

**BUENA VISTA  
SEVENTH-DAY  
ADVENTIST SCHOOL**

**CALENDAR**

- Oct. 12—8th  
Grade Field Trip to  
Issaquah Salmon  
Hatchery
- Oct. 16—NO  
SCHOOL, Profes-  
sional Develop-  
ment Day
- Oct. 19-23—Week  
of Prayer
- Oct. 21—Picture  
Retake Day
- Oct. 23—Last Day  
of 1st Quarter
- Oct. 25—Fun Fair,  
3-6pm
- Nov. 5—NO  
SCHOOL, Parent/  
Teacher Confer-  
ences
- Nov. 12—2nd/3rd  
Grade Field Trip to  
Museum of Flight
- Nov. 13—8th  
Grade Dedication,  
7pm at AAA  
Church



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additional BV info and  
pictures.

# Thursday Thoughts

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## Menu October 5 - 9

### Oct. 5

Chili,  
Southwest salad,  
Dinner roll,  
Ice cream bar

### Oct. 6

Chik nuggets,  
Rice pilaf,  
Green beans

### Oct. 7

Spaghetti,  
Salad,  
Carrots,  
Garlic bread

### Oct. 8

Pizza,  
Salad,  
Pineapple

### Oct. 9

Chik burger,  
French fries,  
Applesauce



## Fall Fun Fair

This year's Buena Vista Fun Fair takes place on Sunday, October 25th, from 3-6pm at the school. There will be lots of amazing food and exciting game booths. Please invite your family and friends!

Room parents have started communicating with their classes this week regarding Fun Fair (emails, Jupiter, and Remind). **Volunteers are needed!** Please look for information from them regarding help needed for the classroom booths. If you have further questions, please contact Home & School Leader Norma Salazar at [floreitalb@yahoo.com](mailto:floreitalb@yahoo.com).

This year, Fun Fair will be counted as a **day of school**. Students will need to check in to have their attendance recorded. We understand it may not be possible for all students to attend. If your student is unable to make it, it will be recorded as an excused absence.



Edgar the BV Eagle wants to travel the world with you. His suitcase is packed, and he has his passport. If you are planning a trip, why not take Edgar along as well? Take pictures of Edgar wherever you go, and send them to the school. They will be used in social media posts to show Edgar (and Buena Vista) traveling the world! If you are interested in having Edgar join you on an adventure, contact the school office to make a reservation. Please note that a parent must be the one to come to the school to pick up Edgar.

## Business Support



Buena Vista appreciates the support of our families and community, and we would love to be able to support you as well. Do you have a business or service you would like to promote at Buena Vista? Feel free to bring your business cards to the school to be displayed in the office. This can be a great way to support one another!

## Horseback Riding Lessons



Calling all horse enthusiasts! Horseback-riding lessons are now offered at Sunset Lake Camp in Wilkeson, WA. Instructor Ella Hoffman is accepting new students ages 4 and up for classes ranging from beginner to advanced riders. The cost is \$85 per hour for private individual lessons and \$60 per rider per hour for groups of 3 or more. For more information, or to sign up for lessons, contact Ella Hoffman at email [ellarhoffman@gmail.com](mailto:ellarhoffman@gmail.com) or cell phone 360-761-8386.

## Substitutes Needed



Do you have a heart for Adventist education? Do you enjoy spending time with children? Buena Vista is looking to increase our substitute teacher list for this year. Applicants do not need to have a teaching certificate, but they must pass a background check and complete employment paperwork. For more information or to start the application process, please contact Mr. Morgan at [principal@bvsda.org](mailto:principal@bvsda.org).



