

NOVEMBER
2023

BUENA VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL



A Message from Principal Emilsson

Greetings and Salutations Middle School Families,

We made it to November! The first quarter is over, and the data is showing consistent numbers compared to a year ago. The "F list" numbers this year are almost identical to the 1st quarter data from last year. Last year, 1st quarter had a total of 30 students receiving an "F" with a total of 60 classes being failed. This year we saw 31 students fail 62 classes. Our enrollment numbers from last year to this year are up slightly, so it appears that there were no significant changes. We still have a long way to go to see our goal of 'No Fs' for all of our students. We had a record 121 students make the honor roll (see page 4). That's one more student than last year for 1st quarter. Those students will be invited to go swimming at the Salida Aquatic Center on the afternoon of November 13th. Students will be bringing home permission forms soon.

After a little bit of a shaky start to the school year, the behavior data has shown improvement from a year ago. Last year, we had 34 office discipline referrals. This year we saw 27 referrals. This a trend we hope to see continue.

November is one of my favorite months at the middle school. We take time to focus on Character Centered education...one of our favorite "7 C's". The Middle School canned food drive starts on November 6th and runs until the 16th. Students are asked to bring in nonperishable food items that will be donated to the Ark Valley Christian Mission's Food Bank. The Advisory class that raises the most donations will be awarded with a class pizza party, with 2nd and 3rd place prizes for the runners up. Our goal is to beat our record of donating 3,000 items. Please help us reach our goal!

Also in November, the school takes time to honor our veterans at the annual "Bring a Vet to School" Veteran's Day Assembly at 8:00 am on November 10th. Students are encouraged to bring member of their family, a neighbor, or family friend to the school that morning that has served in the US Armed Forces. We will be serving a free breakfast for the Vets that morning starting at 7:30. The Veteran's Day Assembly kicks off our BV Strong Week the following week that leads us up to Thanksgiving Break. Students hear messages about service to others, gratitude, being thankful, and other important messages for all of us to consider.

Have a fantastic month everyone!

John Emilsson
Principal BVMS

CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

| DATE | EVENT |
|---|---|
| November 1 & 3 | PINK OUT at the BVMS basketball home games 4PM |
| November 2 | <i>Día de los Muertos</i> —7th/8th Spanish Showcase 5-7PM |
| November 6-16 | Canned food drive advisory challenge to benefit Ark Valley Mission food bank |
| November 9 | Assembly schedule for BVHS Theatre <i>The Play That Goes Wrong</i> preview |
| November 10 | Veteran's Day Breakfast & Assembly (see below for details) |
| November 10-12 | BVHS Trident Theatre presents <i>The Play that goes Wrong</i> GET TICKETS |
| November 13 | Q1 Honor Roll Field Trip—Salida Aquatic Center afternoon |
| November 20-24 | Thanksgiving Break |
| November 29 | Pre-Thescon Showcase |
| December 5 | Winter Choir Concert—Free, but seats may be reserved ahead of time |
| 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 | |



VETERANS DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

YOU ARE INVITED

Who: Veterans and Their Families

**What: Breakfast & An Assembly to Recognize Your Service
with BVHS & BVMS Students**

When: Friday, November 10th
Breakfast at 7:30 am
Assembly at 8:00 am

Where: BVHS/BVMS Cafeteria* and Red Gym

*Enter the cafeteria through the doors by the bus loop facing Marquette






SCAN ME

OCTOBER'S SURVEY-RESULTS

As many BVMS families may know, each year, we seem to have increasingly more problems with cell phones. With as much time as we spend on cell phone issues here at the school—bad behavioral choices, cyberbullying, lost phones, found phones, lagging internet due to too many devices being connected, etc.—we started to question whether things would be better with a ban at school.

