



# Blue Valley School



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SPRING SEMESTER

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## FIFTH GRADE MUSICAL: SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS

Coming soon! May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am, and May 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm and 7:00 pm our very own 5<sup>th</sup> grade, accompanied by the 4<sup>th</sup> grade choir, will present this amazing musical. Highlights: choreography by 9A student, Bianca Calderón, original raps written and sung by 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, and for the first time ever, movable scenery! Fifth grade students will take home ticket orders beginning May 12<sup>th</sup>. BVS Cafeteria will be open that evening from 5:00 to 8:00 for your enjoyment. Come early!

BVS 5th grade presents:  
**Snow White**  
AND THE SEVEN DWARFS  
THE MUSICAL  
with 4th Grade Choir

May 26th 8:00 a.m.  
May 27th 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m.

Pre-Order tickets starting May 12th  
(with Ms. Ana Catalina Sáenz)

Cafeteria Open from 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

## ACADEMIC NEWS



Increasingly, we are integrating technology into our curriculum, but we are also advancing technology as a subject. Computer literacy (digital instruction) is enriched with training in coding (programming). Students begin in Montessori with Micro Worlds, where they give orders to a turtle to execute their wishes. They move into games ([link](#)) that involve coding, like Scratch Jr., TheFoos and MrDoob, that acquaint them with terminology and programming tools, developing logic exercises that allow them to understand they can find better approaches to solving everyday problems. It culminates in high school with a one-credit basic coding elective and a full five-credit elective based on a tool created by Stanford

University TA's, (professor-assistants). Apple co-founder, Steve Jobs, said: "I think everybody in this country should learn how to program a computer because it teaches you how to think."

**This supports our SAPERE AUDE motto!**

### Wednesday Civic Lecture "Formando ciudadanos"

Luis Mesalles will address students on the cost of the government to build public infrastructure. He will try to prove that it's a fallacy to believe that it is cheaper if the State administers constructions.

## WELCOME FRIENDS FROM COLOMBIA!

We have four students from Colegio los Nogales, Bogotá, attending lessons at Blue Valley with our sixth graders. They became friends on a very successful trip to Guanacaste last week, where 63 BVS students and 75 Colombian students shared lessons and experiences near Rincón de la Vieja. Our warmest welcome to them and their English teacher, and our sincere gratitude to the host families for their hospitality: Gutiérrez Walder, Gutiérrez Zumbado, Mayer Mayer and Mora Sánchez. Let's show our joy to have them with us! We hope to return the visit sometime!



## IMPORTANT DATES FOR ELEVENTH B STUDENTS

**SEMESTER EXAMS** will take place from May 19<sup>th</sup> through May 26<sup>th</sup> and account for 20% of the semester average. Seniors who in spite of this advantage don't obtain the minimum 70% grade in a subject, will take reposition tests on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, in time to begin "Bachillerato" tests on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Obtaining a passing grade in all subjects is mandatory to be able to opt for government tests.

**GOVERNMENT BACHILLERATO TESTS:** All students who successfully finish their 11<sup>th</sup> grade (senior year) will take these exams from May 31<sup>st</sup> to June 7<sup>th</sup> as follows:

Tuesday May 31 <sup>st</sup>	Spanish	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Science
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Math	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	English
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Social Studies	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Civics

**COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES** will be held on Thursday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

**FOR NOVEMBER BACHILLERATO CANDIDATES** the composition test will be the day after our first Tuesday at school: Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup>!

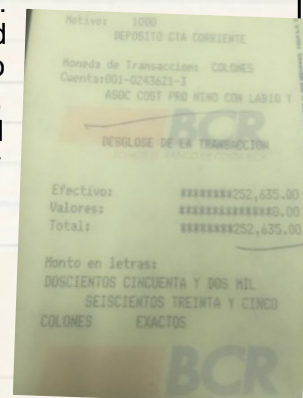
## SOLIDARITY

**ECUADOR:** It would be nice for every family to contribute with a bag of powdered milk (PriceSmart sells bigger ones) for families in distress because of the earthquake in Ecuador.

