

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## Upcoming Events

November 20th - 24th	No School - Thanksgiving Break
November 28th	Friends of WMS Fun Run Donations Due
November 30th	WVMS @ Culver 4:00pm
December 2nd	WVMS Winter Bazaar 9:30am - 4:30pm
December 7th	Boys Basketball Gilchrist @ WVMS 4:00pm
December 8th	Parent Community Coffee 9:00am
December 8th	2nd Six Weeks Ends
December 11th	3rd Six Weeks Begins
December 14th	Boys Basketball Central Christian @ WVMS 4:00pm
December 19th	Boys Basketball WVMS @ Tumalo 4:00pm
December 21st	2nd Community Celebration 4:30pm - 7:00pm
December 22nd	Winter Solstice Party
December 25th - January 5th	No School - Winter Break

## WVMS Winter Bazaar

Westside Village Magnet School cordially invites you to our annual Winter Bazaar on December 2, 2017 from 9:30am - 4:30pm. Featuring professional artisans, crafts, food, holiday gift items, stocking stuffers, jewelry and more.



Proceeds earned from the bazaar will be donated to Project Ponderosa and The Deschutes Land Trust. Our students believe that every seedling embraces the potential to spread peace, empathy & hope worldwide. Come join us in celebrating our hope for a peaceful world. Limited booth space is still available \$30 for adults, \$15 for students. Students need to interview and have a permission slip.

## Ms. Kelley Duren is Back!

We are happy to announce that our wonderful Nutrition Services lady is back in action! She wanted us to share the following note from her:

"I would like to thank all of my Westside family for all the support during a very hard time in my life. I am happy to say I am back to work and cancer free after a 6-month battle. All the meals and offers to help with every day life meant more than you could ever know! Thank you all! - Kelly Duren



## Inclement Weather School Closures & Delays

Stay connected with Bend-La Pine Schools and find out early if school has been closed or delayed due to inclement weather.

- Sign up for BLConnect (<https://connect.bend.k12.or.us/>), an emergency alert text messaging system.
- Like Bend-La Pine Schools on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/BendLaPineSchools>)
- Follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/BLPSchools>)
- Call our hotline, English 541-323-7669; Spanish 541-355-0044
- Tune in to local media
- Delay and closure information will also be posted to all official school and district websites: BLS homepage (<https://www.bend.k12.or.us/district/>)

## Curriculum

Students are investigating trees, the mysteries of photosynthesis, transpiration, and the role of forests in our ecosystems. After Thanksgiving break, we are headed out to look at trees in our local forests and investigate further the question of why trees grow so big. Students have been applying the Design Thinking Process to create potential products for our Winter Bazaar. They will have an opportunity to produce their product and sell it at the Winter Bazaar.

Students are reading books with characters that face social and/or emotional challenges they have to overcome. In class, we are reading aloud the book, *Seedfolks*, to look more at the role of shallow and deep culture, character's point of view, theme, and literary devices like similes, metaphors, and hyperboles. Students are responding to passages to practice adding evidence to their responses.

In the coming weeks, students will be looking at the art of Pablo Picasso and applying the elements of cubism in a responsibility illustration and a family portrait. We are also delving deeper into culture and students will be completing a family research project. They will also start a research project on their own heritage. Answering the surface culture questions over break will help your child with their family research project.

## Surface Culture Questions

How does your family identify ethnically and 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, 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?

## Old Small Machines Needed for Tinkering

We are in need of old machines (working or not) for students to take apart, wonder about & do some research.

## WVMS Library

The WVMS Library is open at 8:30am daily.

This is a great time for students to come in and check out or return a book!



## Safe Touch

Last year there were over 2500 reports of child abuse in Deschutes County, Oregon. National studies indicate that one out of every ten children will be molested by the time they reach their 18th birthday. The statistics are chilling, but there are things we can do to protect our children.

During the next few weeks, we will be teaching a short unit on body safety to all students. It will cover safety with strangers as well as people the children may know. This safety unit, called "SafeTOUCH," will teach children to recognize the difference between "OK" and "Not OK" touches, how to say "NO," and who to go to for help. This approach will be honest yet non-frightening.

We feel this program will help us work together as partners towards the common goal of protecting our children. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Wendy at 541.408.3894 or by email at [wendy.winchel@bend.k12.or.us](mailto:wendy.winchel@bend.k12.or.us).