

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## Upcoming Events

February 2nd	No School
February 2nd	Third Six Weeks Ends
February 5th	Fourth Six Weeks Begins
February 5th	Bend High IB Information Night for 8th Graders (at Bend High) 6:30pm - 7:30pm
February 5th - 9th	Winter Conferences
February 6th	Girls Basketball: WVMS @ Gilchrist 4:00pm - 6:00pm
February 7th	Friends of WVMS Fundraiser at Mountain Air 2:00pm - 7:00pm
February 8th	Girls Basketball: North Lake @ WVMS 4:00pm - 6:00pm
February 12th	Bend High Information Night for 8th Graders (at Bend High) 5:30pm - 6:30pm
February 13th	Girls Basketball: WVMS @ Tumalo 4:00pm - 6:00pm
February 15th	Mountain View High Information Night for 8th Graders (at MVHS) 6:00pm - 7:00pm
February 15th	Girls Basketball: WVMS @ North Lake 3:00pm - 5:00pm
February 19th	No School - President's Day
February 20th	Girls Basketball: Gilchrist @ WVMS 4:00pm - 6:00pm
February 22nd	Summit High Information Night for 8th Graders (at SHS) 6:00pm - 7:30pm
February 22nd	Girls Basketball: Tumalo @ WVMS 4:00pm - 6:00pm
February 22nd	WVMS Parent Information Session for Lottery 6:00pm
March 1st	High School Area Change Requests Due
March 1st	WVMS Parent Information Session for Lottery 6:00pm

## Winter Conferences

Have you scheduled your student's Winter Conference yet? If not, it's time to do so! Conferences are being held next week, February 5th through February 9th. Morning, afternoon, and evening times are available. Please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000 to schedule your conference.

## 2018-19 Lottery Information

It's hard to believe it's already time to start thinking about the 2018-19 school year! If your child has a sibling that will be attending WVMS next year, please let Anne in the office know. Siblings must fill out Lottery Applications even though they receive priority in the lottery. Current students do not need to fill out a lottery application to attend next year. Applications are now available online at [bit.ly/BLSChoice](http://bit.ly/BLSChoice) as well as in the office. Also, please encourage your friends and family to come check us out! Our Parent Information Meetings are on Thursday, February 22nd & Thursday, March 1st, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. Tours are available by appointment. Please call Anne at 541.355.2000 to set up a tour.

## Curriculum

Students are hard at work creating projects tied to their mini research. Last week, Centers and Youngers learned about Ellis Island, what it means to be an immigrant, and what happened to immigrants at Ellis Island. They read a variety of non-fiction texts, watched videos, and wrote a conclusion about what they have learned. This week, students worked in groups to create a project that is connected to their mini research.

Olders and Elders chose a research topic related to immigration, natural heritage, historical figures, historical events, etc., and have spent a lot of time collaborating with a team and following the Research Process. They have collected information from videos, photographs, podcasts, and nonfiction texts to examine and analyze different points of view, determine what the cause and effect of the event or issue, and evaluate the implications. They wrote a conclusion justified by their research. Students followed the Design Thinking and Project Building Process, and then shared their research findings by creating a product that is visually exciting, fun, lively, engaging, or powerful to the intended audience. Students will be presenting their research and project to an audience of peers.

Next week, we are looking forward to Art & Engineering Camp!

## **Art & Engineering Camp is Coming!**

We are excited to announce Art & Engineering Camp the week of conferences, February 5th through February 9th! We have several talented local artists coming to share their talents with kids, and teach them some cool new skills. There will be photography, spoken word poetry, drawing, painting, music, and more! If you have a talent that you would like to share with groups of kids during Art Camp, please call the office at 541.355.2000 or email Wendy at [wendy.winchel@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:wendy.winchel@bend.k12.or.us).

## **New Bus Ridership Tool Available for Families**

Bend-La Pine Schools has launched an innovative, interactive tool - Bend-La Pine Schools My Bus Stop - that provides access to real time bus route information. Bend-La Pine Schools My Stop allows families to view the estimated time of arrival for their student's bus on a smartphone, tablet or computer.

"We are excited to offer this new GPS service to our bus-riding families," said Kim Crabtree, Director of Transportation. "As Central Oregonians know, road conditions and traffic snarls can slow bus routes. With My Stop, families will be able to stay up-to-date about bus arrival times both for morning pick-ups and afternoon drop offs."

The Bend-La Pine Schools My Bus Stop service enables families to:

- See a student's bus stop on a map
- See the estimated arrival time for the school bus at the stop
- Keep families up-to-date about bus arrival times both for morning pick-ups and afternoon drop offs
- Receive a push notification if the bus is running significantly behind schedule or with other important transportation information

### To Install the App:

To install the app, simply visit the Google Play Store (for Android) or the Apple Store (for iOS), and search for "VersaTrans My Stop" or log-in via the web at My Stop. Make sure you select Bend-La Pine Schools when prompted.

### To Log In:

User Name: Enter your student's 6-digit ID number

Password: Enter your student's birth-date in the format mmddyyyy - For example, 05052003 for a birth-date of May 5th, 2003.

You can visit <https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/parents/school-buses/my-stop> for more information, a FAQ and link to the Bend-La Pine Schools My Bus Stop web-based browser.

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Parents may note a SCANS feature on app and website. This function is not available at this time, though we plan to make this a resource for those interested at a future date. With My Stop SCANS, parents can opt-in to view when and where their students scan on and off the bus with a Bend-La Pine Schools My Stop card.

For questions, contact the Transportation Department at 541-355-5700 or email us at [MyBusStop@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:MyBusStop@bend.k12.or.us).

Our team is available from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each school day.

## **Friendship Day**

Friendship day is coming up, on Wednesday, February 14th! Please do not feel obligated to bring anything to school to share with friends. If your child would like to pass out friendship notes, or "valentines," please make sure not to address them to individual students. This makes passing them out much easier. Also, please try to stay away from sugary treats. There are many good ideas that kids can do in lieu of passing out individual notes. Kids can make a friendship poster for their community or school, wear an old t-shirt for friends to sign, or simply give hugs and tell friends that they appreciate their friendship! We are planning an ice-skating party to celebrate friendship and kick-off our winter adventures.

## **Volunteering & Needs**

We are getting ready to rebuild the garden fence! We are also in need of volunteers to help make showcase portfolios. If you are available to help, please sign up on the volunteer website at [signup.com/group/756999285035182085](https://signup.com/group/756999285035182085).

We are in need of some Legos! If you have any to donate, please drop them off in the office. Thank you for your help!

## **WVMS Rights & Responsibilities**

**"We have the right to be heard as an individual and to share our thoughts freely. We have the responsibility to listen, question, and support ideas."**

Every year, we revisit our WVMS Rights & Responsibilities. With every right students have, there is a responsibility to maintain to ensure that we keep that right. We will be publishing the WVMS Rights & Responsibilities in our newsletters. Please take some time to go over and discuss them with your child. You can talk about how these apply to them and to their school community, and what it looks like to uphold the responsibilities and maintain our rights.