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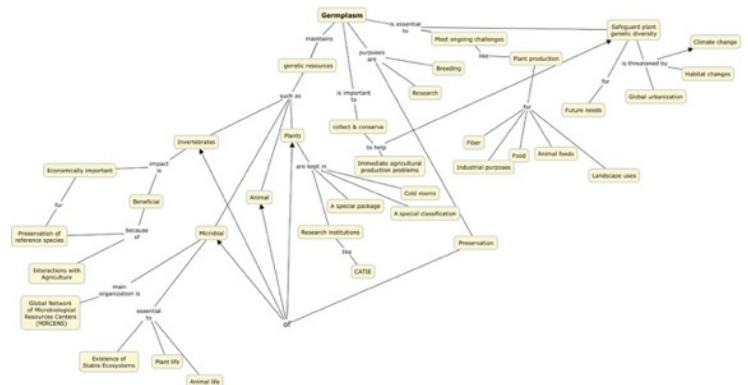
ANTICIPATING THE 2016 OLYMPICS IN FAMILY DAY



To warm things up for the 2016 Olympics in Brazil, the physical education department is preparing different types of races for Family Day. Our ambition is to see parents, teachers, guests, and students participating in the qualifying events according to age to determine who goes to finals to win the respective gold medal! Wear the appropriate shoes and enjoy competition between friends, colleagues and peers! We have medals for the winners!

ACADEMIC NEWS

Eighth A students are using concept maps in their research course with Ms. Mateo. A concept map is an academic tool that allows proper assessment of students' learning when the issues are not memorized facts but students' creative ideas (students can depict their own associations and conclusions). They also provide a great way to organize the concepts they have identified through their research to eventually find connections among them. In Attachments, find examples of the eighth graders' concept maps (enlargement of the picture and an additional one) to organize their brainstorming as they start their research for the mini-thesis they will defend at the end of Eighth B. They have used the digital application, Cmap Tools, since they were in elementary school.



STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to OHANA and its newly elected President Jimena García! Our best wishes for your government in the upcoming year! Our appreciation also goes to all who were involved in the process. A 35.98% absenteeism indicates that we have not been able to change mentalities.

Jimena García (11A), center, is surrounded by her Vice-president, Gonzalo Adis (11A); Luciana Bonilla (7A) Alternate 2, Ingrid Pinto (9B) Treasurer, and Benjamin Fernández (8A) Alternate 1. Not-pictured: Andrea Capmany (9A) Comptroller, and Ernesto Aguilar, (10A) Secretary.

MONTESSORI ADMISSION FOR JULY 2016

On Tuesday, April 5th at 6:00 pm, Mrs. Urbina will address parents of children who will be at least three and a half years old by July 2016 interested in the BVS philosophy. Attendance is a prerequisite for admission. Following, parents may request the invitation with the time for their child's visit on Thursday April 7th. Since Montessori teachers will be involved in admissions:

children presently in Montessori do not have lessons on Thursday, April 7th.

LAST WEEK'S WOW

Paula Castro, 5B, went out of her way during the lunch break to help a classmate that was struggling with a math assignment. She helped her until it was finished! That's empathy and understanding!



END OF THE BIMESTER AND REPORT CARD DAY

The first bimester ends on Thursday, April 7th with report cards distributed on Wednesday, April 13th.

STUDENTS ARE DISMISSED AT 12:45 ON REPORT CARD DAY.

MONTESSORI CHILDREN DO NOT COME TO SCHOOL AT ALL ON THIS DATE.

- **MONTESSORI:** Teachers will hand out the reports to parents (Montessori A only oral) from 8:00 am to 12:45 and 1:30 to 3:30 pm. For individual meetings, parents must call doña Elza for appointments. Those who can't come at all may pick up the report card two days later, without a conference.
- **PREPARATORY:** These students do not receive a Report Card until the end of the semester, but if parents want an oral report, they can call for an appointment or come freely from 1:30 to 3:30 pm.
- **GRADE SCHOOL AND SECONDARY SCHOOL:** All students, except those with grades lower than 70%, take their report cards home. These students' parents must come pick up the reports and speak with the corresponding teacher. Teachers will be available to all parents from 1:30 to 3:30 pm. Please respect the teachers' lunch break from 12:45 to 1:30 pm by not making requests at this time.

In order to receive or collect the report cards, school fees must be paid.

OUR STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS



INTERNATIONAL MATH OLYMPIAD: We wish the best to Marco Cabrera, 11B, who for the second year in a row will represent Costa Rica at the International Math Olympiad, now in Hong Kong! Great!

BALLET: We are very proud of Lucía Castro, 9A, who has been selected as a regular student at the prestigious Joffrey Ballet School of New York.



¡Marco is not only a mathematician! Here he is (left) with Daniel de Matheu, the team that won the first place in Robotics at the INNOVA Olympics.



DIGITAL LEARNING

Ms. Cordero, our Digital Learning coordinator, is the expert who works with our teachers to integrate technology into our curriculum (as opposed to simply using technology in the classroom.) Before spring break she led 30 teachers from public schools and special needs institutions through training on the iPads they got from GBM. It's the "Un Gol por la Educación" program in which Blue Valley School and Lincoln School offer pedagogical support. We share what we have! A special recognition to Mr. Mora for his support.

