

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

Upcoming Events

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 Jog-A-Thon Fundraiser
November 9th	Picture Retake Day
November 10th	No School - Veterans Day Holiday
November 16th	College Day
November 20th - 24th	No School - Thanksgiving Break

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.

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!

It's Getting Cold Outside!

With the change in weather and drop in temperatures, it is important to bring a warm jacket to school. We go outside in all sorts of weather and want our kids to stay warm and healthy. Please remember to bring jackets! If you need help with a new winter jacket for your child, please let Anne know, or call our FAN Advocate, Nicole Stefano at 541.355.2408 or 541.355.7715.

Iris Rhizomes Are Still Available!

Hybrid Iris Rhizomes valued at \$10 - \$30 each - were a bargain at 3 for \$10. **And due to an abundant supply they are now 6 for \$10!** Anyone who bought 3 for \$10, please come back and get 3 for free! It's time to get them in the ground! 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. They will also be available at The Friends of WVMS Wine Tasting Fundraiser on October 13th.

Praising Kids With Mindfulness - Ideas from Dr. Carol Dweck, Author of 'Mindset, the New Psychology of Success'

One way that parents can really help their children is by carefully choosing the words that are used when they praise them. Every word parents say and action they perform sends a message to their children. These words and actions tell children how to think about themselves. Below are some examples of healthy ways to praise students.

Do Not Say

You are really athletic!

You are so smart!

You are a great athlete! You could be the next Pele!

You always get good grades; that makes me happy.

Do Say

You really work hard and pay attention when you are on that field!

You work hard in school and it shows!

Keep practicing and you will see great results!

When you put forth an effort, it really shows in your grades.
You should be proud of yourself. We are proud of you!

The next time you are ready to praise your child, stop and think about how to use that opportunity to praise his or her work effort.

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 Jog-A-Thon 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.

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!

Curriculum

WVMS students have been digging into their deep personal culture and are writing poems called "The Skin I'm In" that will be displayed with their self portrait in the style of artist Sandra Silberzweig. We have been looking at identity and what makes us who we are. Students are looking at group identities, how different identities are represented, as well as what makes us similar and different.

Students have been using the design thinking process to investigate and plan design for a "peace building bench." Through gathering empathy (interviewing) other students, they discovered that younger students think a buddy bench would be a useful tool that they would use. Older students believe a "peace building" or "problem solving bench" would be more helpful. They designed, revised and redesigned, and are building a prototype of this bench. Students are also doing a math/science investigation to determine area, weight capacity, materials needed, and cost. We can't wait to see what the finished products will look like! We are planning on building three benches using these designs.

In math, students have been collaborating in teams to solve math challenges. We are working on math fluency, geometry, number operations. Elders have been hard at work on their ACT Aspire testing. The ACT Aspire is a multiple choice test in three areas - mathematics, reading, and science.