. In addition, we will warmly welcome our new administrative team. This will be a wonderful opportunity for all of you to meet the newest members of our school.

We have invited many of our founders, past employees, and board members to celebrate, but we may have mistakenly forgotten someone, so please spread the word! It would also be great to have our alumni join us for this fun celebration. Please inform them of our anniversary party!

Don't forget your picnic dinner and blanket! We hope to see all of you there!

Letter from the Administrator

June 4, 2010

Dear Village School Parents:

A few weeks back, my letter was filled with an accounting of departing staff members. Today, I am excited to introduce you to the new people who will be joining our staff for the 2010 – 2011 school year.

Third/Fourth Grade Class Teacher

We are pleased to be welcoming Matthew Rutman back to the Village School. Matthew taught the 5th/6th grade loop here between 2005 and 2007. At the conclusion of the 6th grade year, he first traveled to Guatemala as Director of Partners in Solidarity, a computer placement program that delivered recycled computer technology to Guatemalan schools. He subsequently accepted a teaching appointment teaching 6th grade at the International school of Monagas in Venezuela for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Matthew brings many outstanding skills and qualities to his classroom including fluency in Spanish language, skills in conflict resolution, interests in service learning, and a background in environmental education.

Title I Coordinator

Our new Title I Coordinator is Betsy Piddle. Betsy comes to the Village School with a Ph.D. in Education plus 30 years of experience that includes both classroom and small group instruction. Most recently, she was the Title I Coordinator at Creslane Elementary School in Creswell for the past 20 years. Along with her vast experience as a teacher, she brings a warm, compassionate understanding of children. We are fortunate to be welcoming Betsy as a colleague.

Handwork Teacher

Our continuing Handwork Teacher, Susanne Weolbing, will be joined by Marika Banyacski in the Handwork teaching partnership. Marika, an artist in her own right, brings diverse experience working with fiber arts to the program, not the least of which are her years of designing curriculum for and teaching Handwork to children. We look forward to seeing our signature program continue to grow and develop with the addition of Marika's skilled hands.

And one more "good-bye"...

All of this is good news. But, as they say, "...with all this sunshine must come a little rain." I know I speak for the entire community in expressing extreme regret at the recent announcement of our much appreciated Office Assistant and Volunteer Coordinator, Ashleigh Baumgartner, that she is leaving the school as of June 30. Ashleigh and her partner are moving to Austin, Texas where they are seeking opportunity and adventure. Who could argue with that? But we will sorely miss our hardworking, cheerful colleague and wish her nothing but the happiest of trails.

You can expect a few more staffing announcements including information about the new Principal and Executive Director appointments in the final 2010 – 2011 Village Voice that will come out on Thursday, June 17th.

Best wishes,
Martha Collins, Administrator

Announcements

Oregon Department of Education requires all charter schools to participate in an annual survey. Please complete the survey <http://www.ode.state.or.us/surveys/template.aspx?sid=326>, if you have not yet done so. The survey will remain open until Tuesday, June 15, 2010.

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.

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

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 \$4,804.00 of our \$10,000 monetary goal. We are seeking 100% participation from our community. Thank you.

| <u>Grade</u> | <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>Total</u> |
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| <u>Participation</u> | 47% | 52% | 50% | 46% | 46% | 19% | 27% | 25% | 4% | 35% |
| <u>Totals</u> | \$332.50 | \$897.00 | \$257.50 | \$362.50 | \$915.00 | \$252.50 | \$312.00 | \$350.00 | \$1000.00 | \$4,804.00 |

Earth Action Day Update



So far our children have raised \$1360.20 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. If you have pledges, please return them to Brandy before the end of the school year.



2009-2010 All-School Yearbook

The yearbook will be on sale before and after school in the lower wing foyer. Tues-Wed-Thurs June 15th-17th. Price as last year is \$15 per book. This wonderful keepsake includes all classes and students and is produced by our 7th and 8th grade yearbook enrichment class.



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.

If you have not yet done so, please complete both the race/ethnicity form and the home language survey and return them to the school office. 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.

Announcements, cont'd

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.

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.



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.

Due to the construction, please drop off your child(ren) at the circle in the parking lot rather than on Lincoln Street.

Announcements, cont'd

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.

Care2.com and GreatSchools.org are sponsoring **America's Favorite School Contest**. With your help, we school could win \$20,000. Tell your friends, family, and neighbors about this contest and ask them to vote for the Village School! Here is the link:

<http://www.care2.com/schoolcontest/4101/634/?refer=17331.02.1273765061.716941>

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

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!

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

LTD Service Changes Effective Sunday, June 13, 2010

Beginning Sunday, June 13, Lane Transit District summer bus service changes will go into effect. These changes are adjustments to the level of service during the summer when the UO, LCC, and 4J enter their summer session, and they include phase one of a four-phase plan that reduces service hours in order to balance the District's operating budget.

The following routes will be eliminated effective Sunday, June 13:

3x River Road Station 8x Thurston Station Breeze 60 Cal Young

The following routes will experience changes effective Sunday, June 13. Visit ltd.org for service details.

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| 1 Campbell Center | 32 West 1 st Avenue | 81 LCC/Harris |
| 24 Donald | 55 River Road Connector | 91 McKenzie Bridge |
| 27 Fairmount | 66 VRC/Coburg | 95 Junction City |
| 28 Hilyard | 67 Coburg/VRC | 96 Coburg |

The following routes will be eliminated effective Friday, June 18, at the end of the school session:

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| 422 AM SEHS and PM Crest Drive | 435 AM CHS and PM City View |
| 426 AM SEHS and PM UO/Brae Burn | 451 AM and PM NEHS |

The following routes do not operate during the summer effective Sunday, June 13. Service will resume in the fall.

