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Events and Story Ideas for December 2018

NOTE: The following items are potential feature story ideas for the month of December. Events are open to members of the media, but closed to the public unless otherwise noted. Items that are open to the public are relevant for event calendars.

Through December 13

La Pine Holiday Basket Food Drive Competition

Students, staff and families from La Pine Middle School, La Pine High School and Rosland Elementary School are competing to see which school can bring in the most nonperishable food items to donate to La Pine Christmas Baskets. This local charity distributes baskets of food to those in need each year before winter break. Each year, this contest brings in thousands of items for families.

November 30 and December 1 at 6 p.m.

“Jungle Book” at La Pine High School

La Pine High School students will perform this fun adaptation of “The Jungle Book.” Tickets are \$5 students, \$8 adults. All proceeds will benefit the Performing Arts Department and help fund the school’s next performance.

November 30 to December 1 and December 6-8

“White Christmas” at Summit High School

Based on the beloved film, this heartwarming musical adaptation features 17 compositions by Irving Berlin. The story focuses on two veterans home from WWII who follow two sisters en route to their Christmas show at a lodge in Vermont. Tickets are \$10 for students and seniors, \$15 general admission. Veterans are free with valid ID. Appropriate for all ages. Showtimes are 7 p.m. Nov. 30, Dec. 1, Dec. 2, Dec. 6, Dec. 7 and Dec. 8 with a matinee at 2 p.m. Dec. 8.

December 1, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Winter Bazaar at Westside Village Magnet at Kingston School

The annual bazaar features professional artisans, crafts, food, holiday gift items, jewelry and more.

December 4, 3:45 p.m.

Hour of Code at Highland Magnet at Kenwood School

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Highland will host an Hour of Code session for second- to fifth-graders as part of Computer Science Education Week.

December 4 and 6, 4:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Attendance Area Map Open House and Preview

Community members are invited to attend one of two upcoming open house style public meetings to review new attendance area maps options and share input with members of the Attendance Area Review Committee — Tuesday, Dec. 4 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Sky View Middle School or Thursday, Dec. 6 from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Pacific Crest Middle School. Map options and a survey will also be available online beginning Dec. 4 at www.bend.k12.or.us/boundaries

December 4, 6 p.m.

Band and Choir Concert at La Pine High School

Free and open to the public.

December 4, 6 p.m.

Social Media Parent Night at Pacific Crest Middle School

Parents and guardians are invited to learn about social media and peer relations from the Pacific Crest counselors. Attendees will engage in discourse with fellow parents, ask questions, and develop skills to talk with your teens in a constructive way that provides open and honest conversation that supports their development of positive peer relationships.

December 5 at 2:15 p.m. and December 12 at 11 a.m.

Waste Audits at Lava Ridge Elementary School and Realms High School

Students will work alongside Jackie Wilson, sustainability coordinator with the Environmental Center, to conduct an audit of the school's waste. Contact Wilson for details: jackie@envirocenter.org

December 5 and 12

Winter Art Workshops at Elk Meadow Elementary School

Elk Meadow Elementary School, which is an Art Focus school, will host school-wide art workshops featuring a variety of disciplines for students.

December 5, 7 p.m.

Winter Band Concert at Mountain View High School

Free and open to the public.

December 6, 1:45 p.m.

Lip Sync at La Pine Middle School

Staff and students showcase their talents during this fun event.

December 6, 6 p.m.

Celebration at the Station at Silver Rail Elementary School

Silver Rail families are invited to a kindergarten holiday concert, cookies, cocoa, visit with Father Christmas and multicultural booths.

December 11, 5:30 p.m.

Evening of Music at Pacific Crest Middle School

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Orchestra concert at 5:30 p.m.; choir concert at 6:30 p.m.; band concert at 7:30 p.m. Free and open to the public.

December 13, all day

William E. Miller Elementary School Students Deliver Thank You's to Community

Third-graders are currently making thank you cards they will deliver into the community on Dec. 13. The students will sing a song and deliver the cards to a local retirement center, a fire station and the Education Center. For the schedule, contact 541-355-2500.

December 13, 8 a.m.

Coffee at Cascade Middle School

Families are invited for coffee and refreshment with school administrators to learn more about what's happening at Cascade.

