BLS Magnet Schools offer alternative learning options

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Parent Information Meetings Taking Place. Applications Due By March 21.

Families interested in a magnet school experience have the opportunity to apply for one of the districtâ€™s five magnet school programs next month. Application forms are available at each school and must be submitted by March 21 to be eligible for the magnet school enrollment lottery. Enrollment in a magnet program is open to any resident of the district. A lottery is conducted to give all students an equal chance at being accepted at their chosen school. Typically, there are many more applications than available enrollment slots at each program. Parent information meetings have been set for the following times:

Amity Creek at Thompson (K-5) 437 NW Wall Street, Bend, 541-383-6195March 5: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m. Highland at Kenwood (K-5)701 NW Newport, Bend, 541-383-6220March 5: 5-6 p.m.March 5: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Juniper (K-5)1300 NE Norton, Bend, 541-383-6165March 5: 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.March 5: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Westside Village at Kingston (K-8)1101 NW 12th, Bend, 541-383-6205March 6: 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Magnet schools offer unique educational opportunities and an alternative to traditional school programs. Each school has a focus or theme that guides the curriculum. Amity Creek Magnet School (K-5) was the first magnet school in the Bend-La Pine School District. It is organized around a child-initiated approach to learning that is rooted in the concept of authentic community in which children, parents and staff are equally valued and respected members, and in which individual differences are honored and respected. Highland Magnet School (K-5) emphasizes basic skills while enhancing student creativity through the Scottish Storyline Method, which seeks to make learning memorable through story-making, active learning and reflection. During specific times each day, basic skills and curriculum are integrated into a meaningful context that mirrors real life.Juniper Magnet School (K-5), the districtâ€™s newest magnet school, uses technology to engage children in student centered, experiential, collaborative learning, and real-world experiences. Cooperative opportunities with experts, online collaborative projects, blogging and podcasting are some of the activities that contribute to an optimal learning environment for students. Westside Village Magnet School (K-8) is a mixed-age school and is characterized by an open and inviting atmosphere where parents and community actively participate. Diverse learners prosper and grow within a fun and academic environment. Marshall Magnet School (9-12) provides a hands-on approach using reading, writing, mathematical and communication skills that are tailored to meet student needs and learning styles. The program uses the Expeditionary Outward Bound program with the goal of raising student academic success, improving attendance and engaging more parents in their childâ€™s education. Marshall High School meets the same academic standards as all high schools in Bend-La Pine Schools