THEORY OF KNOWLEDGE PRESENTATIONS

We invite the BVS community to these presentations according to the following schedule:

March 28	Camila Fernández, Ricardo Solano, Alejandro León-Páez	The arts in the Costa Rican educational system	8:00-8:40 Rm 22
March 29	Paula Vanegas, Gloriana Rodríguez, Romina Rodas	Making decisions: Different biological approaches on vegetarianism	8:00-8:40 Rm 32
March 30	Adrián Soto, Rebeca Flores, Giugliana Protti.	The effect of the case of the 43 missing students in Ayotzinapa on people from different cultural backgrounds.	8:00-8:45 Rm 22
March 30	Antonio Maklouf, Melissa Campos, Ignacio Blanco	Same sex marriage in Costa Rica that has actually occurred due to an error in the national legal system	8:45-9:30 Rm 33
March 31	Roberto Hidalgo, Marianne de Bedout, Daniela Morales	Variations of Legal Ages according to the social and cultural context	1:00-1:40 Rm 40
April 4	Verónica Mesalles, Ricardo Padilla, Isabel Jiménez.	The limitations and benefits of having an elite group in power	8:00-8:40 Rm 22
April 5	Mariamalia Brenes, Renata Nakahara	The case of abortion in microcephaly: natural science, human science, and	8:00-8:40 Rm 32

WEDNESDAY LECTURE

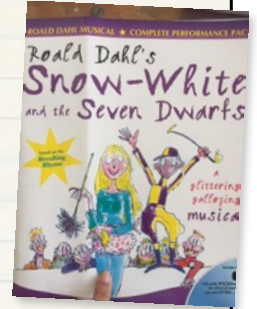
Mr. Eli Feinzaig will address the students on why he thinks that freedom leads to progress.

REMINDERS

- **ADMISSION PROCESS FOR COSTA RICAN UNIVERSITIES** ends on April 8th. See Ms. Ardón.
- **2016 PHOTOS:** Pictures will be taken during this week. Students must wear regular uniform.

FIFTH GRADE MUSICAL

We began with the planning for this year's musical "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs." We invite 5th grade moms willing to help with scenery and costumes to a meeting on Tuesday, April 12th at 2:15 pm in the Enrichment classroom.



BOOK MONTH CLOSURE

For the last week of Book Month we invite our community to wear a black shirt on Thursday and power off their electronics for the day and read! Tomorrow at 1:00 pm in the library we will show "1,000 Years of Joy," a story about poet Robert Bly. It's been a terrific month, celebrating books!

NATIONAL CLEFT PALATE CAMPAIGN

At the request of the Ministry of Education, we will receive donations of ₡500 or more for this noble campaign during the month of April in Montessori and the front desk. Find flyer in Attachments.



FROM THE CAFETERIA

Remember to give *Like* to Facebook page Ana Salazar Cafetería Blue Valley. Find surprises!

SPORTS

SUN EXPOSURE: To avoid ultraviolet rays, we request students to use sunblock and caps.

COMING GAMES	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	LEAVE	GAME	COMMENT
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	4 th to 7 th boys	April 4 th	1:00	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 5:00
Campestre vs BVS	basketball	4 th to 6 th girls	April 5 th	1:00	3:00	Pick up at BVS at 5:00

RESULTS	SPORT	CATEGORY	DATE	SCORE	TOURNAMENT	COMMENT
PAS vs BVS	soccer	H.S. girls	March 15 th	5-1	ACTION	ACTION ended
BVS vs Sta.Teresa	soccer	2008 blue boys	March 15 th	7-0	ACEP	Excellent match
BVS vs CRCS	soccer	4 th to 6 th girls 4	March 16 th	5-1	ACEP	Very good
BVS vs Sta.Teresa	soccer	2006/7 blue boys	March 16 th	3-0	ACEP	Good game
BVS vs Sta.Teresa	soccer	2004/5 blue boys	March 16 th	7-1	ACEP	Excellent
BVS vs CDS	soccer	H.S. boys	March 16 th	1-3	ACTION	Great effort

Field Trips of the Week

11B Biology class

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March 30th

5:30 am to 12:15 pm

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Monday, March 28th

8:00 am to 8:40 am- Room #22

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8:00 am to 8:40 am- Room #32

"Making decisions : Different biological approaches on vegetarianism"(Paula Vanegas, Gloriana Rodríguez & Romina Rodas)

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"Same sex marriage in Costa Rica that has actually occurred due to an error in the national legal system"

(Antonio Maklouf, Melissa Campos & Ignacio Blanco)

Thursday, March 31st

1:00 pm to 1:40 pm- Room #40

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(Roberto Hidalgo, Marianne de Bedout & Daniela Morales)

Monday, April 4th

8:00 am to 8:40 am- Room #22

"The limitations and benefits of having an elite group power"

(Verónica Mesalles ,Ricardo Padilla & Isabel Jiménez)

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8:00 am to 8:40 am- Room #32

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