



Willow Wind Community Learning Center

February 2021 Newsletter

Calendar of Events

Wednesday, February 3

Community Input on Hybrid Model
5:00-5:45pm English
6:00-6:45pm Spanish

Tuesday, February 9

Materials Pick-up/Drop-off
9:30am-5:00pm

Wednesday, February 10

Drop in Conversation with Debbie
11:00am-12 noon

Monday, February 15

NO CLASSES
President's Day

Tues. and Wed.,

February 16-17

NO CLASSES
Parent Conferences

Friday, February 19

Drop in Conversation with Debbie
3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday, February 23

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9:30am-5:00pm

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Parent Council
3:00-4:00pm

Notes from the Office

The past couple of weeks have been packed full of incredible teaching, learning and community building. We had a very successful "Day of Service" last month to honor the message of Dr. Martin Luther King – action for equity and justice as well as hope! Thank you to all of the families who participated! If you have not seen the record of the students' community service, please take a look at the padlet link below:

<https://padlet.com/mirapetersonadams/7sk1bk1hb4q6f71b>

This month we will be continuing our outreach by making valentine cards for the seniors at the Rogue Valley Manor. Before Winter Break, the children of Willow Wind made cards and crafts for the seniors who have been isolated from family because of the COVID pandemic. We received heartfelt thank you cards from a number of the residents and were inspired to continue the relationship. They were so touched and cheered by the cards from the children! Teachers will be talking to all of the students about making a card and returning it at the February 9th drop-off event. I will collect the cards and deliver them to the residents at the Manor – Thanks!

We have also been taking time to administer our mid-year academic benchmarking. Thank you all for supporting us with this at home as your child learns to navigate the IReady assessment. Teachers are celebrating the students for their effort and achievements as well as making instructional shifts to enhance learning for all. The end of the first term was Friday, 1/29 and so progress reports will be coming home next week in the mail. We will also be holding Parent Conferences February 16th & 17th – please make sure to schedule with your teacher.

As you likely know, The Ashland School District is preparing to offer more options to families as we approach metrics for re-opening. Please plan to attend the virtual community meeting on Wednesday, February 3rd from [5:00 - 5:45 pm in English](#) and [6:00 - 6:45 pm in Spanish](#).

Thank you all for your continued support, understanding, patience, and hard work while we navigate this challenging environment together. As always, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly with questions or concerns.

-Debbie



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Events and Announcements

COMMUNITY INFORMATION SESSION ON HYBRID LEARNING

There will be a **Community Information and Input Session on the K5 Hybrid Model** on February 3 from **5:00 - 5:45 pm in English** and **6:00 - 6:45 pm in Spanish**.

BUILDING A LEARNING COMMUNITY WITH A SOLID FOUNDATION

This year we are focusing on one core value each month to support the positive community of learners here at Willow Wind. Our value for February is **FAIRNESS**. Please support this learning by talking to your children this month about fairness.

Being fair is one of the most important ingredients of being a good person. It is also key to making the world a peaceful place. Overall, fairness is about making sure all are treated with the kindness and respect they deserve. When people are not treated fairly, they can become jealous and angry.

“Justice cannot be for one side alone, but must be for both.” – Eleanor Roosevelt

“Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.” – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

DROP IN FOR A CONVERSATION WITH DEBBIE

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 10TH 11:00 – 12:00NOON

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH 3:30 – 4:30PM

You are invited to drop in and connect with Debbie. Please feel free to stop in and bring your questions, suggestions, ideas or concerns. Just drop in to the link below:

<https://asdconnect-org.zoom.us/j/2373125875>

If you would like to schedule a meeting at a different time, please contact Debbie at: Debra.schaefferpew@ashland.k12.or.us to set up an appointment.

JANUARY SCHOOLING AT HOME MATERIALS PICK-UP / DROP-OFF DATES

- Tuesday 2/9: 9:30am – 5:00pm

- Tuesday 2/23: 9:30am–5:00pm

A Valentine Surprise is coming in your February 9th Pick-up!

Much thanks to Hayley Mete (Ella Girard’s Mother) and Ecopiggy for the generous donation.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Black History Month is an annual celebration of achievements by African Americans and a time for recognizing the central role of blacks in U.S. history. The Black History Month 2021 theme is *The Black Family: Representation, Identity, and Diversity*. Willow Wind classes will be including these themes in their studies this month.

Here is a virtual event available to families for Black History Month:

Storytime Science for Kids Online: The Color Episode Feb 24th at 1:00pm

Join the Exploratorium for a story session, followed by an art activity geared toward younger children. Children’s educational outreach program director Vivian Altmann plans to read “Black Is a Rainbow Color,” written by Angela Joy and illustrated by Ekua Holmes. *Free Event. Available to stream on the Exploratorium [YouTube](#) and [Facebook](#) channels. exploratorium.edu*

Lists of books to share with your child:

https://www.huffpost.com/entry/black-history-month-books_n_5a79a9a8e4b018ad89502122

<https://www.readingrockets.org/booklists/favorite-books-black-history-month>

2020-2021 INQUIRY FORMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE

If you know of families who are interested in attending Willow Wind for the 2020-2021 school year, please encourage them to contact the office or fill out an Inquiry Form.

Inquiry Forms are available at: <http://www.ashland.k12.or.us/Page.asp?NavID=1702>. We will be accepting inquiry forms until April 16th and the lottery will be held on April 30th.

Do You Have an Incoming Kindergartener? We are beginning to compile a list of siblings who are planning to join Willow Wind in the fall. Please complete an Inquiry Form if you will have an incoming kindergartener. In early March, we will send official Intent to Return Forms that will need to be returned before spring break.

PARENT COUNCIL

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23RD 3:00 – 4:00PM

This year the Parent Council will meet the fourth Tuesday of each month to talk about Ashland School District and Willow Wind issues. Decisions are made by consensus. All parents are welcome to participate.

<https://asdconnect-org.zoom.us/j/2373125875>



PARENT CONFERENCES

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