

BUENA VISTA ANNOUNCEMENTS
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From the Principal

Hola,

I hope you all had a great winter break. It has been great to get started back to school this new year. I love it when the children are here. We had a great in-service day on Jan. 3. We spent time looking at curriculum for our math and the full immersion programs. We discussed curriculum alignment for language arts and looking at best practices for teaching in language arts in both Spanish and English. We also received training on using the COW (computer on wheels) and learned the new report card system. It was a busy day and time well spent.

We have a large number of students who are tardy to school. The final bell rings at 8:20. Your child needs to be dropped of **no later than 8:15** to make it to class on time. If you would like your child to eat breakfast, please have them here at **8:00**. We start class promptly at 8:20 and your child misses vital learning when they are late, plus they are learning bad work habits. We had one student, when asked by a parent from the school why they were late say "Oh, no reason. I'm always late." Tardiness is a horrible habit for a child to learn from us. It is also disrespectful to classmates and the teacher to be interrupted by late arriving students. Please make the effort to get **your child here on time**.

The artist, Paul Otte, will be working with us from January 20th- February 16th. Each class will be completing a full sized wall banner. We are in need of volunteers. We need "artist helpers" who spend the whole day with the artist and volunteers for individual classrooms. He does not work with us on Wednesdays, so we would love your help Monday, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. If you can help, please call Julie Mohler at 686-5167 or email me at blake@4j.lane.edu.

We need your help. If you walk your dog at the school during off school hours, could you make sure you take home any dog "droppings" your dog leaves behind. Even though Pete is very diligent in looking for such "treasures" we are having a terrible time with dog "droppings" being tracked into our school after recess.

I want to thank you all one more time for your generous giving last month. The book fair was our largest ever (with total sales of \$9400) which greatly benefits our library, the giving baskets made Christmas special for over 50 people, and the donation to the COW makes it so very useful for our students.

Thank you to Julie Testi for her gift of time and talent. The mural she painted for the library is beautiful and brightened up a very dreary wall.

You are all amazingly generous. Thank you, thank you, and thank you.
Take care, Sra. Blake

Chickenpox? Strep Throat?

Please notify school office promptly if your student is diagnosed with these or with another communicable disease. Occasionally, we have other students for whom these conditions can be quite serious or life threatening.

Also, chickenpox can be very serious for adolescents, so if your middle school child has not yet had chickenpox, a vaccine is now recommended and required for school attendance.

Thank you!
Robin Wellwood, RN

Library News

Happy New (Books) Year! The first shipment of books resulting from the success of the book fair will be arriving very soon. We are very excited to add new books to our library collection! Thank you for your part in making the book fair a success!

Are you interested in helping in the library? Volunteer opportunities are always available. Contact Mary at 338-4380 or livermore_m@4j.lane.edu if you are interested in volunteering. In addition to the many book related tasks in the library, we are currently seeking a volunteer for **Tuesday mornings at 9:45** to help students. Contact Mary if you can help.

A small prize from the library is on the way for your students. Every student with a good library record will receive a small prize and eligibility for some poster prizes. Students with books that are more than a month overdue at the end of January will not only miss out on prizes, but parents will need to pick up the end of term report card from the principal's office. Notices will start going home next week if your student has a long overdue book. Please help your child return overdue books!

If you haven't been to the library recently, be sure to stop by to see the large poster that was custom painted by parent **Julie Testi** and her helper, **Jolene Steppe**. It's "out

January Calendar	
16	MLK Jr. Day-NO SCHOOL
31	BVPO Meeting @ 6 PM

VERY IMPORTANT

If a sibling of a BV student is intending on enrolling in first grade for the 06-07 school year, the family MUST fill out a school of choice application. If no form is filled out, the next years first grader will be put on the waiting list.

Little League

The dates to register for any girl or boy age 5 (by deadline) and up for children in the Sheldon region are Wed. Jan. 18 from 6 to 9 PM in the cafeteria and Sat. Feb. 4 from 9 to noon in the cafeteria.

THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped at the Scholastic Book Fair. Thanks to each of you (and all the shoppers!) the fair was a success again this year - raising \$3,000 for the library and of course, providing great reading materials for our students and teachers.

