

Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

Upcoming Events

December 8th	2nd Six Weeks Ends
December 11th	3rd Six Weeks Begins
December 11th	Caroling @ Brookdale Senior Living (Centers 1-6 & Their Reading Buddies 10:15am - 11:15am)
December 12th	Caroling @ Regency Care of CO (Centers 7-12 & Their Reading Buddies 10:15am - 11:15am)
December 14th	Caroling @ Mt Bachelor Assisted Living (North Community) 11:30am - 1:00pm
December 14th	Boys Basketball Central Christian @ WVMS 4:00pm
December 15th	Caroling @ Prestige Senior Living (South Community) 11:30am - 1:00pm
December 19th	Boys Basketball WVMS @ Tumalo 4:00pm
December 21st	2nd Community Celebration 4:30pm - 7:00pm
December 22nd	Winter Solstice Party
December 22nd	5th Graders to Bend Science Station 9:00am - 11:00am
December 22nd	Caroling @ Country Side Senior Living Redmond (Select Elders) 12:30pm - 2:30pm
December 25th - January 5th	No School - Winter Break
January 15th	No School - Martin Luther King Jr Holiday

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.

Volunteer Opportunities

Want to make a difference? Participate in any number of volunteer opportunities at Westside Village Magnet School! Your help is needed and welcomed. Check out all of the "jobs" available by going to: <http://signup.com/go/WestsideVillageMagnetSchool>



WVMS Giving Tree

We are hosting another giving tree this year for families who need help during the holiday season. The giving tree will be in the office, and it will be decorated with ornaments of 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.

Winter Solstice Party

On Friday, December 22nd we will be having our Winter Solstice Party at school. We will be doing academic activities in the morning. In the afternoon the students will be celebrating while doing hands-on crafts, baking, service learning, and having a great time with friends and staff before the Winter Break. If you would like to volunteer to help with the celebration, please sign up at:

<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2116748/false#/invitation>



WVMS Students Caroling

WVMS students will be giving joy this holiday season! Groups of students will be going caroling & visiting folks at several senior living homes in Bend & Redmond. The schedule is as follows:

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Healthy Food Options to Celebrate Birthdays at School

At WVMS we expect families to adhere to the Bend La Pine School District guidelines for bringing food into the school:

- Homemade is against the Health Department Policy.
- Share healthy treat if possible, if it has to be sweet treat – please make it a small treat.
- Please be considerate of the students in our school that have food allergies.
- Fun little trinkets are acceptable.

If you have any questions about what to bring, please call Anne in the office.

Before & After School Clubs

It is time to register for session 3 Before & After School Clubs. Registration for session 3 will be open until December 18th. Please look at the clubs carefully as a few clubs have changed.

Register at: www.bookeo.com/friendsofwvms.



Curriculum

We are working with students on affirming diversity and promoting equity. One of the ways we are doing this is by looking at diversity of families and our heritage. We're examining what makes families special and unique – from their surface culture to their deep culture.

We have been using the curriculum resources teachingtolerance.org and the book "Open Minds to Equality" by Nancy Schniedewind and Ellen Davidson. In "Open Minds to Equality," the authors state: "In 'Prejudice and Stereotypes,' students learn to recognize and examine these two types of attitudes and behaviors. They will pinpoint experiences in their own lives when prejudice and stereotypes have been involved, and will identify the accompanying feelings. Through the stories and accounts of other people, many of them their own age, they will understand the feelings of people who are negatively stereotyped on the basis of their age, language, race, class, religion, gender, sexual orientation, ability, or gender identity. They will explore ways in which all people are hurt by prejudice and stereotypes, both those on the receiving end and those on the giving end. It is intended that students will develop an awareness that stereotypes are learned and that they therefore can be changed."

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](http://www.bend.k12.or.us/district) (<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.

