BUENA VISTA
Seventh-day Adventist School

Thursday Thoughts

We Treasure Each Child As A Gift From God

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WHAT'S FOR LUNCH?

Nov. 30	Dec. 1	Dec. 2	Dec. 3	Dec. 4
Lasagna, Salad, Green beans	Baked potatoes, Chik nuggets, Broccoli, Strawberry cupcake	Pizza, Salad, Pineapple	Hotdogs, French fries, Applesauce	Tortilla casserole, Spanish rice, Salad

CALENDAR

Nov. 20--NOON DISMISSAL, Thanksgiving Break Begins

Nov. 23-27--Thanksgiving Break

Dec. 2--TK-4th Grade Christmas Program, 6:30pm at AAA Church

Dec. 10-13--Journey to Bethlehem, AAA Church

Dec. 17--5th-8th Grade Christmas Program, 6:30pm at BV Gym

Dec. 18--NOON DISMISSAL, Christmas Break Begins

Dec. 21-Jan. 1--Christmas Break



Buena Vista Christmas Programs

Buena Vista students are working hard to prepare for this year's Christmas programs. There is so much they want to share with you that we have decided to have two programs instead of one. Here is the information for both programs:

1. Grades TK-4 will perform on Wednesday, December 2nd, at 6:30pm at Auburn Adventist Academy Church. If possible, students need to wear church clothes in Christmas colors (preferably red, white, green, and black).
2. Grades 5-8 will perform on Thursday, December 17th, at 6:30pm in the Buena Vista gym. If possible, students need to wear dressy black and white clothes. It does not need to be formal, but please try to avoid jeans and t-shirts.

We look forward to two special evenings of music showcasing what our students have learned so far this year. Please remember this performance counts toward each student's class grade.

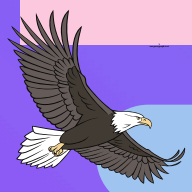


Lost and Found

Our lost and found collection is overflowing! There are several coats and hoodies that are hanging in the hallway waiting to be claimed. Non-clothing items can be found in the office. If your child is missing a coat, lease feel free to come in and check the lost and found rack. Items not picked up by December 18 will be donated to charity.

Buena Vista will dismiss at noon tomorrow, November 20th, for Thanksgiving vacation.





Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! His faithful love endures forever.
1 Chronicles 16:34

Holiday Service Project

Last month, Buena Vista had the pleasure of hearing Dr. Tom Evans, director of Child Impact International, talk about how his organization is helping children and families around the world. Buena Vista has decided to partner with Child Impact International to help free a family from slavery in Pakistan. Here is what the organization has to say about this mission:

"Families deserve to live free from forced labor and abuse. Our Free a Family initiative frees families trapped in modern-day slavery and provides them with everything they need to begin a new, hope-filled life. With your gift of $5,500, a family's debt will be paid in full, their food and housing costs are covered for six months while we help them find a new job. The harsh conditions of the brick factory cause many medical issues, especially for children and older adults. Free a Family funding also covers medical care for sick and disabled family members. Throughout this transition, they are mentored by our staff and provided with spiritual care."

From now until December 18th, jars will be in each classroom to collect dollars and coins for this project. Our goal is to raise $5,500 to free one family. Donations can also be made at this link:

https://support.childimpact.org/Campaign/FreeAFamilyP2P/Fundraiser/BuenaVistaSchool

Together, let's see if we can be the answer to a family's prayer. Will you join us in helping set a family free?

CHILDIMPACT INTERNATIONAL



Tickets on Sale

Journey to Bethlehem is back, and tickets are officially on sale! The journey runs from December 10-13, and tickets are just $12 (plus fees). Slots are filling fast, so order yours today!

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your friends and family to experience the story of Christmas. Whether you're coming for yourself or encouraging others to join, your support makes a difference.

For tickets, scan the QR code or visit https://aaaachurch.ticketspice.com/j2b.

Dress Code Reminder

We have had several dress code violations in the past few weeks. Please remember the following:

1. Clothes that display writing or images which are not in harmony with Christian standards are not permiitted. This includes rock-group/rapper photos and emblems.
2. All pants should be modest and appropriate in fit, style, and condition. Spandex/stretchy exercise pants are not allowed.
3. All tops must have a modest neckline and must cover the midriff at all times.

Thank you for helping our students abide by the school dress code.



Scholastic Book Fair

Buena Vista is pleased to announce this year we are a launch customer for Scholastic's new Christian-themed Book Fair! The fair will run in the BV library on the following dates:

Monday, November 30, 9:00am-3:30pm
Tuesday, December 1, 9:00am-3:30pm
Wednesday, December 2, 9:00am-3:30pm

This will be a great opportunity to purchase Christian-themed Christmas gifts, all while supporting the Buena Vista library.

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:

December 2--Snacks

December 9--Popcorn

December 16--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 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.

Decorate Our Tree

It's time to decorate the Christmas tree in the entryway of the school! Students, we need your artwork, drawings, paperchains, snowflakes, and any other colorful, crafty ornaments you can make. The more color the better! Please bring them to the office and help make our tree and entrway beautiful!



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.



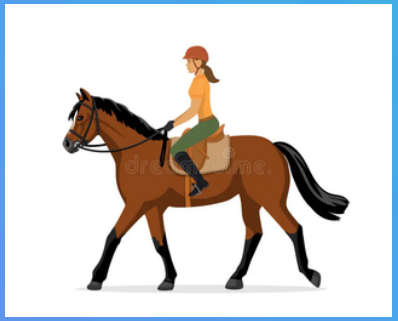


Closure Notification

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 text 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.

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.

