

From the Principal

Dear Buena Vista Families,

We have had a very busy November so far. Sally Foster orders have arrived and because of your generous orders, it was the largest Sally Foster fund raiser we have ever had. Thank you! We had a great turnout for conferences this week. Thank you for taking the time to come in and meet with your child's teachers.

I want to thank the Eugene Korean Association for donating fifteen books to our library. Three of the books are about the country of Korea. The other twelve books are Korean folk tales. The books are written both in Korean and English. This is a wonderful gift to our library. We appreciate the Eugene Korean Association's generosity.

Coming up soon is our yearly book fair. The book fair is a wonderful opportunity to shop for holiday presents and stocking stuffers. Our portion of the proceeds from the book fair go to support our library. The fair will be open 7:30-3:30 December 5, 6, and 7:30-2:30 December 7. It will also be open before and after the 7:30 choir performances on December 6th with FREE gift wrapping with every purchase. On Saturday December 3rd, the book fair will be open from 10:00-2:00. Please tell your friends and relatives to drop by for great buys.

We now have a parent email list. For the past month I have been sending out information to parents via email. If you have not been receiving these emails from me and would like to, please call Ruth at 687-3367 and she will update our information with your email and get you on the list.

We were doing great on traffic at the beginning of the year. Lately the parents who pick up their students have been slipping on the rules. Please don't think these rules are in place because I want to make peoples lives difficult or I just like having lots of rules. They are in place for the safety of the students and for the convenience of all the families. So please follow these rules when picking up after school:

- Stay in your vehicle at **all times** if you pick up in front of the school.
- When cars pull out, please pull forward to make room for other cars to pull in behind. This is much safer than having cars pull into empty spots.
- Do not stop south of the cross walk. If there isn't a place past the cross walk to park, please keep pulling forward. You might have to circle around or park and walk back to the school.
- Do not park in front of any part of the gate at Norwood. This needs to be kept completely clear.

The teachers are very grateful that you and the students are respecting their prep time in the AM by not coming down the halls until 8:10 when the first bell rings. Muchos gracias! We now need to enlist your help in the PM, after school is out. Sometimes our students get a bit rowdy and loud after the bell. We have had parents and staff concerned for the safety of our younger students. If you could help by making sure the students in your sphere of influence are still obeying the school rules of safety while in the halls, we would be most grateful. Our staff is unable to supervise the halls after school as they are usually meeting with parents in their room. Thank you for your help with this.

Take care and thank you for your support and care of our school community. Sra. Blake

November Calendar	
11	Veteran's Day. NO SCHOOL.
15	Picture Retakes
21	Spirit Week. Hat Day.
22	Spirit Week. Favorite T-shirt Day.
23	Spirit Week. Red, White & Blue Day.
24-25	NO SCHOOL. Thanksgiving.
29	BVPO meeting in the Library.

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



..... is coming!

Enter the Kingdom of Reading...Where Books Rule!"

Sat, Dec 3, 10am - 12am, Breakfast and Books!

Mon, Dec 5, 7:30am - 3:30pm

Tues, Dec 6, 7:30am - 3:30pm and 6:30pm - 9:00pm

(Open in the evening for Choir Concert - free giftwrap!!)

Wed, Dec 7, 7:30am - 2:30pm

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

Come enjoy holiday shopping!

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

Where in the World?

Celebrate Geography! November 12 - 18 is National Geographic Awareness Week. This month, check out the aerial photos on display in the school.

There are five photos: two in the hallway by the cafeteria, one on the library door (visible when the door is open), and one in each school hallway. Lift the flap to see if you or your family can correctly identify the location.

These photos were printed for display by Meadowlark and Buena Vista parent, Brian Mladenich.

Lost and Found: Lost and found for the month of November will be put out for perusal and pickup on the last 3 days of the month, November 28, 29, 30. Any items not picked up will be kept for an additional week before being donated to a worthy cause.

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

Meadowlark and Buena Vista Choirs

Did you know we have **three choirs** for Meadowlark and Buena Vista students?

Here's our choir schedule:

Tuesday, After school to 3:45- Boys Choir

Thursday, After school to 3:45- Girls Choir

Friday 6:30-8:00 am- Jazz choir- fourth and fifth grade boys and girls.

We would love to have parent volunteers help with any of the choirs. If you are interested in volunteering or having your child join one of the choirs, please call Chris Dobson at 687-3368 or email him at dobson_c@4j.lane.edu.

From the BVPO

Community Liaison- We are excited to have Jeannine Irving heading up this new position that will reach out into the Hispanic community and the community at large to raise awareness of what our school has to offer.

The Cartridges for Kids recycling contest has been a great way to teach the kids environmentally friendly practices and earn the school money. Contest results will be announced shortly. We can all participate as individuals and businesses can get involved as well. Remember the contest is over but the recycling and earning goes on all year, so keep bringing in eligible items. Contact Leann Holley for more info at 541-915-9239

Keep your eyes open for the next "Coffee Chat" in the outside hall by the cafeteria. Again a great way to meet some new parents and enjoy some coffee.

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 along the front while dropping off or picking up your child.*

Cafeteria- We are working with Meadowlark to get 31 volunteers (plus reserves) to help manage lunch time in the cafeteria. Here's how it works; Each volunteer takes one 1 ½ hour shift per month. That day will be their day every month. When their day falls on a Holiday or weekend they're off. If they can't make it on their day, they need to find someone to cover that day.

There are many ways to get involved in making this year awesome without having to commit your whole life. To sign up for some shifts or for more info contact our volunteer coordinator, Julie Mohler.

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!

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