

# From the Principal

Dear Buena Vista Families,

We have had a fantastic start of the year. Thank you for all your positive support as we get school started. We so appreciate your patience with us as we wait for our front office desks, trying to figure out in which box we might find that. By Monday we should have our new desks and be semi-settled in.

Great news! The district got a once in a life time deal on COW's (computer on wheels), so both Buena Vista and Meadowlark received a 15 laptop COW. A COW is a portable system that has a wireless access point so all the computers are able to have internet access. The teachers will be using the COW to support technology integration into the classroom and for Oregon State Assessment testing. The staff at Buena Vista is thrilled.

Thank you for doing such a wonderful job in our parking lot. Just about everyone has been following the traffic guidelines of:

- Entering via Queens Way and exit through the back gate onto Norwood. Even if you park in the parking lot by the playground, please exit through the back gate.
- If you are the first person to pull up in front of the school for pick up in the front, please pull all the way forward to the corner.
- It is fine to form two lines along the front of the building for after school pick up, as long as you stay in or near your car.
- When waiting in front of the school to pick up your child after school, stay in or close by your car.
- If you want to go into the school to pick up your child, park in the west parking lot.
- Pull all the way forward when waiting for your child in the front of the school. If a car leaves, please continue to pull forward as far as possible.
- If you will be picking your child up in the front of the school, please encourage them to come out quickly.

I truly appreciate all your efforts to keep our traffic flow safe and to be thoughtful of other parents and families. We have a few volunteer needs. Please read the rest of this newsletter carefully for many of those needs. One that we need soon is a parent volunteer in the cafeteria every day. It is a fun way to see all the children and an extra pair of hands and eyes are so needed. If you can help, please call Julie Mohler at 686-5167. We also need one parent who can come in once a week for one to two hours to laminate for us. If you are interested in doing this, call me at 687-3368 or email me at blake@4j.lane.edu.

We have a great website that has a lot of parent friendly information. The web address is <http://schools.4j.lane.edu/buonavista/index.htm>. If you have suggestions for additions to our website, please email Ruth at [mann@4j.lane.edu](mailto:mann@4j.lane.edu).

Our Site council meets the 4th Monday of the month at 3:00. Your site council members are Linda Hansen, 683-9542 and Wendy Laing, 485-1507. You are welcome to visit site council any time. The focus of Site is school improvement and discussing general school issues that come up. If you have anything you would like to have discussed at Site, please come to the meeting or call Linda or Wendy.

Gracias, Sra. Blake

## September Calendar

- 20 BV Curriculum Night
- 23 Sally Foster fundraiser begins
- 27 BVPO meeting @ 6:30 pm
- 30 Coffee Social @ 7:30 am

## October Calendar

- 7 Head lice check @ 8:20 am
- 14 NO SCHOOL. State inservice day
- 14 Subasta Latina Dinner Auction
- 14 Sally Foster orders due
- 25 BVPO meeting @ 6:30 pm

## From the BVPO

Welcome back to another exciting year at Buena Vista! Hopefully many of you were able to attend the coffee social the first Friday of school. A special thanks to Brenda Large who made this happen. We will be having another on September 30<sup>th</sup> in the outside cafeteria hallway.

As I begin my duties as President of the Buena Vista Parent Organization, I would like to take this moment to say thanks to Lori Tokatly for all her hard work with the BVPO and for assembling such a great group of people to work with on the board, and to all of the people who stepped up to serve on this years board. The parents of Buena Vista should be proud to have such hardworking, committed people dedicated to making this a great school and giving our children, which is what it is all about, an awesome experience while they're here.

There are a lot of exciting things happening this year including our first annual school auction "Subasta Latina" Friday, October 14th. If you are interested in helping with the auction, or need tickets contact Holly Herbert.

Keep your eyes open for our "Cartridges for Kids" recycling contest. This program promotes environmentally friendly practices and earns the school money. We can all participate and businesses can get involved as well.

