

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 12th	Younger & Older Caroling Field Trip
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 16th	Elder Holiday Caroling Field Trip
December 19th - Jan. 2nd	Winter Break

Curriculum

This week, students have started working on the mystery of time. They have picked a random time period out of a bag, and will read, research, and apply power note-taking skills in their mystery log about this time period. They will research time periods from the Big Bang, through the rise of mammals. They will record the gist of the time period, unique details and evidence, and will use visuals to support their learning. They will use multiple resources and will share notes with partners, as well as including academic vocabulary in their notes. Using the collaborative conversation protocol, they will share their information. They will then create a poem, painting and podcast with the information they learn.

All students are investigating Newton's Three Laws of Motion through a math/science investigation. They are investigating the distance spheres travel when rolled down an incline plane. Elders are making connections to Galileo's law of acceleration.

Next week our Younger, Older, and Elder students will be bringing their voices and holiday cheer and sharing the gift of music and song at elder and memory care facilities in our community. Permission slips will be coming home today.

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 to purchase magnets, ornaments, quill pens, porcelain bell ornaments, 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!

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.**

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. Thank you!

Did You Know?

Friends of WVMS has received our first VRB sponsorship! A huge thank you to The Lowes Group for their donation of \$2000, and to the volunteers who have been working hard at finding sponsorships for our event.

Anyone can reach out to businesses or family members to sponsor! Sponsorship menus and information forms have been emailed to the school community, and can also be found above the name tag cubbies in the office. If you have questions about sponsorship, please contact Julie at gratefuljulie@gmail.com.

Volunteers

A big thank you to all of our club volunteers for this last session: Angela Keranan, Pam Scholl, April Groom, Christy Nickey, Christie Reynolds, Queena Cousen, Colter Edde, Christie Loomis, Chelsea Buchanan and Susie Long. Thank you all for helping make our clubs program great.

Session 3 clubs sign ups are in your inbox now. We have some great new clubs such as Crafts Club, Hula Hooping, and Robotics! The session will start next week, and then pick up again for the 5 weeks following our winter break.

Also, we need some help with our Winter Solstice Celebration on Friday, December 16th during school. If you can volunteer, please email wvmsvolunteers@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 is up and running! 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.



Snow Clothes & Inclement Weather Hotline

On snowy days, it's a great idea to send kids to school in snow clothes. Have them dress in layers, with snow pants/bibs, warm socks, snow boots, and a warm winter jacket. This way when at recess, they will stay warm and dry and not have to sit through the rest of the day in cold, wet clothing.

If you are ever wondering if school is going to be cancelled due to inclement weather, please call the district hotline at 541.323.SNOW (7669). You can also check on the district website: www.bend.k12.or.us. Decisions about school cancellation is determined by 5:00am each day.

Stay Hydrated!

Remember to drink a lot of water during this time of year! Often times people forget that they need to be drinking water in cold weather, but it's more important than ever to keep your body healthy and hydrated. It's a good idea to send water bottles to school with kids so that they always have easy access to water.