

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

News

Upcoming Events

January 6th	Before & After School Clubs Session 3 Registration Ends
January 10th	Parent Discussion 6:30 - 8pm
January 16th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School
January 16th	MLK Day of Service at WVMS 10:00am
February 3rd	No School
February 3rd	Third Six Weeks Ends
February 6th	Fourth Six Weeks Begins
February 6th - 10th	Winter Conferences
February 6th - 10th	WVMS Arts & Engineering Camp

Curriculum

Students are researching an event from prehistory, ranging from the Big Bang up to the rise of mammals. They are using the information they find to create a painting using our mentor artist, Pat Siegner. They will also be writing a poem using mentor poet Diane Siebert. Students will be creating a podcast about their prehistoric event. They are also completing their geology response logs and teaching poster that summarizes and applies power note-taking skills.

In the afternoon, students are exploring matter, atomic structure, and learning how gravity works to set up planetary solar systems. They are making models and testing the force of gravity.

Students will be starting a literature response log that explores how literature explains natural and scientific phenomena to early people. They will be reading mythology, fables, and fairy tales to learn about how early people explained the world around them.

Article: 15 Questions to Replace "How Was School Today?"

Here is an interesting article to help get a better understanding of your child's day at school:

https://www.edutopia.org/blog/parents-fifteen-questions-replace-how-was-school-today-elena-aguilar?utm_source=facebook&utm_medium=cpc

Parent Discussion

Bloom Children's Center will be hosting a parent discussion on Tuesday January 10th from 6:30-8:00pm (in the WVMS Library) covering the topic of Heather Shumaker's book "It's OK Not To Share: and Other Renegade Rules For Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids."

Grab a copy from the public library or order one to read, and join us to talk through our thoughts about the "rules" Shumaker presents in the book! Feel free to email or call Stephanie Krause with any questions: stephanie@bloombend.com 541-306-4592.

Did You Know?

VRB Sponsorship Update - Great news! We have already collected \$3000 in sponsorships for our April 29th VRB fundraiser! We would like to give a huge shout out to The Lowes Group, and Mike Martin with Mid Oregon Lending for their donations, as well as to several WVMS families who have generously contributed.

Sponsorship is a great way to both promote your business, and give to our school community. If you are interested in sponsoring our event, or have friends, family, or neighbors who may be interested, please contact Julie Norfleet at gratefuljulie@gmail.com.

Volunteers

A big thank you to all of our club volunteers for this last session: Angela Keranan, Pam Scholl, April Groom, Christy Nickey, Christy Reynolds, Queena Cousen, Colter Edde, Christie Loomis, Chelsea Buchanan and Susie Long. Thank you all for helping make our clubs programs a fun, engaging, and safe place for our kids! You are greatly appreciated!



Registration for Session 3 Clubs Will End January 6th.

Crafts Club has been recently confirmed and will soon be added to the registration form. It will be on Wednesdays from 2-3pm. We are also looking for anyone interested in helping out with our Olders and Elders Lego Robotics club. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Rob Edde at 510.512.8426 or rob.edde@bend.k12.or.us. Thank you!

MLK Day of Service

WVMS will be hosting a Day of Service in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. on Monday morning, January 16th. We will have a variety of school improvement projects to participate in, as well as garden work if weather allows. Please plan to join us, along with volunteers from the community, for this fun and meaningful event!



Adult Clothing Drive

We are having a clothing drive to help the homeless in our area. If you have any adult sized clothing to donate, please bring it by the office. Thank you!

Snow Clothes & Inclement Weather Hotline

On snowy days, it's a great idea to send kids to school in snow clothes. Have them dress in layers, with snow pants/bibs, warm socks, snow boots, and a warm winter jacket. This way when at recess, they will stay warm and dry and not have to sit through the rest of the day in cold, wet clothing.

If you are ever wondering if school is going to be cancelled due to inclement weather, please call the district hotline at 541.323.SNOW (7669). You can also check on the district website: www.bend.k12.or.us. Decisions about school cancellation is determined by 5:00am each day.

Stay Hydrated!

Remember to drink a lot of water during this time of year! Often times people forget that they need to be drinking water in cold weather, but it's more important than ever to keep your body healthy and hydrated. It's a good idea to send water bottles to school with kids so that they always have easy access to water.

Assessment Time is Coming Up!

Students are getting ready to start their winter assessments. They will be fun, project-based, low-stress assignments. They will be applying skills and concepts that they've learned this fall and will be exploring new mysterious concepts. It's really important to make sure to get enough sleep, eat a good breakfast, and be at school on time. Please let us know if your student will be absent, or if you have plans to be out of town. We are looking forward to a super, fun academic focus on what kids do best.

How to Access ParentVue

ParentVue is a very important and convenient tool for families to keep track of their child's work completion, attendance, benchmark cards, emergency contact information, and more.

To Access ParentVue:

1. Go to the following website. <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/organization/parentvue>. You will have the option to download a mobile app on this site, or to access ParentVue via computer.
2. You will have the choice to log on using your existing account, or to create an account. If you do not have an activation key, please see Ms. Anne for your code. This will allow you to activate your account and allow you to log in.

How to Access StudentVue

StudentVue is a necessary tool for students to monitor their work completion, work due dates, and class information.

To Access StudentVue:

1. Download the StudentVue app from self-service on your child's iPad. (Most students have done this already).
2. Enter your child's username: firstnamelastname (all one word, all lower case).
3. Enter your child's 6-digit student ID number for the password. If you are not sure what your student's ID number is (most students know), you can call Anne in the office to get their number.

How to Access the Remind Texting App

Our texting application is up and running! Here's how to get it on your phone...

1. Send a text to the number 81010 with the following code that applies to your student's community. (Make sure you include the @).
@wv-centers
@wv-north
@wv-south
@wv-elders
2. You will receive instructions on how to proceed and activate your texting account.

How to Access Lexia Core 5

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Lexia Core 5 is an engaging way for your child to practice all of the skills needed to sound out words, spell tricky words and comprehend text. The lessons are meant to be done independently, however, if they find difficulty with a skill, please help them out so they don't get discouraged.

For use on a/an

1. computer, go to www.lexiacore5.com (adobe flash player is required).
2. iPad or iPad mini, download the free Lexia Reading Core5 app from the app store.
3. Android tablet, download the free Lexia Reading Core5 app from the Google Play store. (not available for Kindle)

First Time Set Up

1. Enter your teacher's email:
Julie.sowerby@bend.k12.or.us
2. Your child can log in using the student username and password below.
Student username: _____ (student id number)
Password: _____ (student's first name)

How to Access Student Assignment Calendar

The Student Assignment Calendar is a great way to keep track of what your student is doing in school, what assignments are past due, and when assignments are going to be due.

To access the Student Assignment Calendar:

1. Go to "Google Classroom" on your student's iPad or computer
2. Click on the "menu icon" in the top left corner.
3. A drop down menu will appear. Click on "calendar."