**SECOND HAND:** Through our Entrepreneurship elective we learned about a project called "Segunda Mano" that helps some of the 90.000 households in Costa Rica living in poverty with a mother as a single parent. They collect clothes, shoes, linens, and house items in good shape but are no longer in use to give to these women to sell and secure an additional income. To support this cause,

we have decided to start a campaign at Blue Valley and invite everyone to bring us articles with the aforementioned criteria at any time during the month of May.

**CLEFT PALETTE DONATION:** We were able to contribute ¢252 635 for this cause with ¢200 000 donated by the elementary community service funds plus other donations received at the front desk. A big thanks to all for your support!



## PROGRESS REPORTS IN SECONDARY

Secondary students will receive progress reports on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup>. It is a worthwhile experience to review them with your kids.



# REMINDERS

**AFTER SCHOOL ENGLISH CLASSES FOR PARENTS:** Details in Attachments. Don't miss this!

**SHARE AND MOVE IN MONTESSORI:** Share fun time with your kids on Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**BIZSMART CAMP:** Students 11 to 19 years old, consider this for May 27<sup>th</sup> to May 29<sup>th</sup> in Santa Ana.

**CATECHESIS:** The catechism instructors invite the Catholic community to celebrate the Virgin's month today at 3:30 pm in the Sala Magna.

## EDUCATIONAL FIELD TRIPS

**FOURTH GRADE B1:** Leaving on Thursday, May 5<sup>th</sup> to return on Saturday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, these students will have their traditional trip to appreciate in real life their findings from investigations on Costa Rican geography. They will be focusing on economic geography related to the physical and social aspects.

**TENTH B:** This Friday 6<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>, Tenth B students will be on a road trip to Corralillo de Nicoya, Guanacaste. They will be visiting Colegio Técnico Profesional where they are going to study a unit on public policies in education. Simultaneously, they will be doing community service, painting a hallway and the music room with their designs on music and culture from the region.

## CAFETERIA

Please take note that the cafeteria has a new phone number: 2537-9188.

## SPORTS

Last Saturday's softball activity was a success, students, teachers and parents having fun together!

Mr. Mora, Leandro Ramírez, Alejandro Mora, Ricardo Páez, Roderick Páez, Daniel de Matheu and María Paula Chacón



COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
BVS vs St. Paul	soccer	4 <sup>th</sup> to 6 <sup>th</sup> girls	May 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1:50	2:00	Pick up at BVS at 3:00
Británica vs BVS	soccer	H.S. girls	May 4 <sup>th</sup>	1:45	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 4:45
BVS vs Anglo	soccer	H.S. boys	May 5 <sup>th</sup>	2:50	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 4:30
BVS vs Futbol C	soccer	Preparatory mixed	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	8:30	Parents are invited to stay and watch the game when they bring them.
BVS vs Futbol C	soccer	2008 green	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	8:30	
BVS vs Futbol C	soccer	2006-2007 green	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	9:30	
BVS vs Futbol C	soccer	2004-2005 green	May 7 <sup>th</sup>	-	10:30	

RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
BVS vs Miravalle	soccer	H.S. boys	April 27 <sup>th</sup>	3-0	ACEP	Great match
Sta. Mónica vs BVS	soccer	Preparatory mixed	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	2-1	Festival	Tight game
BVS vs Berkeley A	soccer	H.S. boys	April 29 <sup>th</sup>	6-0	Friendly	Excellent
St. Jude vs BVS	soccer	2004-5 boys blue	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	-	ACEP	Cancelled
St. Jude vs BVS	soccer	2006-7 boys blue	May 2 <sup>nd</sup>	1-5	ACEP	Good game

## Field Trips of the Week

Third A C	ECUDI Las Abejitas	Wednesday, May 4 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am to 11:15 am
Fourth B1	Social Studies Trip	Leave: Thursday the 5, 6:00 am; return, Saturday 7, 4:00 pm	
Ninth A	Carara	Monday, May 9 <sup>th</sup>	6:00 am to 2:30 pm
First A1& A2	Farm in Escazú	Wednesday, May 11 <sup>th</sup>	8:45 am to 12:00 n
First B	Olimpika – Santa Ana	Thursday, May 12 <sup>th</sup>	9:00 am to 12:00 n