

From the Principal

Dear Buena Vista families,

Welcome back! It has been a wonderful start of school. It's like we never missed a beat and are right back on track. It was so good to see everyone at Curriculum night Tuesday night.

There have been a few changes I want to highlight. We have new starting and ending times for Buena Vista. The BV classrooms open at 8:10 and class starts at 8:20. This gives you 15 minutes more in the morning. If you arrive right at 8:10, the Meadowlark traffic is finished and the traffic flow is smooth. If you need to drop off early, the cafeteria is open at 7:45.

Speaking of traffic, when you arrive at the end of school to pick up your child, **please pull all the way forward** if you are waiting in front of the school. Also, **please do not leave your vehicle** if you are in the front of the school. If you want to leave your vehicle and come in, feel free to park at the end of the school in the parking lot. Thank you!

Please welcome our new staff when you see them in the hallway. Sra. Field and Ms. Knudsen (Miss Sarah) are our new first grade teachers. We also have new instructional assistants. Mrs. Weber works on the English side of the school. Sra. Forsman is the new Spanish instructional assistant.

Congratulations to last years BV fourth grade. They entered 2 quilts in the Lane County Fair. One received 3rd place and one received honorable mention. Way to go! Thanks to Nancy Kibbey and Mrs. Myers for working on this project with the students.

Gracias, Sra. Blake

Calendar

September		October	
17	8:30 am Lice check - volunteers needed	4	Deadline for Monthly Scrip Orders
24	Popcorn Friday	7	8:30 am Lice check - volunteers needed
24-Oct 8	Sally Foster Fundraiser	8	NO SCHOOL - Inservice Day
28	7 PM BVPO meeting, library	12	School Pictures
		12	Papa's Pizza fundraiser benefiting the 2005 class trip
		29	Carnival

From the BVPO

Welcome to the start of another great year at Buena Vista. I was pleased to see so many of you at Curriculum Night on Tuesday. If anyone could not make it please feel free to call me or any board member to find out what's new in volunteer opportunities this year.

Please mark your calendar for the first BVPO parent meeting TUESDAY September 28 at 7 PM. We will meet the last Tuesday of each month; a slight change from last year. Hope to see you all there.

Lori Tokatly 345-6541 or tokatly@aol.com

2004 School Supplies Project a Success!

A BIG THANK YOU to all of you who participated in the inaugural year of Buena Vista's group school supply purchase!

If you participated for 2004 the School Supplies committee will purchase any additional supplies your child's teacher requests for the 2004-2005 school year (excluding backpacks, gym shoes and similar items). So if your child brings a note home requesting school supplies, just let a member of the School Supplies committee know and we'll take care of it!

Although the initial intention of the project was to save parents both time and money by purchasing school supplies in bulk, due to some cost conscious shopping we were also able to raise some funds for the Buena Vista Parent Organization.

Look for information for next year's purchase in early spring 2005. If you have questions or would like to volunteer to help next year please contact Mary Livermore (brianmary2@juno.com or 338-4380), Tami Miller (tmsranck@aol.com or 688-9501) or Nancy Loughran (nancy.loughran@comcast.net or 343-3031).

PROTECT *YOUR* CHILD FROM HEAD LICE!

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Once a month head lice checks are performed in all classrooms. Volunteers are needed the *second* Friday of each month at the beginning of the school day. Lice checks take under an hour and are only a once a month commitment. Call Lisa Rodrigues at 683-8690 or email at dlhl@att.net.

I know this is not the most pleasant of jobs, but we really need your help to protect our children - yours included!

Library Volunteers

Do you like books? Do you like working with students? If you answered yes to one or both of these questions, the Meadowlark/Buena Vista Library may be the place for you! Volunteers are needed to assist students with selecting their books and checking their books in and out. In most cases, you have the opportunity to volunteer during your own child's library time. The time commitment is about 45 minutes per week when the library is open. Training is cheerfully provided.

If you are unable to volunteer during a class library time, there are still many opportunities to volunteer in the library. Volunteers are needed for shelving, book repair, cataloguing, shelf reading, book searches, clerical tasks, and much more.

If you are interested in volunteering in the library and haven't already signed up, please contact Mary Livermore (Meadowlark/Buena Vista Library Assistant) at 338-4380 or livermore_m@4j.lane.edu or sign up on the form outside the library. The library schedule will be set soon, training will be provided, and then the library will open.

Many thanks to the volunteers who recently helped prepare the library for opening day including Carolina Curran, Julie Doremus, Lisa Klotter, Shelli Peters, Tami Reichel, and Sandy Spencer,. Special thanks to Shelli who has spent many hours decorating the bulletin boards in the library. Thanks, Shelli! The library looks fantastic!

THINK SCRIP

Your small effort can make a **HUGE** difference!

Stop by and see the friendly Scrip Sellers on Norwood Street before and after school and buy these gift cards:

*Wal-Mart *Safeway *Costco *Hollywood Video
*Fred Meyer *Shopko *Mucho Gusto

Watch for *SCRIP SCHOOL 101*
in future BV Announcements.

Questions? Call Jodie @ 681-9945 or Kris @ 485-5206

Scrip Profits are distributed 75% to School Needs/25% to 5th Grade Trip

Volunteers needed on Norwood Street to sell scrip!

Free Scrip!

There's never been a better time to sign up for eScrip in support of Buena Vista! Signing up for eScrip **costs you nothing**, but provides cash for the school. Presently, Buena Vista receives about \$200 per month from eScrip thanks to the 140 people who are already signed up. That amount could be so much higher if more people registered and if existing registrants updated their accounts.

It only takes five minutes (or less!) to sign up or check your current registration at www.escrip.com. Register your credit, debit, and Safeway cards, and the school will get cash (from the merchant) every time you use the registered cards at participating stores, restaurants, hotels, and other businesses.

To be eligible for a drawing for **\$10 in free scrip**, register yourself and/or encourage anyone you know to register in support of Buena Vista (ID #6268381) by October 1, 2004. Once you register, fill out the slip given out on curriculum night (or write your name, phone number, and the name of the person who signed up on a slip of paper), and drop it in the wooden box outside the office.

If you are already registered for eScrip (thank you!!!), you too are eligible for the prize. Let me know with a note or form in the wooden box outside the office that you have recently updated your registration on-line by double checking your card expiration dates and re-registering your Safeway card. You can get your name in the drawing additional times for anyone you successfully encourage to register for eScrip in support of Buena Vista.

I have been coordinating eScrip sign ups for various organizations for nearly four years and have never heard a complaint about security or junk mail. If you are concerned about security, please go to www.escrip.com for more information or contact Mary Livermore at 338-4380; brianmary2@juno.com.

Good luck winning the prize!

Carnival

October 29, 2004

Volunteers needed for many varied and fun jobs. If you can donate your time and energy for this fun evening, please contact Barb Wagar at 684-9482.

Look for more Carnival information in future newsletters.

DVD's and videos are available for last years Fiesta Cultural. Please call Jen at 683-5445.



Sally Foster is coming!



The sale will run from September 24th to October 8th.

This is a major fundraiser for our school.

Entertainment Books will also be sold at the same time.

Look for the flyer in the Sally Foster packet.

Questions? Call Diane Tilby @ 343-5816