

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## News

### Upcoming Events

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| March 27th - 31st | Spring Break   |
| April 14th        | No School  |
| April 19th        | Kindergarten/New Student Registration Day                        |
| April 22nd        | Solve-It Earth Day Garden Work Day 9:30am - 12:00pm              |
| April 29th        | Village Rhythm & Blues 5:30pm - 10:00pm                          |
| May 1st           | Parent Discussion With Author, Heather Shucker - 6:00pm - 7:00pm |
| May 11th          | Community Celebration - 5:00pm - 7:00pm                          |
| May 12th          | Fifth Six-Week Celebration Begins                                |

### Biggest of Thank You's!

Thank you to our parent volunteers that helped with our winter adventures this year! Alisha Wiater, Neil Wiater, Gary Wilson, Gail Prince, Jeannette Waddell, Tom DeWolf, Cindy Brennan, Anna Goodsell, Aaron Goodwill, Stephanie Barss, Claire Spampinato, Joe Harper, Jens Trumpa, Kristie Downing, Jesse Olstad, Kristen LaGrange, Vicki Franklin, Tor Naerheim, Victor Vettorello, Melissa Irwin, Melinda Caito, and Jamie Yasord. We appreciate all of your help!

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### Have Fun Over Spring Break!

We hope you have a fun-filled, adventure-packed Spring Break! Here are some good ideas on how to spend your time: Take a road trip to a place you've never been before, go for a hike in the wilderness and find evidence of the arrival of Spring, explore some geographic landmarks like Fort Rock, and Crack In the Ground, go to the John Day Fossil Beds and search for fossils and evidence of prehistoric life, visit the High Desert Museum and learn something new about Oregon, start getting your garden ready for planting, volunteer some time with a non-profit organization, take your student to the library and check out books that align with their research topic, and most importantly, read, read read! Stay safe and solve some fun mysteries with your family!

### Curriculum

Winter adventures are officially over! Thank you to all the parent volunteers who helped chaperone rain or shine! Students had a great time!

In math, students are doing an algebra problem solving about our skiing adventures. Centers are looking at how many pairs of skis we have to determine how many people went skiing. Other math groups looked at ratio of skiers to snowshoers, rental costs, and created their own linear equations.

Students have been working on wrapping up this six-week's work and doing several self-reflections. They are reflecting on their math seminar, their engineering challenge, their "Use Your Brain to Have a Heart" project, and skiing.

During research workshop, students have been working on creating their critical components. They wrote "fat questions" to get started on their long-term research topic. A "fat question" is a question that requires a large amount of research and can't be answered simply, or by Googling the answer. They have been reading and taking notes, and they are working on applying different note-taking strategies.

## **School Breakfast Opportunities**

WVMS participated in the 2016 November School Breakfast Challenge! Collectively, the 100 schools that participated reached 15,300 kids each day with school breakfast. Bend-La Pine's average daily participation for the month of November moved from 4008 to 4141 students. WVMS had a great increase, serving 25 more kids, moving from 22% of enrollment to 32%! This was one of the biggest increases in the district.

If you would like WVMS to pilot breakfast in the classroom, grab and go breakfast, second chance breakfast, or offering breakfast free of charge to all students, please complete the 5-question questionnaire at [https://docs.google.com/a/gapps.bend.k12.or.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2UWHbvz9nrSPHY9qwyrT6bCpVijd8jH\\_ypL63v5A\\_y6KUQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/gapps.bend.k12.or.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2UWHbvz9nrSPHY9qwyrT6bCpVijd8jH_ypL63v5A_y6KUQ/viewform) so we can connect to resources, including funding opportunities. There are grants available to support breakfast changes.

## **Village Rhythm and Blues**

As you are probably aware, VRB is fast approaching. We are hoping to have all action donations by Friday, March 31st. If you or your business have an item or experience to donate, we would be most grateful! You can simply drop off items or gift certificates in the front office. In addition, we will be having a wine grab bag table at the event. We are looking for donations of bottles of wine from \$25-\$100 in value for the table.

If you have questions about either of the above needs, please contact Bekki Tucker, our auction coordinator at [bekki.tucker@gmail.com](mailto:bekki.tucker@gmail.com). Thank you for your help in this important way!

## **Before & After School Clubs**

Session 5 Clubs will begin after Spring Break and we have lots of fun options to check out! Check your email inbox for the sign up link and look out for new clubs such as Kendama Club and Mountain Biking Club, along with some favorites such as Robotics, Lego Club, and Confident Kids.

## **Middle School News**

We are going to be having some special meetings for Elders in May. The dates are to-be-determined. We will announce the dates once they have been set. We will be holding a special meeting for soon-to-be first year Elders for parents and students to talk about life as an Elder and what to expect. We will also be having meetings with our current eldest Elders (7th and 8th graders) to plan an end-of-the-year trip for 7th & 8th graders, and a trip just for the 8th graders.

Middle School Track is here! Track season runs From Early April to mid-May. Ms Christen is coaching the team and will explain the different events to the kids. Any help we can get from parents to transport to practices and meets would be much appreciated. Please see Ms Christen or Mr Rob if you can help. Practices will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at Cascade Middle School.

There are some new clubs that Middle Schoolers may be interested in: Pottery, Teach Ms. Jill to Code, Urban Cycling, and Kendama. For more information about the clubs and to sign up: please visit: [bookeyo.com/friendsofwmvms](http://bookeyo.com/friendsofwmvms).

## **Parent Discussion with Author, Heather Shumaker**

The parent discussion intended to be held back in January now has a new date!

Stephanie Krause of Bloom Children's Center will host a discussion here in our library on May 1st at 6:00pm.

Heather Shumaker, author of the book "It's OK Not To Share: and Other Renegade Rules For Raising Competent and Compassionate Kids" will join us for our first hour on Skype as we discuss her book!

Grab a copy from the library or order one to read over the next month and a half, and join in discussing the "rules" Shumaker presents in the book! If you have questions you may contact Stephanie through her website at [www.bloombend.com](http://www.bloombend.com).

## **Volunteers**

Do you have any large atlas books that you no longer need? Some students are going to be working to turn them into centerpieces/works of art for our upcoming VRB fundraiser. If you have any to give, please bring them to the office. Thank you!