

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## News

### Upcoming Events

April 10th	VRB Ticket Sale Kick-Off 3:35pm
April 11th	Parent Community Coffee 9am
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 Performance: School of Rock 6:00pm - 7:00pm
May 15th	Sixth Six-Week Begins
May 16th	MOD Pizza Fundraiser

### VRB Tickets Sales Kick Off Event 4/10/17!

Tickets to Village, Rhythm, and Blues will go on sale this coming Monday, **April 10th**, after school! Tickets are \$50 and include a paella dinner from **Barrio**, drinks from **Oblivion** and **Boneyard Brewing**, and delicious desserts! There will be amazing silent and live auction items to bid on and musical entertainment from WVMS students and staff. Childcare for families from school is also included in the ticket price! You can purchase tickets from any 4th-8th grade student, or in the rotunda before or after school.

Monday, our ticket sales kick off will include a special **Humm Kombucha** sale as well! Glasses will be sold for \$3, or bring your growler to fill for just \$10! Come support VRB and join the fun!

### Parent Discussion w/ 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 what Shumaker presents in the book! If you have questions you may contact Stephanie through her website at [www.bloombend.com](http://www.bloombend.com).

### Curriculum

Students have selected their long-term research topics and are delving into the mysteries of the cosmos, ancient life, ancient civilizations, and geology. This week we have focused on solidifying their critical components and analyzing the structure on non-fiction texts.

Students are delving into engineering challenges that connect with their research and learning about genetics, heredity, and how traits are passed on. They are learning about recessive and dominant traits, and what makes them, them.

### Student Pick Up

We need to reevaluate our afternoon student pick up process. Currently, we are blocking 13th Street and making it difficult for our neighbors to have access to and from their driveways. Our neighbors help take care of the school when we are not in session, and it is important that we respect them. Instead of lining up in the pick-up zone, we suggest that you park on 13th Street, Kingston, or on the end of the block on 12th Street (out of the way of the bus zone) and have your child meet you there. We will have staff make sure that kids are getting to where/who they are supposed to. This should not only save time in the afternoons, it will make the street accessible to our awesome neighbors.

## **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/1FAIpQLSdt2UWHbvz9nrSPHY9qwyr+6bCpVijd8jH\\_ypL63v5A\\_y6KUQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/a/gapps.bend.k12.or.us/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdt2UWHbvz9nrSPHY9qwyr+6bCpVijd8jH_ypL63v5A_y6KUQ/viewform) so we can connect to resources, including funding opportunities. There are grants available to support breakfast changes.

## **Did You Know?**

We have a number of new event sponsors that we would like to acknowledge. A HUGE thank you to Paleo Magazine, Mid-Oregon Lending, Wheel Fun Rentals, and Brother Jon's Public House. Thanks to your generosity, and those of our other donors, we now have \$8500 in sponsorships for VRB. We are so grateful for your support!

## **Spirit Giraffe Raffle!**

We are having a raffle for an adorable 34" stuffed giraffe! Tickets are \$1.00 each and can be purchased in the front office. All proceeds will benefit WVMS students.



## **Parent Coffee**

We will be having a Parent Coffee on Tuesday morning, April 11th at 9:00am. Please join us for refreshments and conversation about all the great happenings at WVMS during this busy season!

## **Avoid Lice!**

Unfortunately, it is the season for lice. Here are a few reminders about how to avoid lice:

- \* Remind your kids NOT to share combs, hats, coats, or clothing.
- \* Encourage your kids to remember to NOT leave coats/hats/sweaters laying around school. Have them store clothing in their cubbies, or in a backpack.
- \* Do NOT let kids bring stuffed animals to school. Lice like to cling to them!
- \* Check your kids often for nits and for lice. A single louse can live on a human for 30 days, and a nit for 2 weeks.
- \* Catching it early means less work. If you need a visual to know what to look for, you can visit [https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen\\_info/faqs.html](https://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head/gen_info/faqs.html).
- \* Please let the office know if your child gets lice. This way we know where to clean and which friends to check.



## **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!

We are also in need of some volunteers to help us with our winter adventure laundry and with waxing skis. If you are available to help us with either one of these things, please call Anne at 541.355.2000.