



# Blue Valley School



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## BOOK MONTH ACTIVITIES



Activities for book month will continue. Book fair will be on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Students may wear traditional clothing of their culture/heritage and bring money for the book fair. Next week, students will receive Scholastic order forms and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are invited for an afternoon of fun with Roald Dahl on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. In secondary, Mr. Klempner will be sharing a bit of music at the middle school assembly.

## ACADEMIC NEWS

At Blue Valley we believe that personalized instruction should be horizontal, not vertical. We only have vertical advancement when students need to catch up with their peers to be on the same level. ESL (English as a Second Language), SSL (Spanish as a Second Language), and MSL (Math as a Second Language) lessons are designed for this purpose. For students who can catch up without any help on the regular lessons missed, we have horizontal instruction: not content that they will cover in a higher grade level, but interesting problems or topics that are not included in the regular curriculum. Such are the pullout lessons for AIR (Advanced Integrated Reading) and MIND (Math Individual Development) in elementary and Math Olympics training in secondary. A student who had done our 8th grade Algebra in 6<sup>th</sup> grade in Singapore is now doing Discreet Math MSL class with Ms. Artiñano. Check <http://www.barnesandnoble.com/w/for-all-practical-purposes-comap-inc-staff/1101827866?ean=9780716757320> to learn about this interesting program.

## TOMORROW IS SPORTS DAY IN ELEMENTARY

Students should wear sunblock lotion, hat, sneakers, PE uniform shorts, and a t-shirt with the color assigned to their grade: yellow for preparatory; green for 1<sup>st</sup> grade; red for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade; blue for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade. In addition, they should bring an extra change for the full enjoyment of the activity.



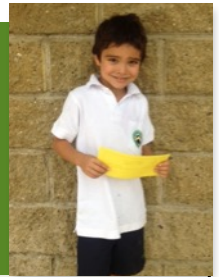
## FAMILY DAY, FUN IS COMING!

Family Day is around the corner! Come Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> to share games and entertainment with family, friends, and pets. Our motto is "Let's enjoy ourselves with our family!" This year, we invited four food trucks to please all tastes. Each week we will announce new activities for kids to plan to participate. Line up to enjoy a day having fun with your family!



## LAST WEEK'S WOW

**Santiago Lara, 1A**, was very frustrated over a problem in MIND: I can't do it, I can't! I don't know how to! Ms. León told him: "What we have to say is not yet! Take a short walk, breathe deeply, come back, and try again." He did, came back, concentrated, and after a while, shouted "YET!!" He showed Persisting, Striving for Accuracy, and we were all Finding Humor. Lots of HoMs in practice!



**PROBLEM SOLVING THROUGH DESIGN THINKING AND EXPERIMENTING THROUGH MAKER SPACES**

FOCUS: using technology as a building tool for experiences where students solve real-life situations. The workshops are centered around promoting problem solving through "Design Thinking" and opportunities to experiment through "Maker Spaces."

**From:** 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.  
**When:** Wednesday, March 15, 2017  
**Where:** Blue Valley School  
Calle Filipeo Venardes to Multiplaza Ezequi, 1.2 km NW of AcaCar  
**Price:** \$25,000 per person.  
Discounts for groups of more than 3 people from same school  
**Payments:** Colegio del Valle S.A.  
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(Please specify "weLearn")  
**ESVP:** gisele.cordero@bluevalley.ed.cr for more information

## FOURTH ANNUAL weLe@rn CONFERENCE

On Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> students will not come to school because once again we will host the weLe@rn conference. As our main sponsor, GBM is bringing two excellent international experts. With the support of Fundación Omar Dengo, Fundación Costa Rica para la Innovación, Interactive Learning, I.S. Corporación, Minecraft for Education, POOM, and Genius Lab, the event allows collaboration and professional development among public and private schools to promote the integration of technology into the lessons. We welcome all our staff, guests from other schools, and parents interested in sharing and learning about many exciting related topics. Parents willing to sponsor a public school teacher (¢25 000), please contact [gisele.cordero@bluevalley.ed.cr](mailto:gisele.cordero@bluevalley.ed.cr)

## QUICK PASSES

We hope to distribute quick passes to parents next week. We have the required server in place; last week we got the transceiver to connect with the booth, and the company is now associating the tags to our database. We will first issue quick passes to our personnel to identify glitches before handing them out to parents: one per family allows buying an extra one for \$8. We will notify of the process through a push message. Please add 89 89 89 08 in your phone's contacts list.

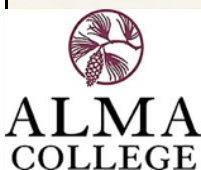


## MODEL UNITED NATIONS



BVS MUN, Saturday and Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>! Model UN is an engaging activity where students from various schools participate as delegates representing a country or a character in a designated committee. We encourage all students from high school to participate in this conference, as it is a perfect opportunity for learning outside of classes, character development, and making friends. Middle school students will be participating as pages. We have invited schools from all over Costa Rica, including the "Liceos" Cariari, San Carlos, Bagaces, Palmares and Poás. For more information, please check out our website [www.bluevalleymun.org](http://www.bluevalleymun.org) or contact Nicole Proudfoot (10 B), Monserrat Barrón (11 A), Isabella Castillo (11 A), or Arick Dickerman (MUN Faculty Advisor).

