

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## Upcoming Events

November 30th	WVMS @ Culver 4:00pm
December 1st	Field Trip: Skyliner Lodge (Centers/Youngers Families 7-12) 11:00am - 2:30pm
December 2nd	WVMS Winter Bazaar 9:30am - 4:30pm
December 5th	Field Trip: Skyliner Lodge (Olders/Elders Families 1-6) 11:00am - 2:30pm
December 7th	Field Trip: Skyliner Lodge (Olders/Elders Families 7-12) 11:00am - 2:30pm
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

The place to be this Saturday, December 2nd is at The Annual WVMS Winter Bazaar! From 9:30am - 4:30pm The WVMS Winter Bazaar will feature many 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 and support the WVMS Community!



## 12/21/17 Community Celebration

Please mark your calendar for our 2nd 6-Week Community Celebration on Thursday, December 21st, from 4:30pm to 7:00pm. We will have a parent community meeting to discuss important topics, have a scrumptious dinner and dessert, and enjoy some performances by our talented kids. Families will be able to look at some of their child's work from this six-weeks.

## WVMS Giving Tree

We are hosting another giving tree this year for families who need help during the holiday season. We will have the giving tree up in the office on Monday, December 4th. There will be ornaments on the tree with families' "wishes". If you would like to, you can take an ornament and fulfill this wish, returning the wrapped gift to the office no later than Thursday, December 21st. If you have any questions, please call Anne in the office at 541.355.2000.

## Skyliner Lodge Adventures!

We are excited to take students on adventures to Skyliner Lodge this week and next week! Students will be learning about the natural and human history of the area, as well as engaging in a nature walk, scavenger hunt, and doing plant identification activities. The trips will be from 11:00am - 2:30pm, and the schedule is as follows:

November 30th	Centers/Youngers Families 1-6
December 1st	Centers/Youngers Families 7-12
December 5th	Olders/Elders Families 1-6
December 7th	Olders/Elders Families 7-12

## Curriculum

Students have been working hard to prepare for our Winter Bazaar by finishing their prototype and business plan. Teams of students have been baking, marketing, and creating products to sell. In math, students are working on a math/science investigation to plan the most effective floor plan for tables at the bazaar and the area that products take up.

Students are reading books with characters that face social and/or emotional challenges they have to overcome. They are responding to their book by completing a literature reflection that looks at equity, the elements of fiction, and connections to their life, other texts and the world. We are also finishing Seedfolks and doing culminating activities to apply point of view, equity, theme, and culture.

We are also delving deeper into culture and students will be completing a family research project, participating in a variety of activities that examine different points of view and diversity. They will also start a research project on their own heritage. In the afternoon students will be further investigating trees through inquiry and engineering and our trips to Skkyliner Lodge and Aspen Hall.

## Wednesday Morning Acoustic Ensemble

**Wednesday Morning Acoustic Ensemble 8am with Mark Ransom**

- An opportunity to play and sing with a group in an "un-plugged" setting
- All acoustic instruments welcome
- Must have basic proficiency on instrument; because focus here is on group dynamic, not learning to play specific instruments.
- Mission: listening, singing, playing together, learning new songs and developing original work



## 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>).

## 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).

