

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## News

### Upcoming Events

November 21st - 25th	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 29th	Giving Tree Volunteer Meeting - 5:30pm in Library
December 2nd	Parent Community Coffee 9:00am
December 3rd	WVMS Winter Bazaar
December 9th	2nd 6-Week Session Ends
December 12th	3rd 6-Week Session Begins
December 13th	5th Grade Bend Science Station Field Trip
December 15th	Community Celebration - 4:30pm to 6:30pm
December 19th - Jan. 2nd	Winter Break

### Did You Know?

That WVMS has already clocked over 1000 volunteer hours this year? Thank you to all of our volunteers for helping with our garden, facilitating before and after school clubs, assisting in the classroom, putting books away and checking books into the library, cleaning up our building and grounds, working on portfolios, helping set up for community celebrations, stamping and sorting Jimmy's Corner books, cleaning computers, helping with office coverage, and so much more. You are so appreciated!



### WVMS Bazaar - Promoting Empathy, Hope and Tolerance for All Since 2000

WVMS will once again be hosting a Winter Bazaar this year! It will run concurrent with the Bend Holiday Parade on Saturday, December 3rd, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. If you, your child, or someone you know would like to have a booth at the Bazaar to sell your wares, crafts, treats, etc., please have them call the office at 541.355.2000. Booths will cost \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for kids. All proceeds from the sale of booths will go to support a local non-profit organization.



### Curriculum

Students have been redesigning classrooms to add more walking space and room to move around. They have been measuring tables and calculating room space. We are going to send our tables in to the district carpentry staff to shorten them and make them thinner, according to student and staff design.

All students and staff have been engaged in hands-on science inquiries, building their understanding of plate tectonics, volcanoes, crystals, and the rock cycle. We are also exploring mass, matter and volume and how it correlates to the densities of different objects.

Next week, we will be working on the mystery of what it means to be human, and how to mindfully think, feel, and act on empathy, hope, and tolerance. Students will be working with local artists to create spoken word poetry and songs about these topics. They will be researching non-profit organizations that acts on these criteria, and will create a persuasive poster to convince the public to support these organizations. These posters will be hung at the Winter Bazaar, which a lot of students are working very hard on organizing.

## **ParentVue & Texting Opt-In**

In the next few days, Anne will be emailing families to give them access codes to ParentVue or reminders of their log-in names. This will allow you to view your child's attendance as well as your child's 6-week checklist. Along with access to ParentVue, you will receive codes to opt-in to texting for your child's different groups. (Advisory Team, Family Group, Math Group, and Community). When you receive the email, please take a moment to opt-in if you wish to receive texts. We are using a program called Remind. You can also download the Remind application on your cell phone. If you have any questions, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000.

## **Parent Coffee**

We will have our second parent coffee of the year on Friday, December 2 at 9 a.m. Please join us to connect with other parents, find out about volunteer opportunities, get curriculum updates, and hear from Ms. J about ideas for reading and academic engagement over the winter break. Hope to see you there!

## **Giving Tree**

We are organizing a Giving Tree to help out some WVMS families who need a little extra support this holiday season. If you are interested in being on the Giving Tree team, to help us organize this special project, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000 or email

[anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:anne.forster@bend.k12.or.us). **There will be a Giving Tree Volunteer Meeting on Tuesday, November 29th at 5:30pm in the library.** Thank you!



## **Help Appreciate Our Staff!**

The Teacher Appreciation Committee would like to provide healthy snacks and sweet treats for the staff on the first Tuesday of each month. The facilitators and staff at WMVS work so hard each day to help our children grow, and it's important to let them know our gratitude! We are asking a few families from each grade level to take on one month, starting with K in December, 1st in January, and so on. If you would be willing to bring in food on your grade level's month, please contact Marta Capriles at [marta.capriles@gmail.com](mailto:marta.capriles@gmail.com) or 510.295.3964 for more details. Thank you!

## **Volunteers**

**Making Portfolios** - We are in need of volunteers to help make student work portfolios. This is a task that can be quickly learned and taken home to work on, and that is saving the school almost \$2000. Some volunteers have already begun, and we are about halfway there, but we need some folks who can make 10-20 each and finish them.

**Organizing** - Do you love to organize? Our garden shed is in need of a little organizing TLC. We need someone to get it back in shape, and to help find the best way to keep it at its best.

If you are able to help with any of the above needs, please contact Christine at [wvmsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wvmsvolunteers@gmail.com). Thank you!

## **Clubs**

We are looking for some volunteers to help out with Fun Club. If you are available any day after school (especially Mondays and Wednesdays) to stay and have fun with our kids, this is a great opportunity! We are also looking for volunteers to help out in Lego Club starting in session 3. Please contact Rob Edde or Christine Jacobsen at [wvmsvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:wvmsvolunteers@gmail.com).

**“Resolve to be tender with the young, compassionate with the aged, sympathetic with the striving, and tolerant of the weak and the wrong. Sometime in life you will have been all of these.”**  
— Lloyd Shearer

## **WVMS Food Pantry**

WVMS has our very own food pantry. If you have any non-perishable food items that you would like to donate, please drop them off in the office.

Also, if your family could benefit from food in the food pantry, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000, or stop by to grab some bags of food.

If you would like to help organizing the food pantry, your help would be greatly appreciated. Just stop by the office at your convenience and we will put you to work! Thanks in advance for your help!