## COLLEGE PREP



Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> a representative from Alma College (MI) will visit us in the College Prep office at 12:20 pm. On Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> a delegate from the University of Victoria (Canada) will meet with students at 12:20 and 1:40 pm in room 42. Students with their teacher's permission are welcome.



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## WEDNESDAY LECTURE

Tomorrow, the well-known commentator, Amelia Rueda, will focus on the radio, where she has a program that analyzes, reviews, and discusses different aspects of the country's circumstances and events. We always reserve chairs for parents who want to take part in "Forming Citizens."



# REMINDERS

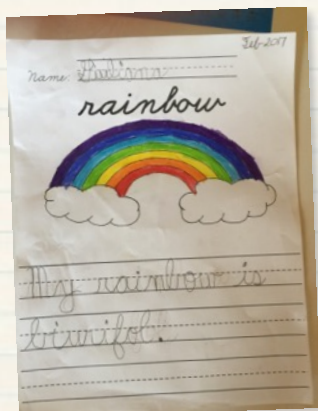
**HOGAR SIEMBRA** invites you to "Chefs & Sommeliers" in Avenida Escazú on Wednesday, April 5<sup>th</sup> at seven in the evening. Let's support their wonderful mission.

**REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR OFFICIAL UNIVERSITIES:** The deadline for Eleventh A and B to begin this process expires on March 31<sup>st</sup>. Details at <https://admission.ac.cr> or with Ms. Ardón.

**FAIRS WITH FOREIGN UNIVERSITIES:**

Canadian University Fair: Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 11:30 am-12:30 pm, American International School.  
Catholic College Fair: Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:45 to 10:45, Country Day School.

**VISIT:** A delegate of the *Universidad Europea del Atlántico* will visit at 12:20 & at 1:40, in room 43.



## CURSIVE WORKSHOP

We invite Preparatory A parents to a workshop in the virtual room on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7:30 to 9:30 am. Join us for coffee while learning about our methodology for teaching cursive.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

Again we have the opportunity to help the children of the El Hueco community in Jacó. Preparatory and fourth graders will be collecting individually packaged snacks such as cookies, etc., and beverages during the month of March. Please send or take them to their homeroom teachers.



## PECES PROGRAM

We invite parents interested in PECES (see the Manual) to a meeting in the library at 7:30 am on Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> to learn about the program (in Attachments) and define the starting date.

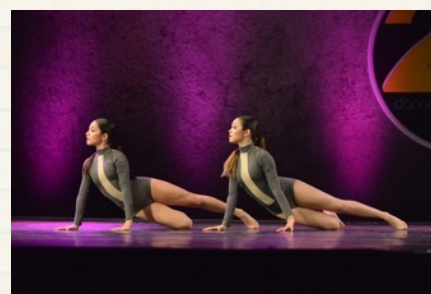
## SPORTS

**SPECIAL TRAINING:** Goalkeeper training for teams and clubs began Friday March 3<sup>rd</sup> with a specialist in the field: Javier Eli Ávila Garro.

The only time for this training is Friday from 2:20 to 3:50 pm.

**TRYOUTS FOR JR. VARSITY GIRLS:** Monday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 2:20 pm.

**OUTSTANDING STUDENTS:** We are very proud of our students Bianca (10 A) and Brianna (7 B) Calderón who won fourth and first place respectively, in teen category, at a dancing tournament held last week in Mexico. They were also awarded second place as a duet in contemporary style. WOW!



COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
Saint Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team A	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:15	1:00	Pick up at BVS, 4:00
Saint Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team B	March 10 <sup>th</sup>	12:15	2:00	Pick up at BVS, 4:00
RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
BVS vs Lighthouse	volleyball	Varsity girls	March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-2	friendly	Keep practicing
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	1 <sup>st</sup> - 2 <sup>nd</sup> co-ed	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	friendly	Cancelled (Sports Day)
Lighthouse vs BVS	basketball	4 <sup>th</sup> - 5 <sup>th</sup> co-ed	March 8 <sup>th</sup>	-	friendly	Cancelled (Sports Day)

### Field Trips of the Week

Third B	Parque de la Paz	Thursday, March 9 <sup>th</sup>	8:00 am to 11:30 am
Eleventh A	Manuel Antonio	Friday March 10 <sup>th</sup> leave at 7:00 am to return Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> 4:30 pm	
Eighth A	Braulio Carrillo	Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	6:30 am to 3:30 pm
Third A1	Guachipelín	Monday, March 13 <sup>th</sup>	8:35 am to 11:50 am