



Academic News



Spanish, Art, and Communication

In an interdisciplinary project on communication, sixth graders related emotions and colors. In Spanish class, they read and investigated the elements that make up all communication; the message, being one of them. As communication involves feelings (as well as opinions and other types of information) students perceived how different emotions are associated with certain colors. In a free drawing during Art, they used colors to express their feelings. Ms. Cantero was then able to have them write a good reflection interpreting the emotion perceived from the colors they had used in the drawings. They concluded that, indeed, there are feelings expressed in the way that we communicate and it is important to interpret the intention behind them (both the sender and the receiver in distinct types of communication). Interesting practice of analysis, expression, and communication!

Meet Ms. Adriana Cordero

Ms. Adriana Cordero is our new secondary music teacher. She has a degree in Music Education from the University of Costa Rica (UCR). Before coming to share her knowledge and talents with students at Blue Valley, Ms. Cordero worked at St. Jude School and The Academy of Music. She also has experience playing in international shows and mixing in a recording studio. Although her specialty is singing, Ms. Cordero is gifted in playing a variety of instruments. Her objective is to help students realize their musical potential and create an environment that encourages them to try new things. Ms. Cordero's life is dedicated to music. In the evenings and on weekends, you'll likely find her playing gigs around San José. Click [here](#) to see her in action.



Forming Citizens

Wednesday, September 19th in Sala Magna
Special guest: Mr. José Aguilar Berrocal, founder of *Fundación Acción Joven* and *Horizonte Positivo*.

Mr. José Aguilar Berrocal was not able to come last week due to a meeting with national authorities. He will be here tomorrow to talk about the difficulties of social entrepreneurship when establishing a PPP. We will have Facebook live streaming.

Parents



Exciting and Interesting Week!

We had a great time coming together as a community to celebrate Civic Week. Our theme: "Corn, Its History and Legacy" set the foundation for unique activities that sparked learning. On behalf of the Social Sciences department and committee, thank you for making the event a remarkable success. Happy Birthday, Costa Rica! Our appreciation to: **Ms. Elianne Brenes, Ms. Laura Herrera, Ms. María Piza, Ms. Karla Sauma, Ms. Rocío Ruiz, Ms. Silvia Musmanni, Ms. Isabel Chavarría, Mr. Luis Mora, Ms. Rocío Tomás, Ms. Raquel Cantero, Mr. Joshua Tercero, Mr. Carlos Quirós, Ms. Adriana Monge, Dana Lewis, Vicky Molina, Kevin Bolaños, Alfredo Guerrero, Ms. Mariannella Saint Hilaire, Ms. Susana Cisneros, Vicky Mena, and Ms. Kathryn Scanlan.**



Messages from Parents to their Children

According to the BVS Parent and Student Manual, parents must call before noon (Wednesdays no later than 10:00am) so that the student can be notified on time. With a late call, the elementary secretary may not be able to leave her desk to inform the child promptly. In secondary, messages are written on the board in Student Services and may not get read, especially in the afternoon. Messages like "don't take the bus, I'm picking you up" can be avoided by simply arriving to school before dismissal. In the case of an emergency, we will support as needed.



Report Card Day

Friday, September 28th

Meetings with teachers from 12:30pm - 3:30pm
 All students will be dismissed at 11:40am, except Montessori children who do not come to school on this day because their guides meet with parents all day.

- **Preparatory:** Parents who would like an oral report must ask doña Elza for an appointment with the teacher.
- **1A to 5B:** Students will take their report cards home unless they have grades lower than 70%; in this case, parents must pick them up in school. Parents who would like to meet with a teacher, please ask doña Elza for an appointment.

Parents who do not make an appointment may come and wait for their space in the teacher's agenda. Please avoid taking teacher's lunch periods from 11:40am to 12:30 pm.

- **Middle School and High School:** Students will take their report cards home unless they have grades lower than 70%; in such case, parents must pick them up in school. It's a first-come-first-served service with the different teachers. Kimberly Suarez will program any meetings with the counselors upon parents' demand.

To receive the report cards, tuition payments must be up to date.



Electronic Invoices

Starting October 1, we will issue electronic invoices. Please indicate to whom we should issue your children's invoice. The information corresponds to the person or company the school bills. Due to tax requirements, we must receive the data as requested on the form. Click [here](#) to complete. We need one submission per family. Click [here](#) for more details about this requirement. To complete, you need to download the Excel file, fill out the information, save it, and send an email with the file attached to cobros@bluevalley.ed.cr.



Important: Payment Options

Starting October 1st

We will no longer receive payments to our Scotiabank accounts. For further information, please email cobros@bluevalley.ed.cr or call 2215-2204 ext. 145.



Rainy Season Break

Monday, October 1st to Friday, October 5th

Vacation! Offices closed.

Kindly take note that BVS does not have a day off on October 12th; children come to school on a regular schedule.



Social Studies Field Trip

Thursday, September 20th to Saturday, September 22nd

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Canceled until further notice due to strike.



Field Trips

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



All Things Delicious!

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

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Montessori A: **Nutrition**

Montessori B-C: **Tubers**

Enrichment: **Costa Rican painters: Rafa Fernández, Fabio Herrera, and Adrián Gómez**



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Meetings with teachers can be scheduled from 7:30am to 11:40am and from 12:30pm to 3:30pm. Please call doña Elza for an appointment.

Montessori children do not come to school on this day.

A² Academics & Activities



Join the Marching Band!

Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursday, 2:20pm-3:20pm, Cafeteria.

Prep A - 12A

We are still looking for students to join the marching band. Boys and girls are welcome. Students don't have to be skilled, just have a good attitude and be willing to learn something new! Contact [Ms. Adriana Cordero](#) for more information.



Traveling is Learning!

Tuesday, September 25th to Saturday, October 6th, North Carolina

BVS student ambassadors will be visiting our sister school, Charlotte Country Day. We wish safe travels to: **Giuliana Soto, Mariana Murillo, Mariana Solano, Ana Elena Chavarría, Antonia Gómez, Alexa Kruse, Milena Chaves, Pedro Vieta, Matías Garnier, Juan Ignacio Figueroa, Alejandro Medina, Javier Herrera, Gabriel Quesada,** and chaperones **Ms. AnaCa Saenz** and **Ms. Adriana Loria.**



Upcoming College Visits

Click [here](#) for schedule.

GO ARMADILLOS!



Final Uniform Orders FS18

Friday, September 21st to Tuesday, September 25th

Delivery will be on Wednesday, October 17th. Please direct questions to [Mr. Acuña](#).



Punctual Pickup

We kindly remind parents to be punctual when picking up their children from after school clubs. Thank you.



Upcoming Games Schedule

Click [here](#) for schedule.

Don't Forget

1

Snack Drive Competition

Monday, September 17th to Friday, September 21st

Prep A to 5B

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Movie Night Fundraiser

Thursday, September 27th at 5:30pm in the Sala Magna

3rd-5th grade

