

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## News

### Upcoming Events

February 3rd	School is in Session! The No-School Day Has Moved to Friday, February 10th.
February 8th	Bend High School IB Program Information Night - 6:30pm @ BSHS
February 10th	Third Six Weeks Ends
February 10th	No School - Inservice Day
February 11th	Polar Plunge - 11:00am
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
February 21st	Summit High School Freshman Orientation Night - 6:00pm @ SHS
February 22nd	Mountain View High School Freshman Orientation Night - 6:00pm @ MVHS
February 27th	Bend High School Freshman Orientation Night - 6:30pm at BSHS

### Curriculum

Students have been working very hard on their winter assessments. We can't wait to help kids share them with you at conferences!

In math, students have been solving a problem looking at the weight of snow and the area of our roof. They've calculated volume and the weight of a square foot of snow to determine the snow load on our roof.

Students have been investigating the mystery of magnetism! They created an inquiry question of their choosing to scientifically test while following the inquiry process. They are controlling variables, collecting data and looking for patterns to unravel the mystery of magnetism.

Next week, students will be reading myths and fairytales and will write one of their own that explains a law of nature or a natural phenomenon. They will also be starting a project called "Use Your Brain to Have a Heart."

### Winter Conferences

If you haven't already scheduled Winter Conferences, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000 or email [anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us) to set your appointment time. 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. 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.

## No Parking Zones

When picking up and dropping off students, please **DO NOT** park in the following areas:

- \* In front of the school along the sidewalk. It's ok to drop off here, but please don't park. It greatly impedes the flow of traffic.
  - \* On 12th St. in front of the school. The busses have had a hard time navigating around parked vehicles, and it has been especially hard with the snow.
- Thanks for your cooperation!

## Volunteers

Our amazing VRB team is in need of 1-2 more folks who are interested in helping procure auction items for our event on April 29th. If you are available to help out by calling or visiting businesses, or by picking up items, please contact Bekki Tucker at [bekki.tucker@gmail.com](mailto:bekki.tucker@gmail.com) or (619) 587-1371. She would also love to hear from you if you have an item to donate. Thank you!

Also, we are in need of someone who would be willing to help us organize some shelves of books. If you are available, please call Anne at 541.355.2000 or email [anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us). Thank you!

## 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

During session 4 (February 13 - March 24th), Mr. Jimmer will be leading a cross-country ski club on Mondays after school. We are in need of a few volunteers who are able to drive students in their vehicle to the Sno-Park, and would especially love it if the volunteers wanted to ski along with the club. Please let Rob know if you are interested in helping! [rob.edde@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:rob.edde@bend.k12.or.us)

## Polar Plunge!

On February 11th, a team of students is plunging into the frigid Deschutes River to raise money for The Special Olympics! WVMS students are bringing in spare change to help support the team. You can also register to do the plunge individually or create your own team at [http://soor.convio.net/site/TR?fr\\_id=1080&pg=entry](http://soor.convio.net/site/TR?fr_id=1080&pg=entry). Please come cheer them on at 11:00am at Riverbend Park on 02/11/17! You can find more information online or you can talk to Ms. P, or email her at [lisa.peterson@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:lisa.peterson@bend.k12.or.us).

## Did You Know?

You can help support Friends of WVMS through your everyday shopping? There are currently two ways to do this:

The first is through Amazon Smile. Start by pointing your browser to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com) and sign in. This will be your same Amazon account. Next, choose Friends of Westside Village Magnet School as your charity of choice. It's that easy!

Second, if you are a Fred Meyer customer you can earn funds by linking your rewards card to Friends of Westside. Simply go to <https://www.fredmeyer.com/signin?redirectUrl=/account/communityrewards/enroll> and follow the steps to link your card.

## WVMS Lottery Information for the 2017-18 School Year

It's hard to believe it's almost lottery time! Students who already attend WVMS do not need to reapply for the following school year. If your child has a sibling that will be attending WVMS newt year, please stop by the office to pick up a lottery application. Anne can also e-mail you one.

Also, please encourage your friends and family to come check us out! We are scheduling tours and have Parent Information Meetings on Monday, March 6th at 6:00pm, and Wednesday, March 8th at 12:00pm. There will be a middle school information meeting on March 20th from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. They can call the office at 541.355.2000 to schedule a tour.