

BUENA VISTA ANNOUNCEMENTS
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From the Principal

Dear Buena Vista Families,

October has been a great month. Subasta Latina was a fabulous success and we all had a great time. The final tally has not been taken, but it looks like around \$30,000 dollars was raised through this wonderful event. The students took their annual trip to Skate World and had a delightful time. Carnival is coming up on Friday, the 28th and Monday each class will celebrate the fall season in their respective homerooms. Added to the fun, is all the learning that's happening. What a busy place.

At BVPO and Site Council we have been having a lot of discussion about our cafeteria. Some people think we are too strict about the noise level, others think we are not strict enough.. As a staff, we have decided to put only one person in the cafeteria to supervise 150 students. To have two people supervising, we would need to pull another instructional assistant out of teaching reading or math for 90 minutes a day. With the very limited Instructional Assistant time Buena Vista teachers have, I believe having it spent with students teaching them essential skills, is the best decision. The one person in the cafeteria has to do everything. She has to supervise behaviors, open food containers, monitor bathroom use, helps students who forgot an item they need and every other job that needs to get completed in the cafeteria. We do have Pete as a support, but he is often pulled away or helping the kitchen staff. We are on a very strict recess/lunch schedule, so releasing students early who finish their lunch is not possible and students do need to sit and wait until their time to be released, which takes a lot of supervision. In light of this, I would ask that you please consider the following:

- Please do not send cup-o-soups that need to be filled with hot water. The cafeteria supervisor must leave the cafeteria to full each soup cup separately with hot water. This leaves the cafeteria unsupervised and puts the supervisor way behind in her duties.
- Please do not send any other item that requires an adult attention to prepare.
- If possible, consider volunteering in the cafeteria **one day a month**, 11-12:30 to help with things like opening food packages, monitoring bathroom use, or getting missing lunch items. If you are interested in helping, please call Julie Mohler at 686-5167.

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October Calendar	
28	BV Carnival
November Calendar	
4	Head Lice Check
7	NO SCHOOL
8-10	Conferences. Early Release at 11:30 am.
11	Veteran's Day. NO SCHOOL.
21-23	Spirit Week
24-25	NO SCHOOL. Thanksgiving.

Conference week is November 7-10. There will be no school on Nov. 7th, conferences will be held on November 8, 9, 10, with 11:30 release on each of those days and no school on Veterans' Day, Nov. 11th. Your teachers are looking forward to meeting with you. The conference is designed for you and your teacher to set goals for your child.

We have had many requests to send information electronically and now we are! If you have email and are not receiving information via your email and would like to, please call Ruth at 687-3368 or email her at mann@4J.lane.edu and she will add your email information to our contact information. I will always put enough information in the subject heading for you to decide whether to read or delete the message.

Take care and thank you for your support of our wonderful school,

Sra. Blake

Reminder

We will have a head check for lice on Friday, Nov. 4th at 8:20 a.m. Could volunteers please meet at the office.

SPIRIT WEEK!

November 21 - 23, 2005

Monday - HAT day (yes, Ms. Blake allows hats this day!)

Tuesday - Favorite T-shirt Day

Wednesday - Red, White and Blue Day

Have fun and show your school spirit!

Library News

Trivia question.....what book was checked out more than any other book in our library last school year? See the end of this section for the answer.

Many thanks to parents for helping students get books back to the library in a timely manner. And many thanks to our library volunteers for making the library a highlight in the week of our students! Special thanks this week to **Angie Dryden** and **Debbie Godek** for continuing with our inventory, to **Julie Testi** for continuing work with our library database, to **Eun Ju Kim** for repairing magazines, and to everyone who has adopted a shelf: **Bethany Bothman, Judy Burke, Kitty Hutchinson, Kerrie Johnson, Lisa Klotter, Monte Olsen, Kristina Padgett, Jae Lee** and **Robin Seno**. There are still dozens of shelves waiting to be adopted! If you are interested in this flexible volunteer opportunity, please contact Mary.

The kindergartners started coming to the library this week. We are still in need of volunteers to help the kinders on Tuesdays at 9:00 and Tuesdays at 12:15. If you can help (even for just the first month), please contact Mary at livermore_m@4j.lane.edu or 338-4380.

The answer to the trivia question is I Spy: Super Challenger.

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For more information call:

Downtown English:

(541) 686-8483

Spanish on the River:

(541) 896-0155

Dates: Nov. 10 - Dec. 15

(5 three hour sessions)

Skip Thanksgiving

Time: 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Where: Downtown English

1035 Willamette St.

Eugene, OR

Days: Thursdays

Cost: \$125

If Thursdays do not fit your schedule, let us know.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



..... is coming!

THEME: The Kingdom of Reading...Where Books Rule!

Sat, Dec 3 and Mon, Dec 5 - Wed, Dec 7

This fair is wonderful because it raises \$\$ for the library AND provides your students with great books!

Watch for more fun details!

Please contact Brenda Large at 686-4263 or bclarge@teleport.com to help or ask questions.

Wanted: Volunteers to help supervise the cafeteria.

Half hour time commitment whenever you can make it. Could be once a week or once a month. Please contact BJ or Julie Mohler if interested. (juliejmo@aol.com) Thanks.