

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

News

Upcoming Events

February 10th	Third Six Weeks Ends
February 10th	No School - Inservice Day
February 13th	Fourth Six Weeks Begins
February 15th	Immunization Exclusion Day
February 13th - 17th	Winter Conferences
February 13th - 17th	WVMS Arts & Engineering Camp
February 20th	No School - President's Day

Welcome Back!

We have excited and energetic students, and we are so happy to get back into the groove with them. Thank you for your patience during these very strange snow days.

Curriculum

Students are learning about the effects of sugar on the human body, and are looking into what foods have hidden added sugar. They are discussing healthy alternatives to sugar-filled foods. Students are doing a math/science investigation to calculate the amounts of sugar in food and to make plans for healthy eating.

Students will be reading and responding to a variety of non-fiction texts about the scientific laws of nature and natural phenomenon, and will be defending science. They will be looking at different viewpoints and analyzing alternative explanations.

Next week students will be researching the mystery of the human brain. They will be learning more about how the brain works, the different parts of the brain, and their functions. Students will complete a project that helps others have a healthy brain.

Winter Conferences

It's time to schedule Winter Conferences! Due to district schedule changes, we have moved conference week. We will be having conferences February 13th through February 17th. This is an important time to connect with facilitators and students to go over goals, take a look at assessments and work, and celebrate kids. To schedule a conference, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000 or email anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us. Morning, afternoon, and evening times are available.

During conference week, students will participate in an Arts and Engineering Camp. We will be doing ceramics and pottery, making prints, a "Have a Heart" project, portrait photography, fused glass art, several music rotations, drama, and fun engineering projects. It's going to be a fun-filled week!

Friendship Day Celebration

We want to do something a little different this year instead of having a commercialized sugar-filled celebration. We will brainstorm with kids and discuss other alternatives. Please **DO NOT** purchase Valentine's Day cards/treats for your child to pass out. We will let you know what the kids decide they'd like to do instead. Ice skating may be an option.

Did You Know?

From November through December, the percentage of families who have paid their annual supply donation rose from 41% to 54%. Thank you to all who have helped support our school in this vital way. All donations count. The \$125 donation can be paid all at once or by payment plan in installments. Please contact our amazing volunteer treasurers at friendsofwvms@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Volunteers

We are currently in need of someone who would like to help us organize our mini-lesson books. This entails sorting through stacks of books, clarifying where they should go, and color-coding them accordingly. We also need help sorting our Center Room materials. If you would like to help with either of these projects, please call Anne at 541.355.2000.

If technology is your thing, we would definitely use some help getting our new Raspberry Pi and Arduino going! Please email Christine at wvmsvolunteers@gmail.com if you are interested.

Also, if you're available to help us collect ski gear please email maggie.harlow@bend.k12.or.us. We need small-sized SNS boots and adult-sized skis.

Immunization Exclusion Day

Every year, the Oregon Health Authority requires schools to review their students' immunization status. If a student is not up-to-date on their immunizations, the Deschutes County Health Department will send a letter to families to notify them that their child needs an immunization. If you receive one of these letters, your child will need to have their vaccines updated before Wednesday, February 15th. On February 15th, students without updated vaccines will be excluded from school until they are up-to-date. If you need help finding a shot clinic to get immunizations, please call Anne in the office.

Before & After School Clubs - A Letter from Our Club Director, Rob Edde

I don't have to tell you that this has been a crazy winter so far. With all of the snow day cancellations, we have missed not only a lot of school but also a lot of before and after school clubs. I wanted to let you know that Friends of WVMS understands that those who participate in our club programs are probably concerned about the status of this session's clubs and how it will be handled going forward. Here is your answer.

First, the Bend-Lapine School District has extended this session an extra week. Instead of ending on February 3, the session will now end on February 10 so that will help. However, we have missed 2 Tuesdays, 2 Thursdays, and 3 Wednesdays to this point (3:30 PM on 1/17/17). Thus we have decided to proceed as follows:

We will finish out this session with the additional week as planned. If you have students currently registered in clubs on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays your club fees for the next session, session 4, will be pro-rated to reflect the missed days from session 3. You will be given a discount code to use when registering for session 4 clubs. I will send you that code when the time comes. We are going to avoid issuing partial refunds for session 3 as this would add a tremendous workload to our Volunteer Treasurers.

We hope this proves to be a satisfactory solution for all of you. As usual, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me at rob.edde@bend.k12.or.us or call me at 510.512.8426 after school for a chat.

Summit COBO Offering Free Basketball Clinic for Kids in Grades 1-4!

These state middle school champions love the game of basketball and want to share their knowledge and enthusiasm! They will be running a free and fun basketball clinic open to boys and girls grades 1-4. This one day Clinic will be held on Sunday January 22nd. Please RSVP to the email address below. Once we receive your email we will save your child a spot and email you a waiver. Please print and sign waiver and bring it with you on the day of the clinic. Space is limited so an email confirmation is required. Please have your child wear appropriate basketball attire and arrive at least 15 minutes early so we can check them in. Any questions? Email us! We look forward to seeing your child! **Sunday, January 22nd - SUMMIT High School Gym**

1st and 2nd graders 12:15-1:30

3rd and 4th graders 2:00-3:30

Email: summitblack7th@gmail.com

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."

