

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

Upcoming Events

October 9th	Volleyball: Central Christian @ WVMS 4:00pm
October 10th	Cross Country Meet @ Ochoco Creek Park, Prineville 4:00pm
October 12th	Volleyball: WVMS @ Seven Peaks 4:00pm
October 13th	Parent Community Coffee 9:00am
October 13th	Fall Bash for Elders - 4:00pm - 6:00pm
October 13th	Friends of WVMS Wine Tasting Fundraiser @ Aspen Hall 5:00pm
October 17th	Volleyball: WVMS @ Gilchrist 4:00pm
October 19th	Cross Country District Meet @ Pine Nursery Park 10:00am
October 20th	First Six Weeks Ends
October 23rd	Second Six Weeks Begins
October 23rd	Volleyball: WVMS @ North Lake 2:00pm
October 24th	1st Community Celebration 4:30pm
October 25th - 27th	No School
October 31st	Harvest Celebration
October 31st	Friends of WVMS Fun Run Fundraiser
November 9th	Picture Retake Day
November 10th	No School - Veterans Day Holiday
November 16th	College Day
November 20th - 24th	No School - Thanksgiving Break

Garden Party

Thank you to everyone who came out to our Garden Party yesterday and helped us get ready for the cooler coming months! Raina Merritt, Traius Merrit, Dana Madison, Felix Madison, Marilee Parsons, Serafina Quercini, Leah Persichilli, Miles Barnes, Claire Hafer, Maggie Spampinato, Alex Vettorello, Cheryl McCoy, Alexis Bruno McCoy, Laura Parker, Jasper Parker-Norris, Ori Parker-Norris, Chelsey Walker, Alleyah Walker, Archie Kerr, Denise Sites and Nora Sites spent the afternoon cleaning out the raised garden beds, pulling weeds, hauling away leaves, cleaning out the pond, and more. Thank you all for your help! You are truly appreciated!



Friends of WVMS Tasting Fundraiser @ Aspen Hall

Please join the Friends of WVMS and the WVMS Community for a Community Building Wine Tasting Fundraiser on Friday, October 13th, from 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Tickets for the event are \$10.00 per person and will be available at school. There is a limited number of tickets available - Get Yours Today! This event is 21+ only.

The Lost and Found is Overflowing!

Please take a moment to check the lost and found for any of your child's missing items. It is full as full can be! Any items that are not claimed by October 25th will be donated to a local non-profit.



Did You Know...

...that purchasing iPad insurance not only protects your wallet in the event of damage or theft, but also helps out our school? The cost of iPads that are damaged, stolen, or lost are charged to our school, before it is reimbursed by families. This ties up funds that would normally go to school supplies extra staff support, operational expenses, and more. Plus, you get a free iPad case! Please help us keep our funds from being tied up by purchasing iPad insurance. After all, accidents do happen!

Digital Citizenship

iPads were issued to kids this week. As we use them for learning tools, we will continue to impress the importance of being a good digital citizen. Please take some time to talk to your child about digital citizenship and what they have learned. We have been talking about Internet Safety, Privacy and Security, and Relationships and Communication. Soon, we will be talking about Cyberbullying and Digital Drama, Digital Footprints and Reputation, Self Image and Identity, Information Literacy, and Creative Credit and Copyright.

If you would like more information on Digital Citizenship, you can visit <https://www.common sense.org/education/digital-citizenship>.

Saving Grace's Art Project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Westside Village Magnet School students have been working towards becoming better global citizens through empathy and compassion. When students heard about Saving Grace's art project for Domestic Violence Awareness Month, they were eager to help. Some of their families have been helped by Saving Grace. They also have known several classmates who have supported by Saving Grace. When students embarked upon this art project, they worked together to create these shoes that reflect a journey to end domestic violence. Students would like to dedicate these shoes, in the hopes that through empathy and compassion we can make a positive impact and lead the way to a world free of domestic violence. If you would like to view their artwork, it will be on display at Angelina's Organic Skincare downtown during First Friday in Oct (Oct 6th) from 5:00pm - 9:00pm and then will remain on display in the store for the month.



Label Your Child's Items!

Please take a moment to put your child's name on the items that they bring to school: water bottles, jackets, gloves, hats, lunch boxes, backpacks, etc. This way, when an item turns up in the lost and found, we know who to return it to. We look forward to being able to reunite lost items with their owners. Thanks for your help!

