



LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING YOU BACK!



Information Bulletin

SPRING SEMESTER

January 2017

A. FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

We will begin lessons on **Wednesday, February 1st** with a new entrance! At the end of the following week (when the contract is formalized), we will distribute a "quick pass" to each family in elementary and secondary. Meanwhile, the bars will be lifted by the guard in charge. Preschool (Montessori and prep) will continue to use the traditional entrance. The new one will have two entrance lanes, one that opens the security bar with the "quick pass" and another in which they must wait for identification from security. Instructions in the next bulletin.

- **MONTESSORI:** Only Montessori A students enter in staggered form, Wednesday and Friday or Thursday and Monday. As of Tuesday 7, they follow a normal schedule. Their guides, Ms. Rocío Ruiz or Ms. Cristina Bustamante, will contact the parents to inform them which of the two sessions their child will attend. Preference for one of these sessions may be sent via email to rocio.ruiz@bluevalley.ed.cr.
- **OPEN:** Since January 3rd the administration has been at your service. Take advantage of this week for consultations as the coming week is the induction of new staff.
- **NEW FAMILIES:** We invite new students (from preparatory onwards) and their parents to a welcome to the Blue Valley family on Tuesday, January 31 at 1:30 pm in the Sala Magna.
- **PRIMARY CLASSROOM BUILDING:** The photo is a rendering of the building that will begin this month to be completed in July. In it, children appear on vacation. In FS17 they will be in uniform!

B. TUESDAY'S BULLETIN, INDISPENSABLE CONTACT WITH PARENTS

The main purpose of this special bulletin is to emphasize the importance that all members of our community, students, parents, and teachers read the weekly bulletin on Tuesdays. New parents (let this also be a reminder to veteran parents) must be aware that **EVERY TUESDAY** we issue a bulletin similar to this one. It is sent by e-mail. If your address has changed from that included in the enrollment form, it must be updated; also, you must include the two addresses of the parents who do not share the same residence. Parents can request a printed version (it will be in English) for the student they designate. The electronic version comes in both languages (three alternatives) with additional important information in another message called Attachments. It is also available on Edmodo and the web. Our responsibility is to produce it; that of the parents is reading it. Once the bulletin is issued we consider that the parents are aware of the information in it.

C. CALENDAR (in Attachments)

Parents should have the yearly calendar on hand when planning trips. If traveling during school days, they will assume full responsibility for the student's make-up work upon his or her return to school. Blue Valley justifies that students are absent for trips (which can be very formative), but they cannot involve more work for teachers (for example, ask them to advance programs or exams). Parents should arrange for a peer of the absent student to pick up handouts and write down the material they will need to prepare for the tests to be taken when the teacher decides (it can be only to determine the level of knowledge, calculating the bimester average based on the previous and later grades). In secondary school, the student should review the teachers' communications in Edmodo.

D. BVS AMBASSADORS

A group of parents recognized by the administration meet in order to support and contribute in projects for the benefit of our community. They encourage parents in each class to choose a representative called a "delegate" as an intermediary for communications. They also accept volunteers for the many successful projects they undertake during the year. The primary function of the ambassadors and their collaborators is to increase home-school communication in a productive way and to promote an enthusiastic participation in the extracurricular affairs of the institution. Please contact them at ambassadors@bluevalley.ed.cr

E. HOMEROOM TEACHERS AND CORRESPONDING CLASSROOMS

Level	Teacher	Room	Level	Teacher	Room
Montessori A	Ruiz – Bustamante		Fifth B2	Sonja McFaddin	#19
Montessori B1	Chinchilla - Chavarria		MIND	Mariana León	Mind
Montessori B2	Gross - Chavarria		Library	Natalia Garduño	Library
Montessori C1	Zamora - Peralta		SECONDARY		
Montessori C2	Esquivel - Peralta		Level	Teacher	Room
Enrichment	Ana Catalina Sáenz	Conservatory	6A1	Colleen French	#28
Explore and More	Alexandra Chinchilla		6B	Marianella St.-Hilaire	#25
Preparatory A	Irene Masís	Mont 1	7A1	Kelsey Jimenez	#16
Preparatory B	Gabriela Góchez	Mont 2	7A2	Ana Ligia López	#37
First A	Lidia Coto	#1	7B	Danielle Lorusso	#26
First B	Maggie Smith	Conservatory 2	8A	Neli Santiago	#36
Second A1	Ana Catalina Pacheco	#2	8B	Susanne Artiñano	#24
Second A2	Susana Muñoz	#3	9A	Dirk Ronhaar	#42
Second B	Dontina Corpus	#5	9B	Victor Valverde	#23
Third A1	Maria Piza	#10	10A	Stewart Hird	#41
ThirdA2	Silvia Musmanni	#4	10B	Alvaro Soto	#32
Third B	Amanda Cone	#11	11A	Adriana Monge	#17
Fourth A	Andrei Dobrota	#9	11B	Suzanne Robertson	#31
Fourth B	Morgan Nichols	#8	12A	María Clara Gómez	#51
Fifth A	Maria Lourdes Artiñano	#7			
Fifth B1	Marian Herrera	#12			

F. ACCIDENT INSURANCE FOR STUDENTS

Blue Valley has insurance for students with a basic coverage of \$1 000 000 for accidents happening any time, 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. Parents interested in increasing the amount of coverage for their children need to pay the difference no later than Wednesday, February 10th. Those who do not respond will automatically be assigned to the basic coverage policy (no exceptions). Contact Lorena Jiménez at 2215-2204 x114 to increase benefits or for details on this service.

