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BUENA VISTA
MIDDLE SCHOOL



A Message from Principal Emilsson

Greetings and Salutations Middle School Families,

I hope you all enjoyed a fantastic September. It doesn't get any better than September for weather in Colorado in my opinion. The weather in October isn't too shabby either, and the month also has a number of good things happening at the school as well.

For starters, October has our Student Led Presentations taking place the week of the 16th. The presentations are an opportunity for students to conference with their parents about how the 1st quarter of the school year has gone. They will show off a piece of work or two from their classes they are proud of, look at assessment data (CMAS and NWEA), go over 1st quarter grades, and work with their parents and guardians to develop academic and social/emotional goals for the school year. By doing so, students take on a heightened sense of ownership for their education which leads to greater academic success. Be on the lookout for your student's Advisory teacher to schedule a time for the presentation soon.

The quarter ends on October 13th, and it's no coincidence that the 1st middle school dance of the year will be held on Thursday, October 19th. The dance is guaranteed to be the hottest discotheque in Chaffee County! Students must be eligible to attend the dance. Eligibility will be based on the final grades from that previous Friday. We want everyone to attend the dance. To do that, they will have to finish the quarter with no F's. There are still 2 weeks in the quarter, and therefore plenty of time to get any grade up and pass the class!

Hard work pays off! Students need to commit to passing their classes by coming in early for help when available, staying late after school and attending homework help, making sure they are turning in assignments, and conferencing with their teachers when they need help. Everyone is capable of passing their classes, and everyone is capable of achieving at a high level...but you have to put in the work. LET'S DO THIS!!

Have a great October everyone!

John Emilsson

Principal BVMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

DATE	EVENT
October 5	“Chuck for Pups” Bigger Picture Fundraiser—8th period
October 9	BVMS Demons Marching Band to Pueblo County High School
October 12	8th Grade Career Day Field Trip to Lake County High School
October 13	End of First Quarter
October 16	BVMS/HS Demons Marching Band to Centaurus H.S. Regional Competition
October 16-19	Student Presentations to Parents/Guardians
October 18	6th Grade Challenger Field Trip to Colorado Springs
October 19	Fall Fling BVMS Dance—7-9PM in the Performance Flex (must be eligible)
October 20	Staff Professional Day—no students at school
October 23	Exchange Day—no school for students or staff
October 25	Parent Leadership Team meeting—8AM @ BVMS
November 2	Día de los Muertos—7th/8th Spanish Showcase 5-7PM
November 20-24	Thanksgiving Break
November 29	Pre-Thescon Showcase
December 5	Winter Choir Concert
December 13	Middle School Band Winter Performance
December 18	Start of Winter Break—End of 2nd Quarter
January 3	Return from Winter Break

*Detailed sports calendar is available online: www.tripeaksleague.org



**7th/8th GRADE
SPANISH SHOWCASE**

You are cordially invited to the 7th/8th Grade Spanish and Mrs. Soldo's classes Día de los Muertos celebration. Come enjoy some food and see what students have created in class.

When: Thursday, November 2, 2023
Where: Athletic Commons
Time: 5:00-7:00



WINTER SPORTS ARE COMING!



If your student is interested in playing winter sports and has not had a sports physical in the past year, you'll

want to pick up an athletic packet at the front office of the middle school and set up an appointment for a physical with a healthcare provider as soon as possible.

In order to get approved to practice, your student will need to return the sports physical and the remainder of the parent/guardian permissions, have no outstanding school fees, along with the athletic fee amount depending on the number of sports played, or \$150 for the full-year. This fee can be waived or reduced if your family has been approved for the federal free/reduced lunch program.

LET'S TURN THOSE GRADES AROUND!

The middle school is committed to seeing our kids succeed in school! Students can stay after school for a quiet space to work and/or extra help from a teacher Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00. The teachers at homework help can help with ALL subjects—even if it's not a teacher you normally have.

HOMEWORK HELP SCHEDULE:

Monday—Ms. Hankins' Room

Tuesday—Mr. Hogan's Room

Wednesday—Mr. Hogan's Room

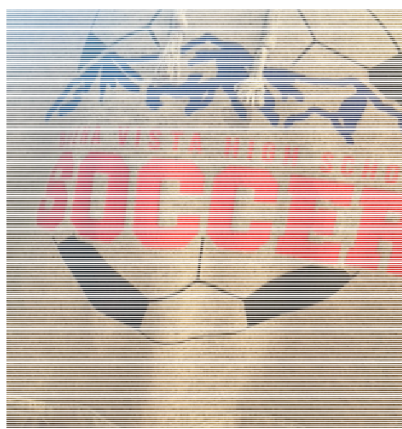
Thursday—Mr. Hogan's Room

Other teachers are willing to work with kids before and after school by appointment. Email specific teachers if you would like to check availability. Let's get those grades up before the end of the quarter on October 13th.



LOST & FOUND—HIGHLIGHTS

We're nearing the end of the quarter which means that unclaimed items in lost and found will be donated soon! Below are some highlights of what's in there. Parents—please stop by the lost and found before or after your Student Presentation appointment, or have your student stop by soon if you recognize an item. Thank you!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



MakerSpace is “a destination where students, alongside staff or mentors, can **create, problem solve, and develop skills, talents, thinking, and mental rigor.**” Students in good standing academically and behaviorally can sign up to be part of a small group that will meet with a mentor once a week during advisory. These students will explore STEM activities, advanced crafts and games that support BV schools’ 7 C’s: Curious, Connected, Constructive, Critically competent, Creative, Collaborative, Character-centered. And most importantly, they will have FUN! We are still accepting volunteers: noelleh@bvschools.org or 719-395-7096.



SEPTEMBER PHOTOS



Above: 8th grade science classes working on mineral identification

Left: Nathan Whiten sets the new 8th grade boys' nature trail record with a time of 3:22.



SEPTEMBER PHOTOS



The BVMS Mountain Biking Club members are enjoying the weather and the beautiful and challenging trail system we have in BV.





Buena Vista Middle School's fundraiser started Monday, October 2nd, and we need your help! Our goal is to raise \$12,000 for essential programs not currently funded through traditional means. These funds help pay for things like the end-of-the-year outdoor education and adventure days that students get to experience at no cost to the individual families.

It's as simple as 1, 2, 3!

1. Register ASAP at www.ShopFund.com
2. Share custom support links with family and friends via Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email, text and more
3. Student Goal: 5 Online Supporters

REGISTER-SHARE-WIN: Sharing gets you tickets for chances to win over \$100,000 in instant prizes.

Fundraiser Video Information:

- ♦ [Why We Fundraise - \(https://vimeo.com/showcase/8770826\)](https://vimeo.com/showcase/8770826)
- ♦ [How To Videos - \(https://vimeo.com/showcase/8752027\)](https://vimeo.com/showcase/8752027)
- ♦ [Kick-Off Videos - \(https://vimeo.com/showcase/9642610\)](https://vimeo.com/showcase/9642610)
- ♦ [Parent Letter - \(https://bit.ly/3E5Opu8\)](https://bit.ly/3E5Opu8)
- ♦ [Prize Program - \(https://bit.ly/3o3gEiz\)](https://bit.ly/3o3gEiz)

On behalf of the staff at Buena Vista Middle School, thank you for doing your part to make our fundraiser a success!



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