We have a new Healthy Living coupon book available through Ann Giles. A portion of the proceeds go back to the School.

We are seeking help in expanding coverage for traffic shifts. This is a great way for Dads to get involved without a huge time commitment, one or two shifts a month. To sign up for shifts, contact Julie Mohler. Remember, drive safe, pull forward, and don't leave your vehicle unattended along the front while dropping off or picking up your child.

There are many ways to get involved in making this year awesome without having to commit your whole life. For more info contact me at

# IT'S SALLY FOSTER TIME!



Sale  
will run from  
Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>  
through  
Oct. 14<sup>th</sup>

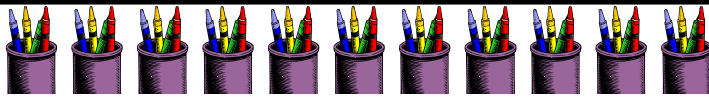
Delivery is  
scheduled  
for Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>

Questions: Diane Tilby @ 343-5816

## Volunteer Opportunity

Not exciting or glamorous but much appreciated!  
Volunteers are needed for head lice checks the first Friday  
of each month at the beginning of the school day.

For more details or to sign up, please contact Lisa  
Rodrigues at 683-8690 or dlhl@att.net.



## School Supplies

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the pre  
purchase of school supplies this year. All of the supplies have  
been delivered to the classrooms.

We would like to especially thank Nancy Loughran, Marci Brinks  
and Kristina Padgett who spent many hours over the summer  
shopping for and sorting the supplies.

Due to the extraordinary efforts of our shoppers, we find our  
selves with a surplus in the school supply account. We will use  
this money, in part, to offset the cost of supplies for those  
participating again next year.

Remember to let us know if you pre purchased supplies and you  
receive a request from your child's teacher for an additional item.  
We will purchase these items for you and deliver them directly to  
the classroom.

Be sure to contact us if you have questions or comments on how  
we can improve the process for next year.  
Mary Livermore 338-4380 or Tami Miller 688-9501.

## "Coffee Chat"

Friday, September 30, 2005  
7:30am - 9:30am

Come enjoy a hot drink and visit with other parents!  
Full service coffee cart - DONATED BY FULL CITY!!  
Questions? Call Brenda Large at 686-4263



## Desperately Seeking. . . . . Traffic Control Volunteers!!

Needed: Parents who would be willing to help control our parking  
lot, before and/or after school. You don't have to commit for the  
whole year, maybe just a month at a time. Let's face it. We all  
complain about it so why don't we try to make this a better situation  
for all, especially for the safety of our children. Please consider  
helping. We currently only have 3 volunteers and we need about 10.  
If interested, please contact Julie Mohler ASAP at 686-5167 or  
[juliejmo@aol.com](mailto:juliejmo@aol.com).

## !Subasta Latina!

Get your tickets to the Subasta Latina

### Dinner and an Auction!

Friday, October 14, 2005  
5:00 Silent Auction begins  
7:30 Silent Auction ends  
Dinner

\$25/person - covers meal, facility fees  
Seating is limited so purchase yours NOW!

TO PURCHASE TICKETS..Look for tickets sellers before and  
after school by the BV doors  
or contact Brenda Large at 686-4263 or bclarge@teleport.com

## *Safe travel, Good exercise, A better environment*

*Smart Ways to School* offers free  
services to help your student walk, bike,  
carpool, or take a bus to school.

### Carpool

Our SchoolPool service connects families who want to carpool to the  
same school. You'll receive a match list of other registered SchoolPool  
families whose students live near you. Register online at  
[www.swts.org](http://www.swts.org) or call 682-6213 to request a form.

### Walk or Bike

We can help you connect with nearby families at your student's school  
to form your own travel group. Your group can travel a designated  
route and pause at pre-arranged places to let more students join the  
group. Globally, it's called a "walking (or bicycling) school bus."

Call 682-6213 to get connected.

### Ride a Bus

Don't have school bus service?

Call 687-5555 to find the best LTD route for  
your student.