

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

News

Upcoming Events

December 9th	2nd 6-Week Session Ends
December 9th	Morning Coffee Sale - Coffee4Kids
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 16th	Giving Tree Ornaments Due
December 19th - Jan. 2nd	Winter Break
January 16th	Martin Luther King Jr. Day - No School

Curriculum

Students have continued to focus on mass and gravity. They will complete a math/science investigation to experiment with acceleration and mass.

Many students have been involved in planning the Winter Bazaar, and learning how to run a business. Kids will be working hard on calculating profits, counting leftover inventory, and deducing how much WVMS could make if we sold the leftover inventory. They are taking into consideration how much we spent making items, and subtracting that from our profits to come up with an accurate profit number.

Powerful non-profit organization posters were created by all students to promote their favorite non-profit. The plan was to donate Bazaar table sales and WVMS baked goods and craft profits to the organization at the event that received the most votes. Customers had an opportunity to look over the posters and vote. Although we did not have a poster for Friends of Westside Village Magnet School, a very enthusiastic vendor convinced many customers to vote for Friends. Interestingly, Friends of WVMS won the vote. Now we are going to talk with kids and the Friends board to decide what do with the money. More information to come!

In the upcoming week, students will continue to explore what makes us human. We will be working on writing poems, songs, or spoken word poetry. Kids will be inspired by artist, Jim Dine. creating an illustration to go along with their poem. They are also working on understanding the laws of sound, light, magnetism, and electricity and are continuing to discover the mysteries of paleontology and geology. Students will be creating a geological timescale as well, along with more reading and researching.

WVMS Winter Bazaar

The Winter Bazaar was a great success! Kids had a great time selling goodies and helping run the event. Thank you to all of our volunteers and vendors for helping make the bazaar a fun and successful event.

If you missed out on buying a special item at the event, you can stop by the office this week to purchase magnets, ornaments, quill pens, earrings, and several fun items! We will also be selling handmade cheese pizzas, cinnamon rolls, loaves of bread, rice-crispy treat lollipops, chocolate dipped pretzels, and more!

Adult Clothing Drive

We are going to have a clothing drive to help the homeless in our area. If you have any adult sized clothing to donate, please bring it by the office.

Did You Know?

Friends of Westside Village has purchased \$400 worth of new basketballs for our boys and girls basketball teams. Go Volcanoes! Let's get our middle school girls out playing basketball!

Also, WVMS recently received a glass kiln for use by our student body. An enormous thank you to 7 Peaks School for this generous donation!

12/15/16 Community Celebration

Please mark your calendar for our 2nd 6-Week Community Celebration on Thursday, December 15th, 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 some musical performances by our kids. Families will be able to look at some of their child's work from this six-weeks. **Some due-dates will be extended due to all of the time and hard work kids put into the Winter Bazaar together.**

Volunteers

A big thank you to the volunteers who helped make portfolios for our students, especially those who spent many hours on this project - Jolie Perkins, Nakala Matthews, and Anne Thom. Their hard work saved our school nearly \$1200! We appreciate you!

We are in need of some volunteers to help inventory our science supplies. If you are available, please contact Christine Jacobsen at wmsvolunteers@gmail.com.

Coffee 4 Kids

On the morning of Friday, December 9th, we will be having Coffee 4 Kids come to our school to sell coffee to parents. All proceeds from the sale will be donated to Mi Casa International, an orphanage in El Salvador that focuses on providing children a safe and loving home environment to help break the cycles of abuse and poverty. Come buy a cup of coffee and support a great cause! You can get more information about Coffee 4 Kids at www.coffe4kids.org.



Clubs

This week is the final week of Session 2, and Session 3 clubs will be posted soon. We are currently in need of a few facilitators to help run our clubs. Lego Club - Wednesdays from 2-3 - Come help our youngest builders explore and create with Legos! We also need help with Lego Robotics Club - Any day after school - Help our Olders and Elders build and program amazing creations! If you are able to help with either of these clubs please contact Rob Edde at 510.512.8426 or rob.edde@bend.k12.or.us. Thank you!

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree will be up and running on Monday, December 5th! This is a great way to help families in our school community. If you are interested in helping fulfill a family's holiday wish, please stop by the office and select an ornament. The ornament will have a need/wish on the back of it. **Please remember to let Anne know what ornament you have taken.** After purchasing the item on the ornament, simply return it to the office with the ornament. We will wrap it, and distribute it to families the weekend of December 17th. All gifts need to be returned to the office by Friday, December 16th. If you have any questions, please call Anne at 541.355.2000.



Holiday Gift-Giving

WVMS staff greatly appreciates the generosity of families during the Holiday Season. However, in the spirit of giving, please do not feel obligated to purchase gifts for staff members. Instead, please consider making a donation to a local non-profit organization, donating some books or a gift card for books for our library, or making a donation to Friends of WVMS to help support our artist in residence programs. Thank you for all the love that you've shown staff! You definitely make us all feel appreciated.

Things We Need

We are currently looking for donations for the following items:

- Bean bags for our upstairs reading nooks
- 10' x 12' (or similar size) area rugs (or leftover carpet)
- 4' x 6' (or similar size) rubber mats

If you have any of these items, and are willing to donate them, please bring them into the office. Thanks for your help!