



Blue Valley School



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FLIPPED FAMILY DAY



The Ambassadors are planning a wonderful International Food Fair on another date so that the traditional Family Day can focus on fun activities for all the families. We are preparing fun and entertainment for everyone. On March 25th we will enjoy watching Carlos Lorgia, magician, and the puppet Ferry and his friend Tom are coming from Austria to delight us with their art. The P.E. department has prepared games for parents and families to enjoy with their children. These and many other attractions are free: pools, games, competitions that we will announce next week. Some will have a low cost for specific purposes, and lunch can be bought at the Food Trucks.



IB ART EXHIBIT

We invite de BVS community to the XXIII IB art exhibit inauguration that will take place on Thursday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm in the Art and Science building. The exhibit will be open to the public on Family Day. Let's enjoy the arts! Find the invitation in Attachments.

KEEP ON READING IN BOOK MONTH! MORE ACTIVITES:

- Scholastic orders went out yesterday and the orders will close on Friday, March 17th.
- Today we are looking forward to an afternoon of fun with Roald Dahl stories, an after school activity for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in the library.
- Let's wear a green shirt for St. Patrick's Day and the Irish culture on Thursday, March 16th.
- Prep, 1st, and 2nd grade families: please look for the Berenstain Bears after school permission slip and return by Friday, March 17th. This activity will be after school on Wednesday, March 22nd.



LAST WEEK'S WOWS

Alexa Kruse, 5 B1, seeing that Ms. McFaddin was on the verge of collapse loaded with books, on her own initiative approached her and asked if she needed help. When Ms. McFaddin acknowledged her kindness and thoughtful act, Alexa responded: "Ms. McFaddin, it is my pleasure, and I'm happy to help!" What an example of **Empathy** hand in hand with politeness and good manners!

Ana Elena Chavarría, 5 B2, didn't run to MIND as all her other companions, but took the time to make sure that she understood the concepts that would be discussed in the regular class. *Thinking Flexibly* to evaluate alternatives prioritizing learning is a HoM that we all should develop.

Francesca Rodríguez, 5 B2, and **Alejandro León, 5 B2**, showed **Empathy** when they saw some preparatory students a bit disoriented in Sports Day. They took on the responsibility of making sure that nobody felt lost during the day, and everyone involved was participating. Empathy and kindness!

The HoM reads: "*Listening with Understanding and Empathy*". To their credit, our students didn't have to listen. Nobody had to tell them to show empathy; they saw and interpreted the others' plight.



ACADEMIC NEWS

Tomorrow the students have a holiday for the faculty to attend staff development. We are all attending the weLe@rn conference to learn more about integrating technology INTO the lessons and share what we are already doing. Basically, it is using our iPads not only to research and enhance our lesson but also afterwards to design a product applying our newly learned academic concepts. For instance, sixth graders with Ms. Salazar are making a video on socio-economic regions in Costa Rica to send to their peers in Colegio Los Nogales, Bogotá, who will be visiting Costa Rica later in the month. Ninth graders and Ms. Cantero, who are studying those regions, are helping with the theory.

Sixth graders include in the video the concepts learned and enhance it with images they take or import. The background music includes animal voices and noises they borrow from UNED's digital library. We applaud national and international collaborative enterprises developing academic knowledge and soft skills!



ANOTHER SISTER SCHOOL, THIS ONE IN SOUTH AMERICA

We now have interchange with Colegio Los Nogales in Bogotá, Colombia. Their sixth graders (over 70) have for many years visited Costa Rica, camping for two weeks in the north. We will meet them in Santa Rosa on March 22nd, camp there, and share activities on the 23rd. Four of them will spend a week attending Blue Valley. It will be a wonderful encounter. We will return the visit next year.



WEDNESDAY LECTURE

Tomorrow is a holiday, but next Wednesday we will listen to a conversation between Grettel Alfaro and Djenane Villanueva about their experiences in television and the influence of this medium on political campaigns. It's going to be very interesting! This was also the case of Amelia Rueda's chat with us last Wednesday. She used a portion of her time to answer our students' many questions. The youngsters had many inquiries from previous lectures, and it resulted in a very interactive period! It would be well worth your time to attend these conferences. Consider yourself invited.

REMINDERS

FOURTH ANNUAL weLe@rn CONFERENCE: We will host this event tomorrow! No school for students.



SPORTS DAY IN ELEMENTARY WAS COLORFUL AND JOYFUL!

WE HAD FUN! A huge thank you to our new P.E. coordinator, Mr. Acuña, and his department, for an innovative and exciting Sports Day. Students competed on multi-grade level teams, and the big kids helped the little

kids with pride and joy. A great day filled with fun and movement for our entire community! Congrats to team Lucky 21, winner of the event.

REGISTRATION PROCESS FOR COSTA RICAN OFFICIAL UNIVERSITIES

As part of the 2017-2018 admissions process, 11 A and 11 B will have the visit of officials from government universities on Tuesday, March 21st at 10:20 am. Informative booklet in Attachments.

MODEL UNITED NATIONS AT BLUE VALLEY

MUN at BVS is this weekend! The community is invited to observe these interesting debates.



FIFTH GRADE MUSICAL

We have already begun preparing this year's fifth grade musical Gilbert and Sullivan Rock! We invite mothers interested in helping with costumes and scenery to a meeting on Thursday, March 23rd at 1:45 pm in the Enrichment classroom.

HEARING AND SIGHT TESTS

All children in preparatory and first grade must have the evidence of healthy sight and hearing in their files to rule out learning problems due to an anomalous condition. ASEBVS offers to perform these tests at school on March, Monday 27th and Tuesday 28th at a cost of ¢8 000 for both. The form for the request is in Attachments, and it must be submitted with the money no later than March 22nd.

SPORTS

- Víctor Briceño, 7 A1, was one of the 28 selected for the Costa Rica basketball U14 category team among the top 84 players in the best teams. WOW, another BVS high-performance student!
- P.E elective class will visit *CrossFit Mist* on March 21st leaving at 11:40 to return at 2:00 pm.

COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
BVS vs Saint Mary	volleyball	Varsity girls	March 17 th	-	1:00	Normal dismissal

RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURN	COMMENT
BVS vs Humboldt	basketball	Colegial	March 9 th	-	friendly	Opponent did not show up
Saint Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team A	March 10 th	0-1	friendly	Congrats
Saint Paul vs BVS	soccer	Team B	March 10 th	2-0	friendly	Need to work harder

CONDOLENCES

Our prayers and condolences for Ms. G. López and her family for the loss of her father last week.