



BUENA VISTA
Seventh-day Adventist School

Thursday Thoughts

We Treasure Each Child As A Gift From God

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OCTOBER 22, 2026

WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Oct. 26

Chicken taco casserole,
Salad,
Green beans

Oct. 27

Potato soup,
Blueberry muffin
Orange slice

Oct. 28

Tater tot casserole,
Salad,
Corn

Oct. 29

Chik nuggets,
Mashed potatoes,
Fresh fruit,
Dinner roll

Oct. 30

Griller burger
French fries,
Apple slice

CALENDAR

Oct. 23--Last Day of
1st Quarter

Oct. 25--Fun Fair,
3:00-6:00pm

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

Nov. 13--8th Grade
Dedication, 7:00pm
at AAA Church

Nov. 19--4th Grade
Field Trip

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!

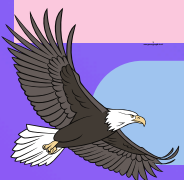
Room parents are still looking for volunteers to help at the food and game booths. Please look for information from them regarding what help is still needed. If you have further questions, please contact Home & School Leader Norma Salazar at floreitalb@yahoo.com.

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.

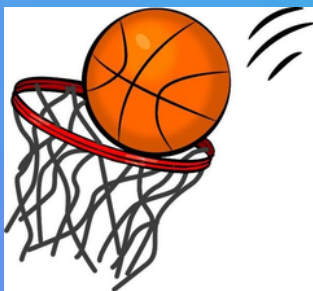


Upcoming Conferences

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.



*Every word of God proves true. He is a shield to all who come to Him for protection.
Proverbs 30:5*



BV Basketball News

Basketball season will begin soon for boys and girls in grades 7 and 8. Boys will practice Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday from 5:30-7:00pm with Coach Victor Samuels. Girls will practice Monday and Wednesday from 3:30-5:30 with Coaches Angel & Ivana Ogando. Tryouts will take place November 2-4. Watch for information packets to come home with students who are interested in playing.

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@bvsvda.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-\$3. Popcorn is \$2 for original, \$3 for seasoned. Here is the schedule:

October 28--Snacks

November 4--Popcorn

November 11--Snacks

Volunteer Opportunities

Buena Vista's parent volunteer program is a great way to feel connected to your child's school. Each family must 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.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 check)
- 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. Question? Contact Home & School Leader Norma Salazar at floreitalb@yahoo.com.



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 BV? 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!

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 Prearranged Absence Form prior to departure will have their absence listed as Unexcused. Any illness will still be considered an excused absence.

IMPORTANT



Calendar Change

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

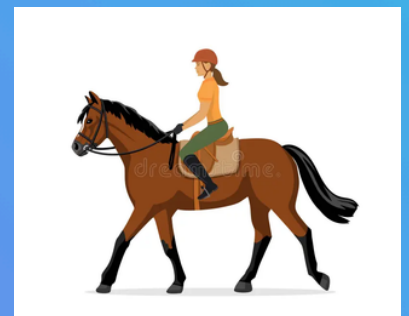
Grades TK-4 perform Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:30pm at Auburn Adventist Academy Church.

Grades 5-8 perform Thursday, December 17th, 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.

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 Ells Hoffman at ellarhoffman@gmail.com or 360-761-8386.





Save the Date!

Auburn City Church warmly invites our Buena Vista families to join us for our annual Children's Sabbath on November 7th! 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 if you have questions.





8th grade

hmmmmmm... What are we selling this year?

BUY SNACKS!!



\$1-\$3

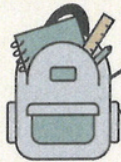


EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

When is your child too sick for school?

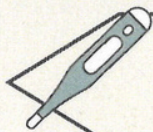
School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

Send your child to school if they...



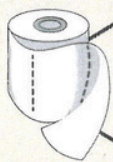
Don't feel great but are able to participate in normal activities.

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.



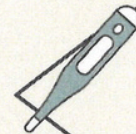
Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.

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.

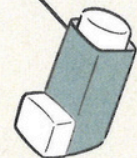
Throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.



7 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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PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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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. 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