December 13, 6 p.m.

Beginning Band, Choir and Orchestra at Cascade Middle School

Free and open to the public.

December 14, time TBD

William E. Miller Elementary School Students Give to Humane Society

Kindergarteners and first-graders are collecting and creating cat and dog toys to give to the Humane Society of Central Oregon. The local nonprofit will visit the school to receive the gifts from the students on Dec. 14.

December 14, 2:55 p.m.

Thriving Citizens Assembly at Bear Creek Elementary School

Each class will recognize a student who demonstrated kindness and generosity in an outstanding way, as a culmination of the school's social and emotional learning efforts around those character traits.

December 17-21

Holiday Shoppe at Rosland Elementary School

Through kindness and good behavior students at Rosland are currently earning Holiday Bucks that they will be able to use to "shop" at the Holiday Shoppe at the school. All the of the items are donated from community members.

December 18, all day

Holiday Store at Three Rivers School

Through kindness and good behavior students at Three Rivers are earning Otter Bucks that they will be able to use to "shop" at the Holiday Store at the school. All the of the items are donated from community members.

December 18, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Middle School Computer Science at OSU-Cascades

Students from La Pine Middle School and Three Rivers School will take a deep dive into computer science and coding during a special event at Oregon State University – Cascades Campus. Contact Scott McDonald for details scott.mcdonald@bend.k12.or.us

December 18, 6 p.m.

Intermediate Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert at Cascade Middle School

Free and open to the public.

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December 18, 7 p.m.

Winter Celebration Choir Concert at Mountain View High School

Free and open to the public.

December 19, 6 p.m.

The Nutcracker at High Lakes Elementary School

Fourth-graders perform this holiday classic.

December 18, 6 p.m.

Advanced Band, Choir and Orchestra Concert at Cascade Middle School

Free and open to the public.

December 20, all day

Gifts Galore at Highland Magnet at Kenwood School

Gifts Galore is an indoor sale for and by students in support of Highland's Sparrow. Each student may bring up to \$5 to purchase gifts for loved ones, while older students are on hand to help wrap gifts.

December 20, 5 p.m.

Winter Solstice Performance at Westside Village Magnet at Kingston School

Performances by students, dinner and parent discussion.

December 21, 1 to 3 p.m.

Winter Solstice Celebration at Westside Village Magnet at Kingston School

Students celebrate the winter solstice season with hands-on crafts, baking, service learning and more.

December 21, before school

Staff Serve Up Breakfast at La Pine High School

Staff members serve the student body breakfast before school as a way to celebrate the last day of school before winter break.

Looking ahead:

- Jan. 2 — Choice Options applications open
- March 1 — Attendance Area Change Request Due

Other story ideas:

Volunteer elves: Summit High School theater students are volunteering to serve as elves with Santa at the Old Mill District — helping youngsters and gaining theater experience.

Food Drives Underway: Many schools host food drives to collect items to give to local food banks. Participating schools include: Buckingham Elementary School (just collected more than 1,000 items); Cascade Middle School; Elk Meadow Elementary School (Dec. 3-19); Highland Magnet at Kenwood School; La Pine High School (through Dec. 14); La Pine Middle School (through Dec. 13); Mountain View High School;

Ponderosa Elementary School (ongoing efforts with Bend Food Project);

Giving Trees Underway: Many schools have a form of giving trees for families in need including: High Lakes Elementary School (through Dec. 10); Ponderosa Elementary School; William E. Miller Elementary School (for Ronald McDonald House); Mountain View High School; Westside Village Magnet at Kingston School;

Miller Second-graders Give to Cancer Patients: William E. Miller Elementary School second-graders are creating care packages for local cancer patients that include cozy socks, chapstick, handmade rocks with messages of love and cards.

Miller Fourth-graders Give to Middle Schoolers: The fourth-graders at William E. Miller Elementary School are creating rocks with positive messages and bookmarks for students at Pacific Crest Middle School.

Westside Village Caroling to Memory Care: Westside Village Magnet at Kingston School students will be going caroling and visiting residents at local memory care centers and senior living homes in Bend and Redmond throughout the month of December. For details contact: 541-355-2000.

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