



# BLUE VALLEY SCHOOL



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## ENJOY FAMILY DAY!

Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> will be a day full of fun, learning, entertainment, good food, and, of course, water games for the kids to cool off as they enjoy the fun.

•Meet our new mascot **Andy the Armadillo**. After the Ambassadors' Sports Committee reviewed the artist's initial sketches, they made some improvements and are now ready to present Andy to the entire BVS community on Family Day.

•**Fashion Show**: The seniors and elementary students are teaming up to put on a fashion show in which more than fifty enthusiastic students will participate. The proceeds will help a group of girls from Tirrasas obtain their ballet outfits.

•**Olympic Race**: Bring your sports spirit, sneakers, and appropriate running gear: we'll be signing people up at the roundabout for the race. There will be different categories based on age so that every one can participate, and a 1<sup>st</sup> Place medal will be awarded in each category.

•**First Aid Lecture**: Members of the Red Cross (Cruz Roja) will be on hand to give short lectures on first aid. Afterwards parents can sign up to receive a formal training at BVS. Thank you to Volvo and Grupo Los Tres for sponsoring this.

•**Food from Nine Different Countries**: Enjoy international cuisine from nine different countries, none of which are the same as last year. So be ready for some new culinary adventures.

•**Food Allergy Education**: Would you know what to do if someone around you had a severe allergy attack? Visit the Food Allergy Stand to get up to speed on this important health topic.

•**Traditional Dance Club**: Sign up to learn traditional Costa Rican dance and have fun doing it, too.



## ACADEMIC NEWS

Good educators know that students learn better by doing and at BVS we stimulate and encourage this practice to allow critical thinking and creativity in the learning process. Sixth B social studies students studying evolution with Ms. Salazar were asked to design an ideal species that would survive in specific environmental conditions (climate, type of terrain, predators) if the biggest threats for survival were lack of food or water. After presenting their new species, they answered questions about the relationship

between environment and adaptation and why the changes took place. BVS Content Standard is "Justify the need for adaptation to a new environment with five changes in behavior or body structure of a known animal becoming a new species with special functions for survival." The enduring understanding of the unit will be that species evolve because of survival of the fittest in new environmental conditions. Sitting in class to read a paragraph in the textbook, with the teacher explaining it, should be an exceptional method; the text can be assigned to read at home to discover the technical words for what they have learned in a project.

Enlarged version in Attachments.

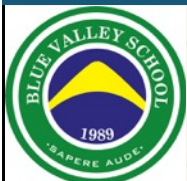
### How Do We Learn?





## STUDENT COUNCIL INAUGURATION CEREMONY

Following the Costa Rican democratic model, we will celebrate tomorrow from 12:15 to 12:45 the Student Council Inaugural Ceremony. Valeria Soto, current president will pass the presidential band to Jimena García, elected president for the 2016-2017 term. Middle and high school students will attend as witnesses with students from friend schools as special guests. Welcome, OHANA!



## SOCIAL STUDIES AND SCIENCE FIELD TRIP



On April 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, the students of our three sixth grades (6A1, 6A2, and 6B) have an inquiry field experience in the surroundings of the Rincón de la Vieja to visualize, understand, and apply what they have learned in the classroom. They will be interacting with an equivalent group from Colegio Los Nogales in Bogota to explore the geographical landforms, features, and biodiversity of nature in the physical environment.

## COSTA RICAN MATH OLYMPIAD

Enrollment for the XXVIII edition of the Costa Rican Mathematical Olympiad ends the first week of May. BVS students that are interested in participating can enroll with Arick Dickerman (87 20 51 02) to get the preparation materials and provide their data. There are three levels of participation: 7<sup>th</sup> (Level I), 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> (Level II), and 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, and 12<sup>th</sup> (Level III). The competition is divided in 3 phases: 1<sup>st</sup> elimination round is in June, 2<sup>nd</sup> in September and the final is a camp in November.

## CAREER DAY

On Wednesday April 20<sup>th</sup>, high school students will participate in Career Day. Tenth and eleventh graders will attend four conferences beginning at 8:45, by different professionals according to the schedule they selected beforehand. This year, ninth graders join the activity at 9:30, starting with a conference by CINDE entitled "Careers with the most demand," and later attend the rest of the conferences they have chosen. At noon, tenth and eleventh graders meet in the cafeteria for information from private universities visiting us. In Attachments, the schedule and presenters for the day.

