

# Westside Village Magnet School

"A Fun and Innovative Place to Learn"

## Upcoming Events

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 11th	VRB Meeting 4:15pm - 5:00pm
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 as we celebrate unity, diversity, and being present. We are learning to use our voices to show empathy, uplift our community, and enact change. We hope to see you for an uplifting show!

## 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>



## 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](http://www.bookeo.com/friendsofwvms).



## Curriculum

If you can believe it, we have reached the end of the second six weeks. Whew! The six-week checklist will be going out soon. As usual, if you have questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to your child's advisors.

Over the past six weeks we have taken a trip to Skyliner Lodge where kids studied photosynthesis and our local native forest. We have read books about empathy and reflected on social-emotional development including illustrating our rights and responsibilities. Each student participated in some way in our annual holiday bazaar - whether it was their own company or helping bake cookies, make pizza, or cards. We even learned how to write a business plan. Our Math/Science investigation and our math problem solving were centered around the bazaar. We figured out the best placement for tables, and calculated how much money we made. In ELA, we have been reading an amazing book - Seedfolks By Paul Fleischman - it is about a community in Cleveland, Ohio that comes together to create an urban garden. Each chapter is from the perspective of a new character that contributes to a different part of the garden.

Students have been exploring their families, and we hope that you have had some great conversations about your family, your traditions, and your roots. Many conversations have been shared and students are understanding that there is a variety of family cultures in our community. This has helped students recognize traits of our dominant culture, home culture, and other cultures as well as how they negotiate their own identity in multiple spaces. Students are recognizing the idea of family and that there is not one way that all families look. This has kicked off helping students think about new perspectives and our diversity.

## 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>).

## Spreading Cheer

Students have had a great time spreading some cheer at local retirement and assisted living homes this week. Residents were so excited to see the children and enjoyed receiving cards that students had made for them. Before their trips, students learned about how important our older generations are to our culture and our way of life, including the concepts of bias, ageism, and stereotype. All students that participated had a rewarding experience!

