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NewsFlash

May 7, 2010

Upcoming Events

May 7 th	Spanish Club Trip - Exchange Project
May 10 th	Before and After School Activities Session 6 Registration Deadline
May 17 th	Before and After School Activities Session 6 Begins
May 17 th	Site Council Meeting 5:00pm - 6:00pm
May 17 th	Parent Community Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm
May 19 th	Summit High School Orientation for New High School Students at Summit High School - Students Only 6:30pm - 7:30pm
May 27 th	Whychus Creek Replanting Project 11:00am - 2:00pm
May 31 st	No School - Memorial Day Holiday
June 2 nd & 3 rd	Beach Trip
June 14 th	8 th Grade Celebration 6:00pm - 7:00pm
June 17 th	Last Day of School - Ends at 12:00pm (noon)

Upcoming Sports Events

May 11 th	District Track Meet @ La Pine High School, Time TBA
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Important Info

Blues, Amuse and Brews (BAB)

The 6th Annual Blues, Amuse and Brews Fundraising Event was a great success! The kids were fantastic! Volunteers, staff, sponsors, site council, and all of our families - Thank You so much for attending, lending a hand and celebrating community.

Wanted: Healthy Snacks

We encourage all students to bring their mid-morning snack from home or contribute to community Snack. Community snack will be provided to students who do not have a snack from home. Community Snack costs the school an average of \$10 per day. This expense comes from our hard earned fundraising efforts that could be used on after school programs, help supplement scholarships, and other items that we need for our school. All WVMS families are asked to donate towards community snack. This donation can be in the form of healthy snacks or a monetary donation for the school to buy snacks.

Good snack ideas are: fresh fruit, cheese, and pretzels.

Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) Testing

Students in the 3rd through 8th grades will be finishing OAKS testing during the month of May. Please make sure your student has a good nights sleep and a healthy breakfast before school.

Wanted: Scrapbooking Supplies

We are in need of scrapbooking supplies: interesting paper, glue dots, cardstock, and anything that could be used for scrapbooking. Please drop items off at front office.

Wanted: Firewood

We are in need of firewood for our brick oven. If you have any spare wood or would like to make a donation, please bring the wood to the corner area between the worm bin and the shed in the garden or contact the office for more information.

School Library Books

Currently, the School Library has many overdue books. Please help your student get their books back to the library. There is a "sticky note" that has the name of the student who checked out the book along with the due date stuck in the front cover of the book when it is checked out. Library Policy is that a student may have 2 books check out at a time, and the check out period is two weeks. Thanks for your help!

Free and Reduced Lunch

Did you know... You can save up to \$630 per child a year if you qualify for free or reduced priced meals, which includes breakfast and lunch. All grade levels are included. Applications may be turned in any time during the year. For more information please visit the Bend-La Pine School District's website at: <http://www.bend.k12.or.us/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectiondetailid=1406&> or call Anne in the office. Applications for the 2010-2011 school year will be available in August.

Rapid Reading Books

Please check at home for any rapid reading books that have not yet been returned. We are running low on our book supply and need them back. Thanks for your help!

Healthy KidsConnect: a low cost health insurance option

Though the Healthy KidsConnect program has been offering major medical coverage and premium reimbursements to families across Central Oregon since January 1, 2010, most families still aren't aware that they qualify. You may be one of them!

Healthy KidsConnect is a low cost health insurance option for families whose income is between 200- 300% of the Federal Poverty Level. For example, the income cap for a single parent with one child is just under \$44,000 per year and just over \$66,000 per year for a single parent raising three children. Not only does this plan offer major medical coverage (primary care, vision, dental, mental health), but the program, provided by the State of Oregon, offers significant premium reimbursements (up to 90%) for families who qualify in this income bracket and are already paying into their employer's health plan. No child can be denied coverage based on any prior condition.

Families across Oregon will no longer have to choose between buying groceries and paying for their child's healthcare coverage. This program became available to families on January 1, 2010 and though hundreds of Central Oregon families will qualify for this program and all its benefits, only a handful know about this program and have been enrolled.

Mosaic Medical, Partnership to End Poverty, Healthy Beginnings, MountainStar Family Relief Nursery, HealthMatters of Central Oregon, and NeighborImpact have partnered to bring the Healthy KidsConnect Enrollment Event & Health Fair to the Deschutes Expo Center on Saturday, May 8th from 9am - 5pm. For more information on the event and the enrollment process, visit www.myhb.org.

