



*FAMILY DAY IS  
SATURDAY, APRIL 16<sup>th</sup>*



Bulletin No. 9

SPRING SEMESTER

APRIL 5, 2016

## **MONTESSORI ADMISSION FOR JULY 2016**

See you tonight at 6:00 pm. Remember that children presently in Montessori do not have lessons on Thursday, April 7<sup>th</sup>.

**TE ESPERAMOS  
EN EL STAND DE  
BRASIL**

**PARA SABOREAR LOS MÁS  
RICOS PLATOS TÍPICOS Y  
DISFRUTAR LA GRAN FIESTA!**

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MONTESSORI**

### **WEDNESDAY LECTURE**

Tomorrow, Ms. Abril Gordienko will visit us to explain her proposal for a reform to help Costa Rica out of the current stagnation. It will be an interesting forum to promote more dialogue on the topics we have maintained throughout the semester. The invitation is open to everyone.



## LAST WEEK'S WOWS

- **Julia Umaña, Preparatory B**, showed exemplar behavior during assembly by enthusiastically singing the national anthem with great respect and correct posture. Great role model for all of us!
- **Marielena Álvarez, 2 A2**, took the initiative to bring a balloon as a gift for a classmate who was sad because his had popped by accident the day before. What a nice gesture of empathy!



## ACADEMIC NEWS



In middle school, the Spanish Department is focusing on enhancing reading comprehension of non-literary texts as a tool to develop the students' research skills. They have been reading different topics of national and international interest at various reading levels to address different analytical strategies. For example, Eighth A worked this month on newspaper articles about different perspectives on *Exploitation and Protection of Natural Resources*; Eighth B chose *Food, Sports, and Health*. In class, students analyzed the vocabulary, the structure of the text, and the connection between ideas; they also applied deduction techniques and concepts of logic such as agreement and disagreement and

kinds of arguments. Finally, they presented their conclusions in writing on an individual basis. Applying critical thinking and practicing written expression of their ideas!

## MEP ESTABLISHES 2016 AS THE “YEAR OF THE FIGHT AGAINST BULLYING”

With the theme Zero Bullying, MEP declared that “bullying is a form of violence which strongly affects the educational environment, manifesting in repetitive and abusive behaviors or conducts with the intention of causing harm by part of one or more persons towards one or more people, who are in a state of vulnerability.” At Blue Valley, harming someone, either physically, emotionally, or psychologically is not acceptable. Nevertheless, it is also important to distinguish when it is NOT a case of bullying, such as when the action was accidental, there has been no systematic attack to an individual, or if the harassment is not repetitive. With the objective of providing students with the tools to solve their conflicts by talking and negotiating, Blue Valley implemented the use of Restorative Practices, an approach that seeks to create connections, strengthen the community, and repair the harm that an incident has caused. On Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, Mr. Miguel Tello will conduct a workshop directed to parents on the application of circles for conflict resolution. All our staff has been thoroughly trained, and teamwork proves to be very important. We will offer more details upon parents' response showing their interest on this topic by completing a brief survey [here](#).

## KANGAROO COMPETITION

Last Thursday, 6A, 6B, and 8A students participated in the Kangaroo International Mathematics Competition. We commend them on their effort, wish them the best, and anxiously wait for the results to celebrate what we have learned and examine new concepts!



## LICE EPIDEMICS ARE ENDEMIC

Again, we have several elementary students' hair with lice. In Attachments, find important information on lice prevention and treatment by Dr. Daniel Fernández. We kindly ask parents to consistently check their sons' and daughters' hair and if they see lice or tiny white eggs (nits), they must follow the treatment mentioned to avoid infecting others and help us control lice propagation. Long hair worn in a braid is the best form of prevention.

## EXTERNAL ASSESSMENTS

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

## ATTRACTING OUR PARENTS TO SCHOOL

To strengthen the bonds within our community, we have opened the possibility of having after-school courses for parents at BVS. Now 3 more new courses are available. Check Attachment for details.

