

**BUENA VISTA
SEVENTH-DAY
ADVENTIST SCHOOL**

CALENDAR

- Oct. 16—**NO SCHOOL, Professional Development 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**
- Oct. 28—**TK Field Trip to Thomasson Family Farms**
- Nov. 5—**NO SCHOOL, Parent/Teacher Conferences**
- Nov. 9—**8th Grade Field Trip to Issaquah Fish Hatchery**
- Nov. 12—**2nd/3rd Grade Field Trip to Museum of Flight**



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Thursday Thoughts

WE TREASURE EACH CHILD AS A GIFT FROM GOD

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OCTOBER 15, 2026

Menu October 19 - 23

Oct. 19

Penne pasta w/red sauce & cheese, Salad, Green peas

Oct. 20

Hash brown potatoes, Chik nuggets, Mandarin oranges, Dinner roll

Oct. 21

Bean burritos, Salad, Corn

Oct. 22

Pizza, Salad, Peaches

Oct. 23

Hotdogs, Tater tots, Applesauce



No School Friday

There is no school tomorrow, October 16th, due to a Professional Development Day for teachers. Students may enjoy a 3-day weekend!

Picture Retake Day



This year's school picture orders were sent home last week. Picture retake day is **Wednesday, October 21st**. Pictures will take place first thing in the morning. If you ordered pictures but would like retakes, please bring in your entire picture package (with no missing pictures) to give to the photographer when the retake is done.

If you missed picture day in September, you will need to have your picture taken on Retake Day. These pictures will be in our yearbook, and we don't want anyone left out! Order forms are available in the school office.

Fall Fundraiser Update



Buena Vista wants to give a very big "THANK YOU" to everyone who shopped, donated, and supported our students during the fall fundraiser. We are excited to announce our students raised \$7,900 for our school! We greatly appreciate everyone's support.

Student prizes and purchased items will be delivered to Buena Vista on Monday, October 19th. If you have items to pick up, please plan to do so on Monday. A text message will be sent out once the items are ready to go.

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.

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.

Upcoming Conferences



Parent/Teacher conferences are scheduled for Thursday, November 5th. This year we will take one full day for conferences instead of two half days. There will be no school for students that day. Students will not need to come on campus unless they join parents for their conference. Appointments can be scheduled through the office from now until October 30th. Appointments made after that day must be scheduled with the teacher directly. Please schedule your appointment right away to ensure a time that works for you.

Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect.

Romans 12:2

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. **NEW:** Spring garage sale volunteers (organization committee members needed)
2. Vacuum a classroom once a week, once a month, or whatever fits your schedule (contact the teacher for available dates).
3. Sign up to help at Fun Fair Oct. 25th (set up, clean up, or booth help during the event).
4. Be a crossing guard in front of the school one morning a week from 7:40-8:10am.
5. Chaperone a field trip (must have an approved background screen through the WA Conference).
6. Attend Home & School meetings.
7. Coach a BV sports team.
8. 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 floreitalb@yahoo.com.



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 or cell phone 360-761-8386.

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.

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!



Calendar Change!

Buena Vista will hold two Christmas programs in December instead of one program. Please take note of the following change:

Grades TK-4: Wednesday, December 2, at 6:30pm at Auburn Adventist Academy Church

Grades 5-8: Thursday, December 17, at 6:30pm in the Buena Vista Gym.

The students are working hard to present a wonderful program to you. Please make note of this important change.

BV Basketball News



Basketball season will begin soon for boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. Practices will be held Monday-Wednesday starting November 2nd. The boys' team will be coached by Victor Samuels, and the girls' team will be coached by Angel and Ivana Ogando. The season for grades 5 and 6 will begin in February.

Basketball contracts, including specific practice times and prices, will be passed out to students next week.



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.

8th Grade Snack Shop



The class of 2027 is raising funds for their Fun Days at the end of the school year. They are selling items every Wednesday. One week will be various snacks while the next week will be popcorn (choice of original or seasoned). Snack items range from \$1.00-\$3.00. Popcorn is \$2.00 for original, \$3.00 for seasoned. Here is the schedule:

October 21—Popcorn

October 28—Snacks

November 4—Popcorn

Send a few dollars with your child on Wednesdays, and help support the 8th grade class!



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!





8th grade

hmmmmmm... What are we selling this year?

BUY SNACKS!!



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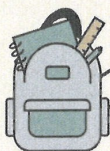


EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

When is your child too sick for school?

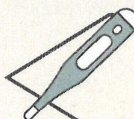
School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

Send your child to school if they...



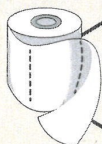
Don't feel great but are able to participate in normal activities.

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.



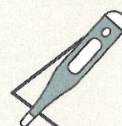
Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.

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...



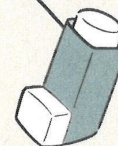
Have a fever of 100.4°F or higher for more than 2 days.

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.



Washington Office of Superintendent of
PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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. Service 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. For hours submission and tracking questions contact Alaina Omiti at alainaclutters@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