

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

Upcoming Events

April 14th	No School
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 3rd	Kindergarten/New Student Registration Day
May 15th	Sixth Six-Week Begins
May 16th	MOD Pizza Fundraiser
May 18th	Community Performance: School of Rock
May 31st - June 2nd	Older/Elder Coast Trip

Get Your VRB Tickets!

Tickets to Village, Rhythm, and Blues will be now on sale! 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. You may reserve a table for your group by purchasing 8 or more tickets at one time.

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.

Curriculum

In research, students have been working on their main idea and evidence. Within their critical component, they are identifying the main idea and finding evidence to support their claim. They are also learning how to give credit to their sources within their notes.

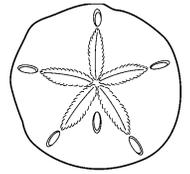
Next week, we will be examining multiple perspectives by comparing a video and texts on the same topic. We will also be looking at how to determine what is accurate information vs. fake news.

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.

Older/Elder Coast Trip & Working at VRB

We are getting ready to go on our annual Older/Elder Coast Trip to Newport! This year the dates will be May 31st through June 2nd. The cost of the trip will be \$150 per student. Kids can earn money towards their Coast Trip by working during VRB (April 29th) either babysitting or helping out at the venue. There are also opportunities leading up to the event to stay after school and earn money towards the cost of their trip. Many kids have raised most of their Coast Trip cost these ways. Job applications were sent home for parents to review and sign. If you have any questions about working at VRB or the Coast Trip, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000.



Did You Know?

We have several more wonderful sponsors for VRB! A HUGE thank you to Sommers Masonry, Olin Architecture, Schnitzer Steel, and Laptop Maniac. We are truly grateful for your generous support!



Giraffe!

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.



Earth Day Garden Party

This year we will again be working with SOLVE to host an Earth Day Garden Party! Please plan to join us on Friday, April 21st from 9:30am-12:00pm, as we prepare our community garden for Spring by readying beds, native plantings, weed pulling, and overall beautification. You can sign up with the link below, or just show up ready to go! Please contact Christine at wmsvolunteers@gmail.com if you have any questions.

<http://www.solveoregon.org/get-involved/events/westside-village-community-garden>

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.
- * Please let the office know if your child gets lice. This way we know where to clean and which friends to check.

Volunteers

Ms. P is in need of some volunteers to work on making centerpieces for VRB. She will be teaching students to fold luminaries out of atlas pages on Monday and Tuesday after school from 3:45-5. If you are able to come and learn how to make them, and take home some to work on, it would be much appreciated! Or, if you can't come then but would still like to help, please contact Christine at wmsvolunteers@gmail.com. Thank you!

We are in need of small to medium sized cardboard boxes and colored tissue paper. If you have either of these and would like to donate them, please drop it off in the office at school. Thank you!