FRESH BAKED

SOURDOUGH

AVAILABLE FOR THANKSGIVING!

$12-15 PER LOAF



CLASSIC SOURDOUGH — $12

A tangy, crusty sourdough loaf with a delightfully chewy crumb.

ROSEMARY GARLIC — $15

A fragrant sourdough loaf infused with fresh rosemary and garlic

JALAPEÑO CHEESE — $15

A spicy and savory sourdough loaf packed with bits of jalapeño and melty cheese

PUMPKIN SPICE — $15

A rich sourdough loaf brimming warm pumpkin puree and cozy cinnamon and spice

Order By Nov. 21!

Use the QR Code!

509-619-3647

mrgriswold2011@icloud.com

https://forms.gle/ib5PesG6nxPL1yfU7

Pick-up Nov. 24
Auburn Academy Adventist Church

All Proceeds

to benefit Auburn Aviators Pathfinders for the 2029 International Camporee!

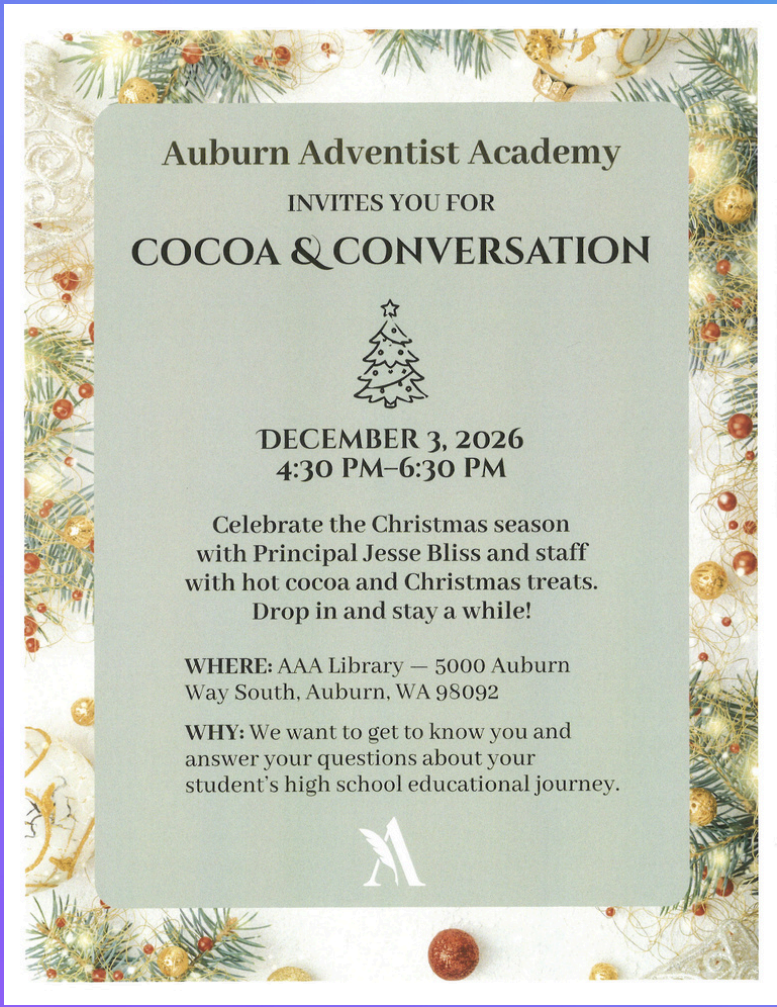


Auburn Adventist Academy News

The Silent Night

Kick off the Christmas season this December at The Silent Knight! This youth Christmas musical is brought to life by AAA students, who have taken the lead in putting together and directing this special production. We would love for you to join us for an evening of Christmas music, storytelling, and holiday spirit! Admission is FREE, but tickets must be reserved in advance using the link below.

When: December 4 & 5 at 6:00 PM
Where: Puyallup SDA Church
Reserve Your Free Tickets: https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/silent-knight-play-tickets-2004684638719





8th grade

hmmmmmmm... What are we selling this year?

BUY SNACKS!!



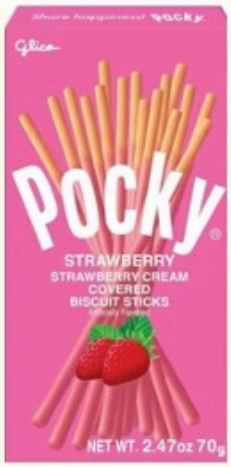






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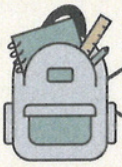


EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY

When is your child too sick for school?

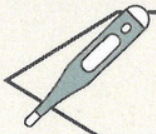
School attendance is a powerful predictor of school success and on-time graduation. Research shows that when students miss fewer than 10% of their school days, they have much stronger success in school. Use these tips to tell when your child is too sick to attend school.

Send your child to school if they...



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

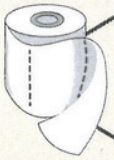
Keep your child home if they...



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.

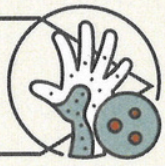
Have thrown up in the past 24 hours.





Have diarrhea and increased stool frequency.

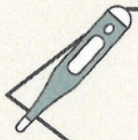
Have a rash of unknown origin. They can return to school when a healthcare provider says it's okay.





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

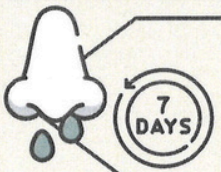
Call a healthcare provider if they...



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

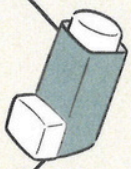
Throw up or have diarrhea for more than 2 days.





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. 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