

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

News

Upcoming Events

March 6th	Parent Information Meeting for Lottery - 6:00pm
March 8th	Parent Information Meeting for Lottery - 12:00pm
March 8th	Full Day of School (3:35pm) - No Early Release
March 15th	Full Day of School (3:35pm) - No Early Release
March 20th	Middle School Parent Information Meeting for Lottery - 6:00pm
March 21st	Spring Picture Day
March 22nd	Full Day of School (3:35pm) - No Early Release
March 23rd	Community Celebration - 5:00pm - 7:00pm
March 24th	Fourth Six-Week Session Ends
March 24th	Lottery Applications Due by 4:00pm
March 27th - 31st	Spring Break
April 7th	Parent Community Coffee 9:00am
April 14th	No School
April 19th	Kindergarten Registration Day
April 29th	Village Rhythm & Blues 5:30pm - 10:00pm

WVMS Lottery Information for the 2017-18 School Year

It's lottery time for the 2017-18 school year! 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 next 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! Family recommendations are hugely appreciated! Some of the most involved families that we have had came from word-of-mouth recommendations. If you have friends or family that would like to learn more about WVMS, please encourage them to call for a tour or to come to a parent information meeting. We are scheduling tours and having 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 Monday, March 20th at 6:00pm. People can call the office at 541.355.2000 to schedule a tour. Thanks for helping to spread the word about WVMS!

Smarter Balanced Testing

Smarter Balanced is our standardized test that all 3rd through 8th graders are asked to take every year. Although this is not our favorite thing to do with students due to the amount of instructional hours it takes, we are still required to do it. The results are based on student growth. Each year, the state uses a formula to determine how much a student has grown academically. A drawback to this is that many of our children excelled, which makes it hard to show growth. We will be taking this test in the early part of May. If you would like to opt your child out of the test, please sign the opt out form (available in the office or by e-mail), and return it to the office.

If you would like to look at your child's results from last year, please see their portfolio or ask Anne to email you last year's Smarter Balanced results. If you have any questions, please feel free to e-mail Wendy at wendy.winchel@bend.k12.or.us or call 541.355.2002.

Curriculum

Students have started a project called "Use Your Brain to Have a Heart." They are learning more about how the brain works, how it develops, and how to keep it sharp and healthy. Students are creating a question or defining a problem to solve that will help keep their brains healthy. Possible outcomes will be service learning, a teaching project, or designing something that they build and share.

In math, students are looking for algebraic patterns, arrays, and dimensions by doing an investigation called The Bend Joy Project. The Bend Joy Project is a challenge, a conversation, an opportunity, an experiment, and a mission to bring joy in meaningful ways to keep our community healthy, strong, and beautiful. Students are thinking of something that brings them or someone else joy. They will then do that thing, and keep generating joy. They are then sharing it with others in an effort to spread empathy, kindness, and joy around our community.

Village Rhythm and Blues

Mark your calendar for April 29th for Village Rhythm and Blues! This super-fun event is our yearly fundraiser, and helps us fund artists in residence, adventure learning opportunities, service learning opportunities, and all of the special extra things we do here at WVMS. It's a night out for parents with dinner, music, silent and live auctions, raffles, and more! The bonus? Free babysitting at WVMS! Save the date and come have some fun!

We have just received a generous \$2000 sponsorship from **The Brace Place** for our Village Rhythm and Blues Event on April 29th. Thank you! **Wheel Fun Rentals** and **Prime Lending** have also recently become sponsors. We are so grateful for your support! If you have a business or know of one that would like to be a sponsor of our event, there is still time! Please contact Julie Norfleet at gratefuljulie@gmail.com for information and options.

Before & After School Clubs

We are in need of a volunteer to help facilitate our Older and Elder Robotics Club on Thursdays after school. Also, if you have a talent or passion that you would like to share with kids in a club, we'd love to have you facilitate! If you are able to help in either way, please contact Rob at rob.edde@gmail.com. Thank you!

Did You Know?

During conference week, students just enjoyed an amazing week of Art and Engineering Camp where they worked on ceramics, fused glass, photography, drama, coding, and engineering challenges. These opportunities are made possible in part by your generous yearly donations to Friends of WVMS. Thank you!

Use Your Brain to Have a Heart - by Marissa Adams, Student

Students at WVMS are starting a project called the "Use Your Brain To Have A Heart Project." This project involves kids choosing from a 'Service' such as volunteering, a 'Teaching' such as a presentation, and a 'Build' such as a little free library. When we were told to come up with a project, we also had to come up with a question. My friend and I decided to work together, and our question was "How does interaction with animals affect the human brain?" So, I called the Humane Society and asked a couple of questions. The main question I asked was, "Can we interact with the animals?" Sadly, the answer was no. We were given another suggestion from the woman on the phone. She said, "How about you guys do a craft or supply drive? Both templates are on our site." We finally decided that we were going to do a supply drive, or a wish list drive, but this meant we had to change our question. Our new question was "How does charitable giving affect your brain?" So this is where you guys come in. Being that we are doing a drive, we will be setting up a big box in the front office for your donations. Along with our big box for donations, we will also have a Q&A to go towards the conclusion of our project. You can view the Humane Society's Wish List here: <https://www.hsc.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/01/HSCO-Wish-List-4-2015.pdf>. If you have any questions, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000.

Phones in the Classroom

Please help us support our "no phones/personal electronic devices during class time" rule by having a conversation with your child about putting their phone away during class time and at lunch. Phones and personal devices can be a huge distraction and can cause students to be off task and to not be engaged in their work. It's ok for a child to check their phone messages during break times, but we would rather they interact with their friends during lunch and "unplug" from electronics. This could be a great opportunity to start a conversation with your children about technology etiquette, limiting screen time, and the importance of social interaction. Thank you for your support.