God arms me with strength, and He makes my way perfect.  
He makes me as surefooted as a deer, enabling me to stand on mountain heights.  
Psalm 18:32-33

## VOLUNTEER



# Volunteer Opportunities

This year, Buena Vista is continuing the parent volunteer program. We are asking each family to contribute 10 hours of service per year (5 hours for single parents). We say Thank You to the many families who have already started helping and earning their hours. Each week, we will provide a list of ways your family can earn their volunteer hours. Check out the list below:

1. Vacuum a classroom once a week, once a month, or whatever fits your schedule (contact the teacher for available dates).
2. Sign up to help at Fun Fair Oct. 25th (set up, clean up, or booth help during the event).
3. Be a crossing guard in front of the school one morning a week from 7:40-8:10am.
4. Chaperone a field trip (must have an approved background screen through the WA Conference).
5. Attend Home & School meetings.
6. Coach a BV sports team.
7. Plant flowers, pull weeds, and anything else to make our campus beautiful.

Don't forget to fill out a volunteer hour report form after each time you volunteer. This is how to receive credit for your hours. Forms are available in the school office and on the last page of each week's Thursday Thoughts.

If you have any questions, or have ideas for other volunteer opportunities, please contact Home & School Leader Norma Salazar at [floreccitalb@yahoo.com](mailto:floreccitalb@yahoo.com).



## Technology Help

At Buena Vista, we are continually looking for ways to enhance our students' learning environment, prepare them for the future, and thoughtfully integrate modern technology into our classrooms and operations.

We would like to invite 2 or 3 passionate and interested parents to serve on our Technology Committee. The Technology Committee brings together educators, administrators, and parents to evaluate our current technology infrastructure, discuss educational tools and digital safety, and help guide strategic technology planning for our school community.

The committee meets by Zoom the first Thursday of every month (excluding December, June, and July), from 7pm-9pm (usually complete the agenda by 8pm).

While a background or experience in technology (such as IT, software, cybersecurity, digital media, or educational tech) is particularly helpful, any parent who is enthusiastic about supporting our school's technology vision is welcome to participate!

If you are interested in joining or have any questions about serving on the committee, please reach out to Mr. Morgan at [principal@bvsda.org](mailto:principal@bvsda.org) as soon as possible. All volunteer hours count towards your family's volunteer service hours for the school year.



## Parent Prayer Ministry



"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much" (James 5: 16). The prophet Elijah prayed earnestly that it would not rain and it didn't rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.

Can you imagine what our school, our teachers and our students could accomplish if they had people praying on their behalf? Lives would be changed, strongholds broken, and so much more. The possibilities are endless! If you love praying, believe in the power of prayer, and would like to be a part of the Buena Vista and Auburn Adventist Academy parent prayer group, please join us every Tuesday morning at 8:15am at Auburn Adventist Academy Church, directly across the street from the academy. You don't have to be a parent to participate in the prayer group. Come ready to PRAY.

If you have any questions, contact the Parent Prayer Group Coordinator, Garcia Jean-Baptiste, at 206-250-4506.

## Prayer Box



Students and parents are invited to bring their prayer requests and praises and place them in the prayer box located in the hallway near the office next to the drinking fountain. These prayers will be prayed over each Tuesday morning by the Parent Prayer Ministry group. Prayer is an important part of Buena Vista, and we invite everyone to use this box as they need.



## Closure Notification

When school must close due to weather, power outages, or other emergency situations, parents will be contacted through Buena Vista's web-based notification system. This includes texts messages and emails to families regarding emergency and non-urgent announcements. Buena Vista will follow the Auburn School District regarding school closures or late starts for weather and emergency conditions. There will be no before-school care on late-start days. Not signed up to receive BV text messages? Text "Yes" to 79041 to get started.

## Prearranged Absences



Throughout the course of the school year, you may find that your child needs to be absent from time to time. The Buena Vista handbook states, "Buena Vista is bound by Washington State law to maintain regular attendance and punctuality records. Reasonable allowances will be made for absences and tardies, but the only state-recognized excuse for missing school is illness of the student or death in the immediate family."

Buena Vista asks that parents fill out the Pre-arranged Absence Form prior to any missed days of school in order for the absence to be excused. These forms can be found in the school office and on the Buena Vista website.

Students who go on vacation but have not submitted a Pre-arranged Absence Form prior to departure will have their absence listed as Unexcused. Any illness will still be considered an excused absence.