We plan to have another Book Fair next year - same time, same place. I welcome any comments or help with planning! :)

Thank you again,
Brenda Large



Save Time and Money!

Hundreds of parents have registered with the free SchoolPool service to find convenient carpool partners. When you register, you'll receive a free list of other registered families at your student's school that live near you. Simply register online via Smart Ways to School at www.swts.ltd.org or call 682-6213. You'll definitely save money on gas, and you can save time on days when your carpool partner drives!

Walk or Bike in a Group!

Students get great exercise when they walk or bike to school. And it's safer and more fun when they travel in a group! Smart Ways to School can help you find other students' families to form a group. Our services are free! Call us at 682-6212 for more information.

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Volunteers Needed:

Round two of our Artist in Residence. Paul Otte again needs parent volunteers to help with the next project.

1st grade: Field Jan. 19 and 20 @11:45 and Jan. 23 @11:45
1st grade: Knudson Jan. 19 and 20 @1:00 and Jan 23 @1:00
3rd grade: Whitted Jan. 24, 26 and 27th @10:25
2nd grade: Long Jan. 30, 31, and Feb. 2 @11:45
4th grade: Hebert Jan 30, 31, and Feb. 2 @1:00
4th grade: Myers Feb. 6, 7, 9 @9:00
5th grade: McFadden Feb. 6, 7, 9 @10:45
2nd grade: Downes Feb. 13, 14, 17 @9:00
3rd grade: Cedarlund Feb. 13, 14, 17 @10:30
5th grade: Colon Feb. 13, 14, 17 @12:45

Please let BJ or Julie Mohler (juliejmo@aol.com) know if you are able to help. Thanks to all who helped in December! Thanks in advance to those of you who will help this round.

Free Dental Care

Does your student have cavities that need repair? Has it been over a year since your child has visited a Dentist? Do you lack dental insurance? Is money the reason you are not visiting a Dentist?

If you answer yes to the above questions please contact your school nurse, Robin Wellwood, pager 710-0345, or leave a message at your student's school. We have several programs to help students with dental care. One program, available soon, is many dentists are volunteering their time and offices on Friday, Feb. 10, 2006 to see students that need dental care. Paperwork will need to be completed prior to appointment times being assigned. Transportation by volunteers may be available if a parent is unable to provide.

I may be looking for parent volunteers to attend dental appointment for students. If you are willing to help please contact Robin Wellwood, RN at 710-0345.

From the BVPO

Happy New Year!

Scrip & E-scrip- Several parents met to discuss ways to operate scrip and e-scrip more efficiently, create more exposure via marketing and increase volunteer help and parent participation. A lot of great ideas came out of this meeting. These meetings are open to everyone. If you have constructive suggestions and/or want to help, contact Michael Caprai @ michaelcaprai@cmfsg.com or 541-349-9322..

We have had a couple of e-scrip registration sessions utilizing the C.O.W. This is an easy way to raise funds for the school. Just register and shop and the money comes in. You can get your family registered as well. If you need assistance, keep your eyes open for more registration times TBA or call Beth Junge.

Cartridges for Kids- Please keep your recyclable items coming in. The school receives money back. If you own or know of someone who would be willing to donate printer cartridges and other items, contact Leann Holley at 541-915-9239. She will register the business, pick up and ship the items.

Come by the next "Coffee Chat" in the cafeteria after child drop off and celebrate the new year by meeting some new parents and enjoy some coffee. TBA

Volunteer Help Needed;

Traffic control- We are seeking help in expanding coverage for traffic shifts. This is a great way for Dad's to get involved without a huge time commitment, one or two shifts a month. **Remember, drive safe, pull forward and don't leave your vehicle unattended long the front while dropping off or picking up your child.**

Technology- We are posting BVPO and school info on the bulletin board outside of the Principals office and online at <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/buenavista/index.htm>. These are great resources for getting involved, finding contact info and monitoring events and schedules. Take a look!

TALENT SHOW ANYONE????????

We have had an awesome coordinator in the past to facilitate this great event that showcases your child's talents. We need someone to fill this position for this years event. If this is YOU, we need to hear from you ASAP! Contact Michael Caprai at michaelcaprai@cmfsg.com or 541-349-9322.