



Tuesday, August 21st, 2018

Academic News



Google Classroom

1. We are maximizing the tremendous advantages of digitalization in education and are quite pleased with the implementation of Google Classroom. It is part of the G Suite for Education that Google offers, which includes: Gmail, Calendar, Classroom, Drive, Docs, and more. It tends to work best with the Google Chrome browser, so we recommend downloading it for free.
2. In secondary, the students are old enough to subscribe, so students and teachers are using it. They are delighted to receive reports, such as announcements, assignments, missing work, and upcoming work that automatically appear on a calendar they can succinctly check.
3. In elementary, Google Apps for Education has permission to bypass the international law stating that emails and website subscriptions can only be for those that are 13 or older, allowing schools and parents to act as guardians. We are implementing this process. Please click [here](#) for the Elementary Classroom Parent Guide.
4. As school guardians, we are asking parent guardians to sign a permission form allowing the school to create student accounts for their children. This also includes accounts for: Typing Club, Khan Academy, Class Dojo, etc. Please click [here](#) for form. We sent an invitation to parents via the email registered with the school to receive email summaries. This will not give them access to the student's individual Classroom Page (the student has a personal code for this) but they will receive the summaries mentioned above as a daily or weekly update that they choose.
5. The information above does not mean that we are neglecting lectures, recitation, and exams. We believe in a balance of traditional and innovative methods, and focus on those that allow more and better learning!



Carbon Footprint

As part of their PBL, Ms. Musmanni's 3B-2 has been studying recycling. The first part of their unit required students to investigate how landfills, composts, and the 3R's (reduce, reuse, recycle) are used to control and minimize waste. On Thursday, August 9th, the group went to *recicladora Capri*, a materials recovery center in Guadalupe. Students were able to see how glass, metal, plastic, and paper are sorted, separated, and baled. Afterwards, the materials are transported to manufacturers for further processing into useful items. During this visit, students witnessed the production of plastic wood from start to finish. They also had the opportunity to speak directly with the owners of this family business, with more than 25 years in the recycling industry. Last week, they visited a waste treatment facility. Understanding these processes are critical for making lifestyle changes that positively impact the environment. The best way to learn is through vivid, hands-on experiences.



Forming Citizens

Wednesday, August 22nd in the Sala Magna

Tomorrow, we will be connecting via Skype with Mr. Esteban Vargas, a doctoral student at the University of Toulouse, France. He will address the conceptual notion regarding Public-Private Partnerships. Facebook live streaming will be available.

Parents

Meet Ms. Alexis Meadows

Ms. Alexis Meadows comes to us all the way from England! She graduated with a degree in Primary Education: Math and Childhood Studies from The University of Roehampton (London). Before starting at BVS as our 1-A2 teacher, Ms. Meadows taught 2 years at Anderson International School in Milan, Italy. Ms. Meadows believes that we all have special talents and she is on a mission to help students discover their unique abilities; as reflected in her superhero classroom theme. When asked why she chose Costa Rica, she reported looking forward to a slower lifestyle, being surrounded by nature, and most importantly getting to see sloths in the wild. With a natural love for learning, she is looking forward to developing Spanish language skills and understanding a new culture. ¡Pura vida!



New Member in Finance

A warm welcome to Ms. Vanessa Barboza, BVS newest member! Vanessa is taking Sianny's place, who is no longer with us. For inquiries about payments and tuition, you can write to cobros@bluevalley.ed.cr or call her at (506) 2215-2204 ext. 145.



Google for Education Trainer on Campus!



Blue Valley School is proud to announce that our Elementary EdTech Coordinator, Ms. Sarah Cornelius, has become a certified Google for Education Trainer. Ms. Cornelius completed a rigorous six-month process to become a certified trainer in Costa Rica. She plans to use her knowledge to help teachers and students maximize their use of the Google learning platform.



Prompt Pickup

We kindly remind you to pick up your children promptly at the end of after school lessons and trainings.



FC Barcelona

As part of BVS policies, students who are waiting for the FC Barcelona training cannot be alone on campus. Please make arrangements for a parent to accompany them.



Safety during entrance and departure

All elementary students and their parents must clearly understand that the parking lots are always off-limits. Any elementary student (blue pants) walking in the parking lot even besides an adult receives a sanction for a major infraction: ignoring explicit orders (See Manual).

Also students may NEVER walk out of the premises, even if accompanied by an adult (seniors have a special permission only during lunch).

We must guarantee our students' safety!



National Nutrition Census - MEP

Friday, August 24th in the Gym

8A to 10B

Parents must sign a consent that allows the student to participate. Please ask your children for the form and return it to student services ASAP.



Field Trips

Click [here](#) for this week's schedule.



All Things Delicious!

Click [here](#) for the cafeteria menu.

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Montessori A: **Skeletal System**

Montessori B-C: **Flower Stem**

Enrichment: **Ritsch Ratsch: the life & artwork of Gustav Klimt**

Picnic for New Families

Wednesday, August 22nd

Please confirm attendance by calling reception (2215-2204) or sending an email to [Veronica Gross](mailto:Veronica.Gross@bluevalley.ed.cr).

11:45am: Parents welcomed by Ms. Scanlan in the Art room (next to Montessori garden)

12:05pm: Mrs. Urbina will come with the children and the guides to welcome their parents and enjoy a shared lunch with them.

12:05-12:45pm: Classrooms will also be open for informal visits; guides and administration will be available for questions and comments.



A2 Academics & Activities

Exchange with Reddam House School



Welcome home to Vivian Bonilla (9B), who recently returned from her incredible exchange at Reddam House School in Australia! During her stay, Vivian lived with Jamie Gavin, a 10B student at Reddam House, along with Jamie's 3 siblings and parents. This full immersion experience allowed Vivian to attend classes and gain a new cultural perspective. She was intrigued by the similarities she found between both schools. Cheerfully, this exchange story isn't over yet! We are looking forward to receiving Jamie for a month starting September 4th. Thanks to the Inspired Global Network for facilitating this great experience! Stay tuned!

Let's Lend a Hand: Taco Tuesday

Tuesday, August 28th from 11:20am - 1:35pm (until supplies last), in front of the cafeteria

All BVS Community

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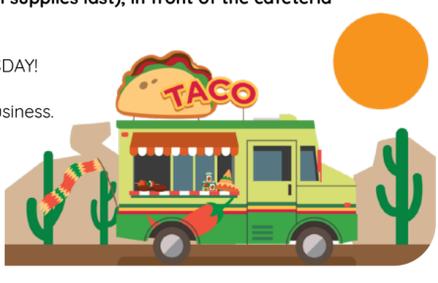
Get ready, because 4A will be hosting a TACO TUESDAY!

Students have been learning how to be young entrepreneurs and run their own taco food business.

They created a name, logo, and menu while taking into account the budget, customer service, and marketing.

Each food truck will settle in front of the cafeteria. Money earned will go to the BVS community service fund. Everyone is invited to

Enjoy some delicious tacos!



Upcoming College Visits

Click [here](#) for schedule.



BVS Spirit

Show some school spirit and wear your BVS shirt during your child's sporting events!



Upcoming Games Schedule

Click [here](#) for schedule.

Don't Forget



Birthday Bash!

Wednesday, August 29th

Montessori - 12A

29th Anniversary of BVS and Mrs. Urbina's 80th birthday

Come dressed in BVS colors (green/yellow/blue shirt and jeans).