Culture Questions

Students and staff have been looking at the concept of culture. Like an iceberg, nine-tenths of culture is below the surface. Surface culture is most easily seen, like food, dress, music, art, literature, celebrations, etc. Shallow Culture is unspoken rules, and Deep Culture is unconscious rules.

As we embark on our journey into studying heritage, we would like for you to discuss the following topics/questions with your child. Share with them how older generations of your family might have answered these questions as well. Students will be discussing their unique culture with other students in the upcoming weeks.

- How does your family identify ethnically or racially?
- Where do you live? Urban, suburban, or rural community?
- What is the story of your family in America? Has your family been here for generations, a few decades, or just a few years?
- Were you the first in your family to attend college? If not, who did - your parents, grandparents, or great-grandparents?
- What family folklore or stories did you regularly hear growing up?
- What are some of your family traditions - holidays, foods, or rituals?
- Who were the heroes celebrated in your family and/or community? Why? Who were the antiheroes? Who were the "bad guys?"

Volunteering & Needs

We are in need of some volunteers to help make portfolios. This can be done at school, or at home. If you are available to help, please see Anne in the office, call her at 541.355.2000 or email her at anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us.

We are in need of some yogurt containers. Instead of recycling them, please bring them in to school. Thank you!

Tobacco Use/Vaping on School Grounds

Please remember that tobacco use and vaping is not allowed on school district property, even in private vehicles. Please extinguish cigarettes before coming on to school property, and refrain from vaping until you leave school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation.

1st Community Celebration

Please join the WVMS Community for our Community Celebration on Tuesday, October 24th, from 4:30pm to 6:30pm. We will have a parent community meeting to discuss important topics, have a scrumptious dinner and dessert, and enjoy performances by some talented WVMS students. We hope to see you there!

A Letter From One of Our Parents...

Hello, my name is Leah Persichilli. I work for a couple of organizations in town that provide information, support and outdoor opportunities to people who experience disability (diversabilities). I am also a parent to a child who is new to the Westside Village community...a third grader named Miles, who experiences Down Syndrome.

In the beginning of the week I had the opportunity to speak with your kids a little about disability awareness among their peers. For example, in explaining Down syndrome we talked about the ingredients used to make cookies, and how our bodies (like cookies) are made of ingredients (cells, each containing chromosomes). We talked a little about what Down syndrome is (the presence of an extra chromosome - like the chocolate chip added to the sugar dough). The idea being that the extra chromosome makes people unique in some ways, but essentially we all boil down to the same basic ingredient; we are more alike than different!

Many thanks for all of your great kids, and their willingness to learn, ask questions, and create a welcoming community for all people!

If you have any questions at all about disability or the inclusion of children with developmental disabilities, please feel free to contact me.

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Harvest Celebration & Friends of WVMS Fun Run Fundraiser

We will be celebrating the harvest on Tuesday, 10/31. We will be going on a Friends of WVMS Fun Run Fundraiser, doing arts and crafts, making some delicious treats, and having a lot of fun! Please have your child wear their costume to school, but leave any masks in backpacks until they are at school. Please do not bring scary masks to school, we want everyone to feel safe and have a good time. Your child doesn't have to wear a Halloween costume. It could be a fun, homemade costume, just something fun they'd like to wear, or regular clothes. Please note that small pieces to costumes are easily lost. It is suggested that small pieces stay at home so that they are ready for trick-or-treating and Halloween fun on Tuesday night. Also, please do not bring candy to school. We have several fun treats planned already.

We are looking for parent volunteers to come help with our Harvest Celebration. If you are available to come help, please call the office at 541.355.2000.

Iris Rhizomes Are Still Available!

Hybrid Iris Rhizomes valued at \$10 - \$30 each - **Special 3 for \$10**. It's time to plant them!

These plants are from Ms. Lovely's Father who is the President of the Los Altos Iris Club. These plants are Super Special and all proceeds go to Friends of WVMS. Thank you to John Elrod! If you would like to purchase some, talk to Ms. Anne or Ms. Felicia in the office.

WVMS Food Pantry

WVMS has a food pantry to help out our community members in need. We recently cleaned out the pantry and we are in need of non perishable food and personal care items to fill it up again. If you are able to donate items, please bring them to the office. If you need items from the pantry, please see Ms. Anne in the office.

WVMS "Squish Super Slimes" in Action

A group of WVMS students calling themselves "Squish Super Slimes" will be selling their Homemade Slime at Leapin' Lizards Toy Company in downtown Bend during the First Friday Art Walk on October 6th at 5:30pm. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Humane Society of Central Oregon. Please come out & help support these wonderful WVMS students!