## COLLEGE PREP

A delegate from the University of Navarra (Spain) will visit us tomorrow April 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am in the College Prep office. Interested students are invited; teachers' permission to attend is required.



## REMINDERS

**NATIONAL CLEFT PALATE CAMPAIGN:** ¢500 donations are welcome during this month.

**FIFTH GRADE MUSICAL:** We look forward to seeing 5<sup>th</sup> grade moms willing to help with scenery and costumes at a meeting on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:15 pm in the Enrichment classroom.

## REPORT CARD DAY IS ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>

- **Elementary and secondary** students will take their reports home on the 13<sup>th</sup>. Parents of students with grades lower than 70% must collect them from 1:30 to 3:30 pm to discuss issues with the respective teachers. All students are dismissed as is usual on Wednesdays, at 12:45 pm.
- **MONTESSORI** reports to parents from 8:00 am to 12:45 and 1:30 to 3:30 pm (Montessori A orally). Therefore, MONTESSORI STUDENTS DON'T COME TO SCHOOL ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13<sup>th</sup>.
- **PREPARATORY:** oral report only, from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.

## AKAMAI VISIT

Celebrating International Women's Day, Akamai brought an expert from the United States, Ms. Liz Borowsky who demonstrated to our Fourth B students the many ways in which the Internet contributes to facilitate our daily events. We thank our community leaders for those contributions that they so frequently offer for our continuous improvement. Two Habits of Mind were emphasized: *Creating, Imagining, and Innovating and Questioning and Posing Problems.*



## MODEL UNITED NATIONS

From April 1<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> MUN was at Lincoln School. Led by their professor, Arick Dickerman, Alejandro Domínguez, Monserrat Barrón, Juan Diego Almeida, Andrés Velázquez, Sebastián Schmack, Giuliana Jurado, Michael Stroud, Couloir Hanson, José Leonardo Brenes, Isabella Castillo and Nicole Proudfoot represented us well and Laura Zajackowska won Best Delegate! Great!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

As part of their community service, on April 12<sup>th</sup>, half of 2 A1 students are going to the Elder Home Joaquín & Ana, where they will share with the elders a nice time of games and birthday celebrations.

## SIGHT AND HEARING TESTS

All children in preparatory and first grade must have on file the evidence of healthy sight and hearing to rule out learning problems due to an anomalous condition. ASEBVS offers to perform the tests at school from April 21<sup>st</sup> to April 26<sup>th</sup> at a cost of ¢12 000 for both. Tel: 22 15 02 38.

## 2016 SCHOOL PHOTOS

Pictures were taken last week. Parents who wish to pay their children's photo can do so by paying ¢14 000 at ASEBVS office or by a money transfer. See details in Attachments.

## SPORTS

COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	4th to 7th boys	April 4 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 5:00
BVS vs Sta. Teresa	soccer	2004-2005 boys	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	12:30	1:00	Pick up at BVS at 3:00
BVS vs Sta. Teresa	soccer	2006-2007 boys	April 7 <sup>th</sup>	1:30	2:00	Pick up at BVS at 3:00
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	2A, 3 <sup>o</sup> & 4 <sup>o</sup> boys	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	1:00	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 5:00
BVS vs Amadita	soccer	2008 boys	April 8 <sup>th</sup>	2:30	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 4:00
RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	4th to 6th girls	April 5 <sup>th</sup>	30-10	Friendly	Need extra effort

## Filed Trips of the Week

Second A1 and A2	Olimpika gym	Wednesday, April 6 <sup>th</sup>	10:15 am to 11:45 am
IB Art group	PopArt Exhibit - Escazú	Thursday, April 7 <sup>th</sup>	11:40 am to 2:30 pm
Second A1	Elderly Home Joaquín & Ana	Tuesday, April 12 <sup>th</sup>	12:00 n to 2:30 pm