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NewsFlash

May 21, 2010

Upcoming Events

May 21 st	WVMS Peace Chords Choir at Parilla Grill 7:00 pm
May 31 st	No School - Memorial Day Holiday
June 4 th	All School Library Books Due Back to the School Library
June 10 th	Social Action Festival Performances 5:30pm - 7:00pm
June 11 th	Social Action Festival
June 11 th	Last Day for All Before & After School Activities
June 14 th	8 th Grade Celebration 6:00pm - 7:00pm
June 15 th	Summer Reading Program Presentation by Deschutes Public Library 11:45 am - 12:00pm
June 15 th	Nutrition Services BBQ Lunch at WVMS 12:00 pm (noon) - 1:00 pm
June 17 th	Last Day of School - Ends at 12:00pm (noon)

Upcoming Field Trips

May 27 th	Deschutes River Cleanup - Ocean Research Group 10:00am - 12:30pm
May 27 th	Whychus Creek Replanting Project - Forest Research Group 11:00am - 2:00pm
June 2 nd & 3 rd	Oregon Coast Trip for Olders and Elders

Important Info

Congratulations Mr. Freeman!

Every year the Rotary Club of Greater Bend sponsors the Excellence in Education Awards to honor outstanding service by educators in the Bend La Pine Schools. This year Mr. Freeman has been selected to receive this special recognition award. Way to go Mr. Freeman!

Your Challenge to Save the World

Many schools and business are taking part in the bike/walk competition for the month of May. We wanted to participate too, but we had trouble with getting people involved with a student's proposal earlier in the year called 'Walk into winter'. People struggled with the commitment. We think it is due to many of our families come from across town and it is hard to commute. Also the smallness of our community makes it difficult to have realistic carools.

So we came up with an idea to include in this month a whole idea of just being committed to saving resources whether it is walking, biking or commuting or if it is turning off the water while brushing teeth or taking a shorter shower or unplugging an appliance or using less paper or reusing plastic or buying and eating local.

Please join us in this school wide social action! It is not a competition to save resources, but a necessity. Be part of the solution. Do what you can. And the reward is simply knowing that you are working on creating new healthy habits.

Social Action Festival

We will be celebrating this year's learning with a 2-day Social Action Festival. On Thursday June 10th from 5:30pm - 7:00pm there will be many wonderful performances. Then on Friday June 11th there will be an all day festival incorporating this year's research. Please stay tuned for more information as the date approaches.

Deschutes Public Library Summer Reading Program Presentation

On Tuesday, June 15th at 11:45 am we will be having a presentation of the Summer Reading Programs that the Deschutes Public has to offer our kids this summer. Please join us for the presentation and stay for the BBQ Lunch!

BBQ Lunch with the Kids!

On Tuesday, June 15th from 12:00 pm (noon) - 1:00 pm, Nutrition Services will be hosting a BBQ lunch at WVMS. The lunch will be regular lunch prices, \$2.00 per child, and \$2.75 per adult. Come and celebrate the year with your child.

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.

School Library Books

All School Library books are due back to the library on June 4th. Please help your student get their books back to the library. We will be sending out invoices for "lost books" (books that are not returned by June 4th). Thanks for your help!

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.

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 to school. Thanks for your help!

Bend La Pine School Based Health Center Program

Summer Hours for Bend Center Located at Ensworth School

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.

Center staff are available to provide well child exams, sick visits, and immunizations. Summer can be a great time to make sure your child is up to date with a comprehensive well child exam. It's also a good time to get required and recommended immunizations (especially for children entering Kindergarten and 7th grade) so they can be up to date when school starts.

Center staff focuses on providing parents with information that helps keep kids healthy and ready to learn in school. The School Based Health Center is for all children who live in the District ages 0-20.

For more information about Center services or to make an appointment, call 541-693-2222.

Curriculum

We are continuing our Spring Formal Assessment rotations. Students are completing a similar set of assessments that they completed in the winter. The family groups are rotating through nonfiction, science inquiry, fiction, and smart choices. During the math/science block, students are working on their math/science assessment and/or math problem solving. Exploratories are continuing on Fridays and the Centers and Youngers are continuing to explore and work the garden.

After School Program News

Only Four Weeks...

to settle your Before & After School Activities account. Not sure if you have a balance? Check with Rebecca Fender, Activities Director, regarding your account. You can pay cash or check to Anne or Lisa C. or place your payment directly in the black mailbox in the office. Thank you for supporting our enrichment activities and helping to keep our programs and offerings strong!

No Before & After School Activities the Last Week of School

The last day for activities is Friday, June 11th. There will be no activities Monday, June 14 - Thursday, June 17th. Please, make other arrangements for your children for after school on those days. Children will not be allowed to remain at the school after they have been released.

WVMS Peace Chords

You are invited to Parilla Grill on Friday, May 21, 2010 to hear our very own WVMS Peace Chords Choir perform as the opening act for Ms. Shireen Amini! The show starts at 7pm, and the Peace Chords will perform approximately 30 minutes of songs in this cozy little atmosphere. There is no cost to attend this performance and all ages are welcome, so please invite your family and friends.

Track Uniforms

Attention all families of Track & Field students. Please, return your track uniforms to the office ASAP. Boys should be returning black shorts, red tanks and white t-shirts. Girls should be returning black shorts, orange tanks and white tanks. Thanks for helping us keep our brand new uniforms in tip-top shape!!

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.

Community Opportunities for Kids

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.

Deschutes Public Library Summer Program - Make a Splash—READ!

Studies show that reading skills decrease during the summer months if reading is not a regular activity. So be sure to visit the library and join the summer reading program, "Make a Splash—READ!". Children who read or listen for at least 3 hours earn a free book, a Summer Splash dessert at Goody's, a pass to a Trailblazer's game, and French fries at Carl's, Jr. Plus they'll get a River of Reading Activity Game card with a variety of fun activities to earn another book. They can join River Readers, a weekly creative program for ages 6-11 that features stories, games and crafts. Familypalooza is a series of free concerts for all ages, including the Oregon Coast Aquarium presenting "Tales of Whales," Penny's Puppet Productions performing "Myrna the Mermaid and the Golden Key," Rich Glauber entertaining all ages with "Music In Action," and a chance to join your friends at the library to watch everyone's favorite movie about a lost clown fish. Plus each summer the library presents "StoryStars!," a celebration of children's authors and illustrators. This year features Jim Gill, an award-winning musician, author and child development specialist. He'll perform at the Tower Theatre on June 19 at 1:00 p.m.; admission is by free ticket available at all branches on June 12. He'll do a workshop at the Bend Library at 3:30 for educators and parents about how to bring music into the classroom, and the lives of all children, including those with special needs. For more information, and all the details, check out the web site at www.deschuteslibrary.org/events, or visit your local library to pick up the newsletter.

Summer Meals Program

Monday - Friday June 21st - August 27th, 2010 (All will be closed July 5th except where noted)

All children 18 years and under may participate. There is no charge or registration. Schools marked with an * are also Lunch & Learn sites June 28th - August 6th.

Bend Lunch Sites

* Al Moody Park (2225 NE Daggett Ln.)

Downtown Boys & Girls Club (open July 5) (500 NW Wall St.)

* Kiwanis Park (800 SE Centennial St.)

* Larkspur Park (1700 SE Reed Market Rd.)

* Orchard Park (2001 NE 6th St.)

* Sun Meadow Park (61150 Dayspring Dr.)

For more information please visit the Bend La Pine School District Nutrition Services website at:

<http://www.bend.k12.or.us/education/components/scrapbook/default.php?sectionid=57> or call 541-383-6090.