Thursday Thoughts

BUENA VISTA
Seventh-day Adventist School

We Treasure Each Child As A Gift From God

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Nov. 2	Nov. 3	Nov. 4	Nov. 5	Nov. 6
Spaghetti, Salad, Green beans	Bean burritos, Salad, Corn	Pizza, Salad, Pineapple	NO SCHOOL Parent/Teacher Conferences	Sloppy Joes, French fries, Applesauce, Cookie

CALENDAR

Oct. 31--AAA Fall Festival at AAA Gym, 7:00-9:30pm

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. 16--7th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Flight

Nov. 19--4th Grade Field Trip to Museum of Illusion

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 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.

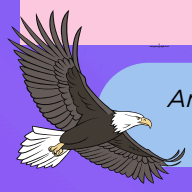
8th Grade Dedication

On Friday, November 13th, Buena Vista will dedicate the class of 2027. The ceremony begins at 7:00pm at Auburn Adventist Academy Church. Everyone is invited to attend and support the class. For those who cannot make it, the service will be live-streamed on the Auburn Adventist Academy Church YouTube site.

Safety Request

Mornings can be quite chaotic as everyone races to be at school on time. In an effort to keep our students safe, please do not drop them off in the road or across the street in the mornings. This blocks traffic and can also increase the risk of your child being hit by an oncoming car as they cross the street. The school has received reports of speeding drivers who are not looking out for students as they pass the school, so please slow down and watch out for our students.

In addition, please remember that disabled parking stalls are legally reserved exclusively for vehicles displaying a valid disabled person parking permit or license plate. Thank you for respecting these spaces and keeping them open at all times for individuals who need them.



And who can win this battle against the world? Only those who believe that Jesus is the Son of God.
1 John 5:5

BV Basketball News

Basketball season will begin next week 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. Information packets were given to students last week. Additional packets are available in the office. All forms and payment are due no later than November 9.

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

November 4--Popcorn

November 11--Snacks

November 18--Popcorn

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 whateve fits your schedule (contact the teacher for available dates.
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 check)
5. Coach a BV sports team
6. Plant flowers, pull weeds, and anything else to make our campus beautiful.

Don't forget to fll 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 las page of each week's Thursday Thoughts. Question? Contact Home & School Leader Norma Salazar at florecitalb@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 imediate 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.

Calendar Change

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

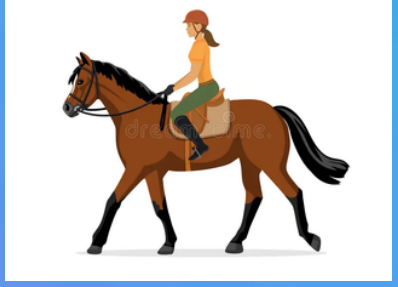
Grades TK-4 perform Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:30pm at Auburn Adventist Academy Church.

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



Edgar the Eagle

Edgar the 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.

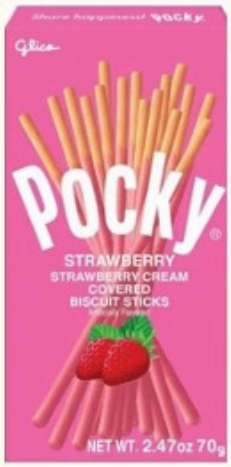
Save the Date!
Auburn City Church warmly invites our Buena Vista families to join us for our annual Children's Sabbath on November 7th!
Guest speaker Nitza Salazar will be with us as we celebrate and uplift our kids!
Bring the whole family--we would love to have you worship and celebrate with us!
Contact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

8th grade

hmmmmmmm... What are we selling this year?

BUY SNACKS!!

$1~$3

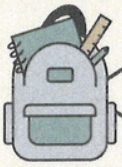


EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

When is your child too sick for school?

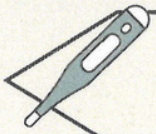
School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

Send your child to school if they...



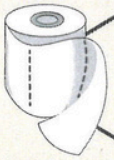
Don't feel great but are able to participate in normal activities.

Keep your child home if they...



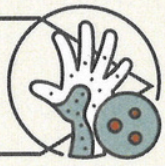
Feel sick and have a fever of 100.4°F or higher, test positive for flu or COVID-19, or can't participate in normal activities.

Have thrown up in the past 24 hours.



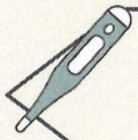
Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.

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



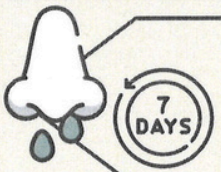
Have an oozing sore or wound you can't cover or contain.

Call a healthcare provider if they...



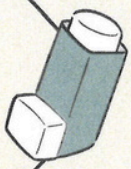
Have a fever of 100.4°F or higher for more than 2 days.

Throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.



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)	

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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