



Uncover Knowledge vs. Covering Content

Starting this semester we are very enthusiastically piloting a project in which first through fifth grade English teachers are designing their literature lessons using a different method. Students gain knowledge and skills by working for an extended period of time in a collaborative and interdisciplinary fashion where they design or create a project. They learn through this process by reaching a specific goal clearly stated in a guiding question. This method is called Project/Problem Based Learning (PBL). In place of giving a traditional lesson with little projects throughout, teachers and students learn together through the process of solving the problem. They learn from the project instead of developing a lesson with projects. Many 21st Century skills such as critical thinking, problem solving, communication, creativity, collaboration, self-management, decision-making, reflection, and more are utilized in this process.



Forming Citizens

Values, Attitudes, and Actions of Citizens in Different Scenarios

Tomorrow, instead of the lecture, students will work on a reflection from the first conferences of the semester.

Parents

- Inspired Newsletter**
Click [here](#) to see Inspired's monthly newsletter. We are very pleased with both articles dedicated to our institution.
- New Teacher**
Ms. Lisa Bickford and her husband fell in love with Costa Rica and decided to leave Colorado to come make this their home. Ms. Bickford has a Bachelor of Science in Mathematics and Computer Science and a Master of Science in Information Technology Management from George Mason University in Virginia. She taught math for a number of years in Virginia, and had her own technology consulting business. She has directed and performed 3 octaves of handbells and 2 octaves of handchimes; a skill she hopes to be able to teach our BVS students in the future. Ms. Bickford is an enthusiastic person and believes in making math approachable and real for her students. This semester, she is teaching math in 7A, 8A and 9B.
- WeLe@rn Conference**
Friday, March 16th on BVS campus
There will be no lessons, trainings, sports clubs, or extracurricular activities.
José Picó, architect and humanist, will be one of the keynote speakers at WeLe@rn. Yesterday he visited Blue Valley and was impressed with how the architecture supports learning. He was astonished that the students are not locked in tight and are able to manage their own safety. "That's educating!" he said.
- Take a break!**
Holy Week
Monday, March 26th to Friday, March 30th
Offices will be closed.
- All Things Delicious!**
Click [here](#) for the cafeteria's menu.

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Sound of the week

Montessori A



Enrichment



Montessori B-C

A² Academics & Activities

Student Government

Our Student Tribunal has been elected; with this, we will start the electoral process for Student Council. Congratulations to **Paulina Figueroa**, President; **Alberto Odio**, Vice-President; **Valeria Ansorena**, Secretary; **Daniel Granados**, Treasurer; **Mariana Chavarria**, Fiscal; **Valeria Ávila**, Overseer 1; **Camila Pacheco**, Overseer 2; **Catalina Ángel**, Substitute Fiscal.

Storyteller!

Thursday, March 15th, Sala Magna

Show 1 (Montessori - 2nd grade) from 8:30am - 9:15am
Show 2 (3rd grade - 5th grade) from 9:30am - 10:15am

In collaboration with the group, Cuenta cuentos, storytellers from around the world will put on a magical show just for our students!

Click [here](#) to see the flyer.

Planning for the Future!

Friday, March 16th from 9:30am - 4pm at Yorkin School

Secondary Students
Yorkin School is hosting a HUGE University Fair. All secondary students are highly encouraged to attend because there will not be any school due to the weLe@rn conference.

For more detailed information, click [here](#). Students are responsible for making their own arrangements to attend. See Ms. Lurie with questions.

Scholastic Books

Monday, March 12th - Wednesday, March 21st

Montessori - 5th grade

Scholastic catalogs were sent home yesterday. Click [here](#) to place your order online no later than Wednesday, March 21st.

Silent Reading Buddies

Wednesday, March 14th
Montessori - 5th grade

Students may bring a stuffed animal to read with during D.E.A.R. time.

Let's Lend a Hand!

Tuesday, March 13th - Friday, March 23rd

Montessori-11B

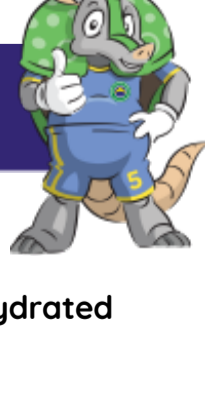
For the next two weeks, the NJHS will be collecting bars of soap, toothpaste, and toothbrushes to benefit Esperanza Urbana. This newer organization works with vulnerable people living on the streets in San José. Every Thursday night they give out basic essentials and support. Leave donations in a collection box in front of doña Elza's desk (administration building) or in student services (secondary).

WOW!



Fabiana Román, 2B-1, applied **Thinking flexibly** and **Listening with Understanding and Empathy** during Ms. Corpus' class. While introducing a new topic, two of her classmates were having a heated discussion. Fabiana reminded her peers that everyone thinks differently and that it's possible to share ideas without getting upset about not having the same opinion.

GO ARMADILLOS!



During training and games, be sure to use sunblock and stay well-hydrated (before/after).

Upcoming Games Schedule
Click [here](#) for sports schedule.

Don't forget

1 Julius Caesar at BVS!
Monday, March 19th at 12:45pm, Sala Magna
9A-11B
Cost: \$5,000