Nombre	Conferencia	Horario
Ana Beatriz Argüelles	Medicina	8:45-9:30
Erika Hätt	Medicina	8:45-9:30
Federico Apóstegui	Economía	8:45-9:30
Lorna Peraza	Robótica	8:45-9:30
Montserrat Chacón	Odontología	8:45-9:30
CINDE	Carreras de mayor demanda (solo novena)	9:30-10:15
Sofía Capra	Public Communications	10:30-11:15
Oscar Molina	Publicidad	10:30-11:15
Carolina García	Educación Preescolar	10:30-11:15
Mauricio Quirós	Publicidad y Diseño Gráfico por Work Collective Creativo	10:30-11:15
Marisol Chavarría	Nutrición	10:30-11:15
Alejandro Burgos	Derecho	10:30-11:15
Pamela Jensen	Psicología	10:30-11:15
Mariana López	User Experience Designer	10:30-11:15
Giancarlo Pucci	Entrepreneurship	10:30-11:15
Fernando Ocampo	Comercio Internacional: ¿Cómo se desarrolla esta carrera en el mercado laboral?	11:15-12:00
Luis Diego Quirós	Arquitectura (U.Vértices)	11:15-12:00
Eugenio Vargas	Derecho	11:15-12:00
Marco Gómez	Ingeniería Mecánica y Aeroespacial	11:15-12:00

## EDMODO TO BE THE OFFICIAL MEANS OF MASS COMMUNICATION FOR EMERGENCIES

The Edmodo network is currently used in middle and high school for posting academic assignments. From now on, we will begin using the application available for mobile devices as a means of mass communication for emergencies related to the institution. We will provide guidelines to all BVS community: teachers, administrative personnel, students, and parents, on how to configure and implement the application on individual mobile devices.



## BATTLE OF GENERATIONS

The outgoing student council, under president Valeria Soto, invites middle and high school students to participate tomorrow from 8:45 am until noon in the battle of generations. Students must wear the assigned color t-shirt to participate in games and activities. Thanks to PEPE for an excellent year!



# REMINDERS

There is still time to sign up for the **SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS** mandatory for preparatory and first grade students at ASEBVS office Tel: 22 15 02 38. Cost: ¢12 000 for both.

**REPORT CARD DAY** is tomorrow. Montessori students don't come to school, and the rest of the school is dismissed at 12:45. Remember, school fees must be paid by Wednesday.

**EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS:** Our 9 B and 10 A pre-calculus group and the 10 B and 11 A calculus group will be tested on Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 am at the UCR. We are very sure of their success!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

•**Fifth B** is collecting used books of all genres to be sold during Family Day at symbolic prices. Proceeds will go to BVS community service fund. Students will be accepting your kind donations every morning at the roundabout, where students are dropped off, or at room #12.

•**NHS** will sell snow cones for ¢500 next Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> during breaks and lunch. Enjoy!

## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Interested students in participating at the Humboldt School M.U.N. on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> can sign up with Arick Dickerman at [arick.dickerman@bluevalley.ed.cr](mailto:arick.dickerman@bluevalley.ed.cr). The fee is \$25.



## SPORTS

COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
Británica vs BVS	soccer	H.S. boys	April 14 <sup>th</sup>	1:40	3:15	Pick up at BVS at 5:00
Royal vs BVS	volleyball	H.S. girls	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	11:00	Pick up at BVS at 3:00
BVS vs Liceo	volleyball	H.S. girls	April 15 <sup>th</sup>	10:30	1:00	Pick up at BVS at 3:00

RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
Campestre vs BVS	soccer	4 <sup>th</sup> to 7 <sup>th</sup> boys	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6-21	Friendly	Good match
West vs BVS	Fut-sala	H.S. boys	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	2-3	Friendly	Hard to win
BVS vs St. Jude	soccer	H.S. boys	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	6-0	ACEP	Excellent score
BVS vs Sta. Teresa	soccer	2004-2005 boys	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	ACEP	Tight game
BVS vs Sta. Teresa	soccer	2006-2007 boys	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	7-1	ACEP	Great win
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	2A, 3 <sup>o</sup> & 4 <sup>o</sup> boys	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	6-12	Friendly	Good achievement
BVS vs Amadita	soccer	2008 boys	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	3-2	ACEP	Extraordinary game

### Filed Trips of the Week

Second A1	Elderly Home Joaquín & Ana	Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 n to 2:30 pm
Montessori C1 & C2	La Pacaya Farm	Thursday, April 14 <sup>th</sup>	8:15 am to 11:00 am
Montessori B1 & B2	La Pacaya Farm	Friday, April 15 <sup>th</sup>	8:15 am to 11:00 am
Second A1	Elderly Home Joaquín & Ana	Tuesday, April 19 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 n to 2:30 pm

**THE FACULTY VOTED FOR A PERCENTAGE MINIMUM USING THE AVERAGE OF BOTH SEMESTERS AS THE REASON FOR EXEMPTION FROM SEMESTER EXAMS IN SECONDARY, WITH THE CUT AT 91% OR MORE IN ALL SUBJECTS.**