G. POWERSCHOOL

We promote the use of the PowerSchool among all our BVS community. It is a digital tool that includes checking grades for students in fourth grade and above. For passwords or questions, please contact barney.ross@bluevalley.ed.cr

H. SUPPLIES

BVS provides all school supplies to elementary students. Last year, secondary school students received their supply list with the items needed as of the first day of school.

I. ASEBVS: UNIFORMS AND TEXTBOOKS

UNIFORMS: ASEBVS has uniforms in all sizes for sale from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm. We emphasize the importance of wearing regulation uniform (for secondary students, pants of their choice are allowed but they must be the exact color of the ones we have in ASEBVS). On Wednesday, February 1st, every student must wear full uniform, or provide a very valid written justification to avoid having to return home to change.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES: Those who prepaid the supplies packages can pick them from Monday the 23rd on.

TEXTBOOKS: When school starts, ASEBVS will be selling “Español,” “Matemática,” “Estudios Sociales,” and “Biología” textbooks to secondary school students taking these courses.

ASEBVS OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY JANUARY 27TH.

J. FEES AND PAYMENTS

We remind parents that this month most need to pay the difference between the January fee and the advance deposit made last year. To begin the school year, all payments, including January, must be up to date. Students with pending fees from last year will not appear in this semester's class lists. The 4% discount for advance payment on the semester is effective if paid during January. As requested by some parents, we are resending the SS 2017 fees:

Level	Semester Fee	Installment	Level	Semester Fee	Installment
Montessori*	¢1 998 000	¢333 000	Middle School (6-8)	¢3 000 000	¢500 000
Preparatory	¢2 634 000	¢439 000	High School (9-11A)	¢3 216 000	¢536 000
Elementary (1-5)	¢2 724 000	¢454 000	Eleventh B	idem	¢643 200

In Eleventh B the fee is divided in 5 installments

The 3rd and 4th child gets a 30% deduction.

K. CAFETERIA

The cafeteria will provide their usual lunch service from the first day of school. You can find the monthly menu on the cafeteria's Facebook page: Ana Salazar Cafeteria BVS.

L. BUS ROUTES

Driver	Phones	Route
Erick Cantillo	8327-6060	Cañada, Cariari, Pavicen
Viria Villalta	8707-9451	Alajuela, Heredia
José Luis Ruiz	8855-7865	Villa Real, Alto de las Palomas
	TBA	San Pedro, Guadalupe, Granadilla, Barrio Escalante, Barrio Dent
Manuel Castro	8840-3509	Paco, Alto de las Palomas, Jaboncillo
Ericka Solís	8812-1854	Río Oro, Piedades
Eladio Delgado	8385-7416	Guachipelín, Pavicen
Josue Chaves	7103-7166	Santa Ana
Marco Fernández*	8525--9999	Río Oro
Alfredo Chaves	6229-3832	Brasil de Mora, Ciudad Colón
Guillermo Rapso	8935-0711	Rohrmoser, La Uruca, Pavas
Daniel Blanco	7015-8836	Trejos Montealegre, San Rafael, Residencial Los Laureles
Starling Trejos	8994-4240	Cerro Alto, Country Club, Distrito 4
Rodrigo González	8973-3099	Palermo, Anonos, Bello Horizonte, San Rafael, San Antonio de Escazú
Yency Barboza	8712-7493	Rosalinda, Escazú
Fernando Castro	8315-8073	Los Reyes, Hacienda del Sol
Octavio Delgado*	6111-2836	Lindora, Valle del Sol
Francisco Villalobos	8518-1961	Pozos
Edgar González	8383-4706	Volvo and Construplaza
*		Montessori noon, Escazú, Santa Ana and surroundings
*		Montessori noon, Santa Ana, Río Oro

- Blue Valley offers door-to-door service at competitive prices compared to other schools.
- Shuttle service to Volvo and to the Gelatería next to Construplaza is free. Only students registered with doña Vicky for at least four days a week can ride it. Occasional users will not be accepted. Details at 2215-2204 ext 123.

M. SPORTS TRY OUTS

Try outs for the teams will be conducted during the second week of classes due to the restructuring of the Physical Education Department including a new coordinator.