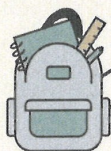
Save the (New) Date!  
 Auburn City Church warmly invites our  
**Buena Vista families** to join us for our annual  
**Children's Sabbath on November 7!**  
**Guest speaker Nitza Salazar will be with us**  
**as we celebrate and uplift our kids!**  
 Bring the whole family—we would love to have  
 you worship and celebrate with us!  
 Contact Jackie Langi at 253-592-5306 for any  
 questions!



# When is your child too sick for school?

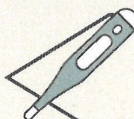
School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

## Send your child to school if they...



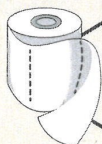
Don't feel great but are able to participate in normal activities.

## Keep your child home if they...



Feel sick and have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, test positive for flu or COVID-19, or can't participate in normal activities.

Have thrown up in the past 24 hours.



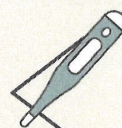
Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.

Have a rash of unknown origin. They can return to school when a healthcare provider says it's okay.



Have an oozing sore or wound you can't cover or contain.

## Call a healthcare provider if they...



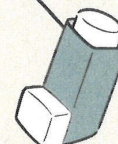
Have a fever of 100.4°F or higher for more than 2 days.

Throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.



Have the sniffles for more than a week and aren't getting better.

Have asthma symptoms after using asthma medicine. If they have trouble breathing after using an inhaler, call 911.



*This is general guidance. Schools, healthcare providers, or the Health Department may advise differently based on individual circumstances.*



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*Adapted from Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department in partnership with the WA State Department of Health*

## Buena Vista SDA Parent Volunteer Program

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades: \_\_\_\_\_ Check-in Time \_\_\_\_\_ Check-out Time \_\_\_\_\_

Date when hours completed: \_\_\_\_\_

### Service Time Hours for Buena Vista SDA Elementary School

To keep tuition costs down and bring about a spirit of community, cooperation and service, each school family is expected to give a service time and participate in parent activities and fundraisers. Services time will be a total of ten (10) hours for each family, five (5) for single parent families and T-K. With prior approval, students ages 12 and up can assist with providing volunteer hours if parents are unable to be present. Hours counting for AAA services do not count toward BV Service hours.

**Submit completed forms to the office.** For program questions contact Norma Salazar at [florecitaib@yahoo.com](mailto:florecitaib@yahoo.com). For hours submission and tracking questions contact Yolanda Diga at [yolandadiga84@gmail.com](mailto:yolandadiga84@gmail.com).

| Volunteer Opportunities | Total Hours/Min | Special Events                                 | Total Hours/Min |
|-------------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Classroom Aide*         |                 | Fun Fair                                       |                 |
| Sports                  |                 | Booster Run                                    |                 |
| Field Trip Chaperone*   |                 | Yard Sale                                      |                 |
| Tutoring*               |                 | Auburn Kids Day                                |                 |
| Hot Lunch Preparation   |                 | Committee's Member                             |                 |
| Recess Monitor*         |                 | Crossing Guard                                 |                 |
| Office help             |                 | Graduation Assistance                          |                 |
| Teacher Requests        |                 | Guest Lecturer                                 |                 |
| Work Bee Sundays        |                 | Event Support                                  |                 |
| Area Beautification     |                 | **Other: (Mr. Morgan/Home School Pre-Approval) |                 |

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Designated Point of Contact Signature\***

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Print Name/Date**

Teacher/Staff /Home & School Officers

\* Please Note: Background check via Washington Conference (Sterling Volunteers), Video training and volunteer agreement. See the office for more information on background check process.

\*\*In lieu of volunteering, purchasing needed/requested supplies for the school is accepted. Each \$15 in value converts into one hour of volunteer services. Please check with your school office/teacher for pre-approval and do not drop off unsolicited items. (receipt required to receive this credit and may not be submitted for school reimbursement).

Service period effective first day of school to June 4, 2027. Any service time after this date will be credited to the following year. Unearned service time will be calculated at the rate of \$15 per hour, payable to Buena Vista SDA School and will be billed on the last school year billing cycle.

Thank you for your support and contribution. BV SDA School Board and Home & School Association