



AWESOME BOOK MONTH



We closed "One World, Many Stories" last week by announcing the winners of the class book competition. Congratulations to Second B (Ms. Corpus) for winning 1st place AND the People's Choice Award, earning them a tasty popsicle party. Other awards included: 2nd Place for Fourth A (Mr. Dobrota), 3rd Place for Prep A (Ms. Masís); honorable mentions for Third A2 (Ms. Musmanni) and Fifth B1, (Ms. Marian). Every class presented spectacular posters! During the month of March, we had a beautiful opportunity to come together as a community to celebrate literature, culture, and diversity. From storytellers to class competitions, students across grade levels experienced the magic of reading. A special

thanks to our book month committee: Ms. DeBoer and Ms. Garduño for their leadership and Ms. Esquivel, Ms. Peralta, Ms. Góchez, Ms. Musmanni, and Ms. Artiñano for their dedication to activities. We appreciate everyone's support; this Book Month was one to remember!

ACADEMIC NEWS

In this new era, being able to investigate and communicate properly are very important skills. There is no academic progress without the formative process and vice-versa. In elementary school we consistently point out and reinforce the Habits of Mind (Attachments). Teachers and students work together to give us great examples of these during Wednesday assemblies. Fifth B2 provided a symbolic start to the new semester with great confidence and ample ease of expression in English. They genuinely inspired staff, students, and parents with motivational quotes and their reason for choosing them.

Fourth B presented on technology in the world exhibiting research, knowledge, and communication congruent with middle school. Third A1 talked about Mindfulness and how important it is to control our emotions to reach peace; Second B promoted social cohesion showing us the similarity in schools around the world; Third B enacted Dr. Seuss's wonderful message about diversity and accepting others' differences in a portrayal of The Sneetches; First B integrated science and language to explain photosynthesis in a delightful way. The students' joy of learning was evident. Fifth B1 closed the quarter giving us a history class that displayed their excellent oral skills: *Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision* (as well as other habits on the image) and showed how well they researched. All students seemed at ease and happy with their performances. Their parents attested this with their presence and applause, which we deeply appreciate. May this be a tribute to the students and their teachers.

HABITS OF MIND

- Remaining open to continuous learning: WE LEARN ABOUT COWBOYS AND HOW TO SQUARE DANCE!
- Thinking, Imagining, Innovating: EACH ONE OF US CREATED A SLIDE; WE USED IMAGINATION AND INNOVATION TO DECORATE THE STAGE
- Persisting: WE TRIED HARD TO LEARN OUR SCRIPT.
- Thinking and communicating with clarity and precision: WE LEARNED TO SPEAK SLOWLY AND CLEARLY FOR OUR AUDIENCE.

LAST WEEK'S WOWS

Mariana Vivas, 2 A1 modeled *Thinking Flexibly, Listening with Understanding and Empathy, and Finding Humor*. When at the last minute one of her classmates refused to read the book at hand and everyone was ready to begin the activity, she was willing to switch books with that classmate during reading buddies, even though it was not her type of book. She demonstrated that with a smile and positive attitude you can turn any situation into a better one!

FIFTH GRADERS: For Family Day, **Alberto Gallegos, Alexandra Maggio and Giuliana Soto, 5 B1,** and **Angela Canelo, Sofía Cardona,**

Milena Chaves, Alejandro León and Francesca Rodríguez, 5 B2, voluntarily reported to Ms. Boyd, *Applying Past knowledge to New Situations*. Upon receiving the school map, with the official time and place for the activities, they promptly made their nametags and were ready to happily welcome our families and guide them through our celebration. Great example of service to our community, one of our founding principles! Thank you all!



SPRING BREAK

Let's launch the celebration by wearing our favorite pastel/soft colors on Thursday, April 6th. Lots of rest and time to share during the break that starts on Friday 7th at 12:20 for students! No lessons in Montessori that day. In elementary, appointments with teachers will be allocated between 1:00 and 3:00 pm (Montessori's start at 7:30 am). Secondary parents will be attended on a first come first served basis.

See you again Monday 17th, still at 7:20 in the morning!

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

We want to thank CLAP and TAG for their participation in the electoral process. After an interesting electoral process we proudly announce that Marianne Morgan (CLAP) will be the head of the student council. Next April 26th we will have the presidential inauguration. You are all cordially invited!



PROGENTIS FOR PARENTS

Mentora is offering an hour-and-a-half workshop for parents who want to know more about the advantages of the Progentis program that students in fourth to sixth grade practice for fifteen minutes every day. After hearing a brief explanation, parents will actually practice it. We can provide them with iPads, or they can bring their own laptop or tablet. Progentis tells us where we stand on reading fluency and comprehension! It will be fun to discover that and how we can improve it. Sign in in the following [link](#). Any doubts contact Mr. Ramírez at eduardo.ramirez@bluevalley.ed.cr



WEDNESDAY LECTURE

Tomorrow, we will listen to Ms. Grettel Alfaro and Ms. Djenane Villanueva chat about their experience as anchors on TV and their opinion of its role in the electoral processes. TV is one of the most important spaces of communication between the candidates and the citizens. Remember we are live streaming the conferences on our Facebook page, and you can join us whenever you wish.

**We started to distribute the tags.
See Attachments for instructions and pick up schedules.**

MATH OLYMPIADS



Enrollment is now open, until Friday, April 21st, for the Costa Rica Math Olympics (OLCOMA). The competition will consist of a preparation phase on Thursdays from 2:20 to 3:20 pm and a classification exam on Friday, June 2nd. Interested students may enroll at Student Services.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Second A1 class will visit Joaquín & Ana Home on April 18th to celebrate the elders' birthdays.

SPORTS

- We won a trophy! That's how first graders brought back the news of their win at West College. They themselves couldn't believe it!
- Reminders:** Use of shin guards is mandatory for those who participate in soccer trainings or games.
- To be able to leave the school for games, students must have turned in the signed contract to respective teachers.



COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
BVS vs Saint Paul	basketball	5 th to 7 th girls	April 4 th	home	2:00	Normal dismissal
BVS vs PAS	volleyball	Varsity girls	April 5 th	home	1:00	Pick up at BVS 2:00
Saint Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team A	April 7 th	12:30	1:00	Pick up at BVS 3:30

RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	3 rd - 4 th boys	March 29 th	6-11	Friendly	Excellent score
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	5 th - 6 th boys	March 29 th	20-8	Friendly	Keep working
West Sport Festival	soccer	5 th - 6 th boys	March 30 th	5-3/2-1	Festival	Excellent effort
West Sport Festival	soccer	7 th - 8 th boys	March 30 th	4-4/2-2	Festival	Excellent effort
West Sport Festival	soccer	1 st boys	March 31 st	7-5	Festival	Champions
St. Jude vs BVS	soccer	Varsity boys	March 31 st	3-5	Friendly	Great result

Field Trips of the Week

Fifth B1	National Archives	April 5 th	8:00 am to 11:30 am
Second A1 & A2	Children's Museum	April 6 th	8:15 am to 1:00 pm
Seventh A	Poás Volcano	April 17 th	6:30 am to 4:00 pm
Second A1	Joaquín & Ana Elderly Home	April 18 th	12:00 n to 2:00 pm
Fifth B1	Downtown San José	April 19 th	7:50 am to 11:30 am