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| 76 UO/Westmoreland, Weekday | 78 UO/Oak Patch, Weekday |
| 79x UO/Kinsrow, Weekday | 81 LCC/Harris, Saturday |

Visit LTD's website, stop by LTD Customer Service at the Eugene Station, or **call 541-687-5555** (1-800-735-2900 TTY-Oregon Relay) for more details or if you have questions about the service changes.

LTD 2009-10 Student Pass is Good through June 2010

The 2009-10 LTD Student Transit Passes remain valid for students in grades 6-12 through June 30, 2010.

LTD Summer Youth Pass

This year Lane Transit District (LTD) will sell a Summer Youth Pass covering July and August to help families bridge the gap created when their students' 2009-10 pass expires and before their 2010-11 pass becomes effective on September 1, 2010. The two-month pass will cost \$35 and will be available for purchase in late June at the LTD Customer Service Center, located at the corner of E. 11th Avenue and Willamette Street. Call LTD Customer Service at 541-687-5555 for more information.

LTD 2010-11 Student Pass

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



Information about Pinworm

What is a pinworm and what are the symptoms of a pinworm infection?

A pinworm ("threadworm") is a small, thin, white roundworm (nematode) called *Enterobius vermicularis* that sometimes lives in the colon and rectum of humans. Pinworms are about the length of a staple. While an infected person sleeps, female pinworms leave the intestine through the anus and deposit their eggs on the surrounding skin. Pinworm infection causes itching around the anus which can lead to difficulty sleeping and restlessness. Symptoms are caused by the female pinworm laying her eggs. Symptoms of pinworm infection usually are mild and some infected people have no symptoms.

How is pinworm infection spread?

Pinworm infection is spread by the fecal-oral route, that is by the transfer of infective pinworm eggs from the anus to someone's mouth, either directly by hand or indirectly through contaminated clothing, bedding, food, or other articles. Pinworm eggs become infective within a few hours after being deposited on the skin around the anus and can survive for 2 to 3 weeks on clothing, bedding, or other objects. People become infected, usually unknowingly, by swallowing (ingesting) infective pinworm eggs that are on fingers, under fingernails, or on clothing, bedding, and other contaminated objects and surfaces. Because of their small size, pinworm eggs sometimes can become airborne and ingested while breathing.

How is pinworm infection diagnosed?

Itching during the night in a child's perianal area strongly suggests pinworm infection. Diagnosis is made by identifying the worm or its eggs. Worms can sometimes be seen on the skin near the anus or on underclothing, pajamas, or sheets about 2 to 3 hours after falling asleep. Pinworm eggs can be collected and examined using the "tape test" as soon as the person wakes up. This "test" is done by firmly pressing the adhesive side of clear, transparent cellophane tape to the skin around the anus. The eggs stick to the tape and the tape can be placed on a slide and looked at under a microscope. Because washing/bathing or having a bowel movement can remove eggs from the skin, this test should be done as soon as the person wakes up in the morning before they wash, bathe, go to the toilet, or get dressed. The "tape test" should be done on three consecutive mornings to increase the chance of finding pinworm eggs. Because itching and scratching of the anal area is common in pinworm infection, samples taken from under the fingernails may also contain eggs. Pinworm eggs rarely are found in routine stool or urine samples.

How is pinworm infection treated?

Pinworm can be treated with either prescription or over-the-counter medications. A health care provider should be consulted before treating a suspected case of pinworm infection. Treatment involves two doses of medication with the second dose being given 2 weeks after the first dose. All household contacts and caretakers of the infected person should be treated at the same time. Reinfection can occur easily so strict observance of good hand hygiene is essential (e.g. proper hand washing, maintaining clean short fingernails, avoiding nail biting, avoiding scratching the perianal area). Daily morning bathing removes a large proportion of eggs; showering may be preferred to avoid possible contamination of bath water. Careful handling and frequent changing of underclothing, night clothes, towels, and bedding can help reduce infection, reinfection, and environmental contamination with pinworm eggs. These items should be laundered in hot water, especially after each treatment of the infected person. Good hand hygiene is the most effective means of prevention. If pinworm infection occurs again, the infected person should be retreated with the same two-dose treatment. The infected person's household contacts and caretakers also should be treated. If pinworm infection continues to occur, the source of the infection should be sought and treated. Playmates, schoolmates, close contacts outside the home, and household members should be considered possible sources of infection. Each infected person should receive the recommended two-dose treatment.

Strict observance of good hand hygiene is the most effective means of preventing pinworm infection. This includes proper hand washing (particularly before eating or handling food, after using the toilet, and after changing a diaper), keeping fingernails clean and short, avoiding fingernail-biting, and avoiding scratching the skin in the perianal area. Trimming and scrubbing the fingernails and bathing after treatment is important to help prevent reinfection and spread of pinworms. Daily morning bathing and changing of underclothes helps remove a large proportion of pinworm eggs and can help prevent infection and reinfection. Showering may be preferred to avoid possible contamination of bath water. Careful handling (avoid shaking) and frequent laundering of underclothes, night clothes, towels, and bed sheets using hot water also helps reduce the chance of infection and reinfection by reducing environmental contamination with eggs. Control can be difficult in child care centers and schools because the rate of reinfection is high. In institutions, mass and simultaneous treatment, repeated in 2 weeks, can be effective.

This fact sheet is for information only and is not meant to be used for self-diagnosis or as a substitute for consultation with a health care provider. If you have any questions about the disease described above or think that you may have a parasitic infection, consult a health care provider.