If you are unable to attend the event, call the enrolling organization with a location nearest you:

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MountainStar Family Relief Nursery, 541-322-6820 www.mountainstarfamily.org/

Healthy Beginnings 541-383-6357 www.myhb.org/

Mosaic Medical 541-383-3005 www.mosaicmedical.org/

Cascade Insurance 541-382-7772 www.cascadeinsure.com

Health Insurance Strategies 541-388-2000 www.hisnorthwest.com/

Deschutes County School Based Health Center Program Summer Schedule

The Deschutes County School Based Health Center Program will be changing their schedule for the summer.

Hours: Through week of June 17, 2010, Monday - Thursday 8:00am - 3:00pm.

Summer Schedule: Begins week of June 21, 2010, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9:00am - 2:00pm.

Contact Information: Ensworth SBHC, 2150 NW Daggett Ln, Bend, OR 97702.

Phone: 541-693-2222

Curriculum

In the morning we have been alternating Research Workshop and Writer's Workshop. Students have been looking at persuasive writing and are currently writing a persuasive letter connected with a social action and their research. An oil pastel drawing using Betty LaDuke's style will illustrate this. All age groups have been working on a practice math/science problem solving and/or a math/science investigation in preparation for our formal assessments that will start next week. During the afternoon rotation, students are building solar ovens, mask making, and planning their social action with their research group. Center kids have also been exploring energy and our garden.

After School Program News

Have You Paid Your Session 5 Activities Fees?

We have one week left of Session 5, which ends on May 14th. If you have not yet paid your fees, please make your payment promptly. Cash or check can be dropped off in the black mailbox in the office.

Session 6 Activities Fees Pro-rated

Session 6 is only a four week session, and the fees for each activity have been pro-rated accordingly. Please, check the Session 6 registration form for the adjusted fees. Registration forms are available at school or online at: www.westsidevillageonline.com/RegistrationFormSession6.pdf.

Spanish Club News

We had a wonderful time with the Woodburn students on April 26th and 27th! Although the language barriers were a bit difficult to overcome at times, all students put forth effort to communicate and get to know each other. We played games, toured downtown, created a community art project, and had a great time at Mt. Bachelor experiencing a blizzard (a first experience for many of the Woodburn students). Thanks so much for all the parent volunteers who helped out.... we couldn't have done it without you. Now it's our turn to reciprocate the visit. We will be travelling to Woodburn to visit Valor Middle School on May 7th. We'll be attending classes with Woodburn students and exploring the community. For more information, contact Miss Rebecca - rebeccaeaston@bend.k12.or.us.

Trading Card Club Facilitator Needed

Our Trading Card Club needs a volunteer facilitator that enjoys Pokemon and can engage our kids in trading cards and playing games. Our club currently meets on Tuesdays from 3:35pm - 5:00pm, but it is possible to change the day of the week to fit our volunteer's schedule. If interested, please contact Rebecca Fender, Activities Director at rebecca.fender@bend.k12.or.us or (541) 355-2000.

Changes to Sports Club

Sports Club will only be held on Wednesdays and Fridays for Session 5 due to our track and field schedule. We will return to a five-day a week Sports Club for Session 6. These changes are effective starting Monday, April 5th. If you have any question, please contact Rebecca Fender, Activities Director at (541) 355-2000 or at rebecca.fender@bend.k12.or.us.

Track & Field

Track & Field Practice Schedule

Mondays, Tuesdays & Thursdays at Cascades Middle School

We will meet at 4:00 at Skyliner Field next to Cascades to begin warm-ups and walk to Cascades track at 4:30. Practice will conclude at 5:15pm. You must pick up your kids at Cascades Middle School on these days.

Fridays at Westside Village

We will begin practice at 2:45 and conclude at 4:30.

Wednesdays at Westside Village

This day will be for endurance training. Practice will begin at 2:00 and conclude at 3:30.

Track & Field Meets

May 11th District Track Meet @ La Pine High School, Time TBA

Track & Field Meet times for the regular meets are:

3:00 Arrive at host site

3:30 Field events start

4:00 Running events start

Community Opportunities for Kids

Kid's Mini Pole Pedal Paddle Relay Race

Sunday May 16, 2010, 9:30 am at the Les Schwab Amphitheater.

Teams need to be registered by May 10, 2010. We have some registration forms in the front office at school.

For more information call: 541-388-0002.

Saving Grace Children's Festival Annual Art Contest

Children in grades 1-5 are invited to submit their best "Healthy Families" artwork. The winning design will be featured on the official Saving Grace Children's Festival poster, and the winner will appear on the Good Morning Central Oregon TV program. The festival will be held in Drake Park on July 17th. For contest rules and more information about the festival, please visit: www.saving-grace.org.