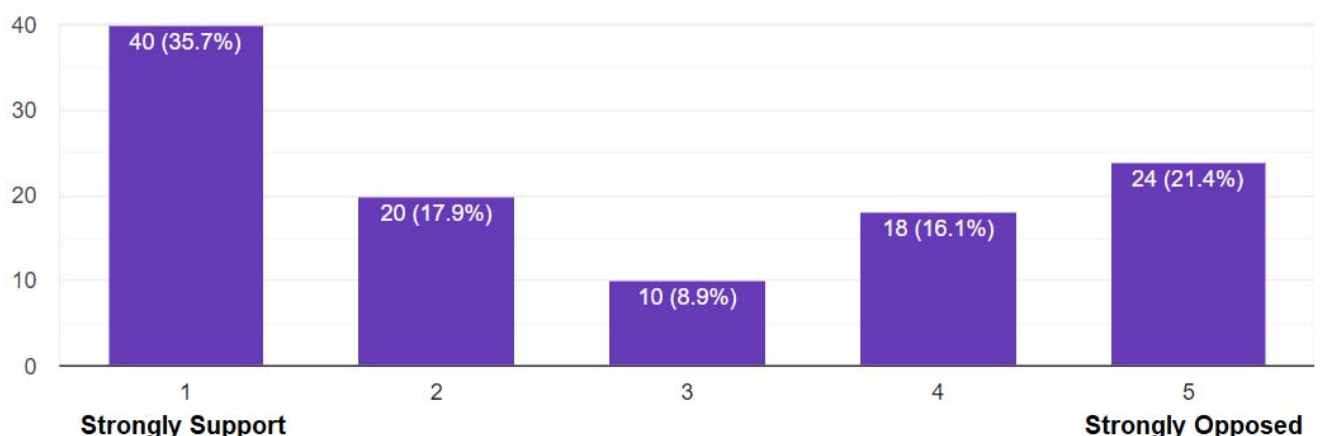
We know families use phones in many different ways, and not all kids are using their phones inappropriately. So we asked in the October Question of the Month if families would support a full-ban on cell phones in the middle school. While we thought the results would end up closer to 50/50, they actually show that a majority of the respondents (53.6%) would support a ban, 37.5% opposed a ban, and 9% did not have a strong opinion either way.

In order to address the internet lag, students will no longer be able to connect to the internet on personal devices. As for the phone policy going forward, we are going to continue to monitor issues through the end of this quarter and then make a decision whether any policy changes need to happen starting in the second semester in January.

If phone issues increase, or even continue as they have been so far, through the end of the calendar year, we will need to seriously address it, and that could mean a ban on phones in the middle school. We appreciate your support if your student has a phone they take to school. Please review the school rules with them, and hopefully we can all work together to make cell phones a non-issue!

Would you support a full ban on cell phones in the middle school?

112 responses





Q1 HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to the following students who earned a 3.5 or higher grade point average in the first quarter! Honor roll students will be invited to attend an afternoon swimming party at the Salida Aquatic Center on Monday, November 13th. Permission slips will be coming home with students soon.

★ Nolan Alsip ★ Dominic Apodaca ★ Jaxon Argys ★ Jesse Arnold ★ Maddyn Barnaby ★ Evi Bell ★ Clarence Bellinger ★ Wyatt Bentley ★ Kinley Burandt ★ Aspen Calvert ★ Saran Calvert ★ Samuel Cartwright ★ Aubriana Cavasos ★ Ernesto Luis Chavez ★ Morgan Cordova ★ Adriel Cortese ★ Madison Crawford ★ Reese Crites ★ Nathaniel Dailey ★ Liberty Dietrich ★ Sophie Djenge ★ Fitz Dotson ★ Lavery Drake ★ Riley Duncan ★ Rubee Eggleston ★ Brooks Emilsson ★ Mason Emilsson ★ Jake Fahrney ★ Camdyn Feuerstein ★ Lux Flavin ★ Reagan Flavin ★ Darren Flores ★ Mia Flowers ★ Luke Foster ★ Emerson Fritsch ★ Paul Gallardo ★ Dominic Goodwin ★ Chase Gorman ★ Peyton Rae Gorman ★ Hayden Gumtow ★ Emmett Hachmann ★ Hailey Hampa ★ Sage Hansen ★ Ashley Hart ★ Karel Hernandez-Dominguez ★ Scarlett Hjelmstad ★ Landry Hutchins ★ Elena Jacquat ★ Isabella Jatzke-Johnson ★ Campbell Jayne ★ Clayton Jirka ★ Mason Joslin ★ Maggie Krayna ★ Rowan Krayna ★ Lyric LaBounta ★ Clayton LaGree ★ Madilyn Lazaruis ★ Zachary Leon ★ Lucas Lin ★ Ashlynn Lingle ★ Miles McCool ★ Grace McCray ★ Emma McWhirter ★ Mario Medrano ★ Addilyn Miller ★ Eva Montgomery ★ Ryder Moore ★ Scarlet Moore-Mello ★ Arianna Morales ★ Jace Morgan ★ Greta Mueller ★ Taya Mullenax ★ Ella Nelsen ★ Braden Nold ★ Dylan Nold ★ Heath Orlet ★ Lexi Pace ★ Aidan Paschall ★ Reyna Phelps ★ Ryder Pierce ★ Emerson Pikul ★ Alexe Propernick ★ Josie Puckett ★ Anderson Quilico ★ MaeBelle Quilico ★ Kaia Rasmussen ★ Olivia Rasmussen ★ Macy Reavis ★ Cambree Rinebarger ★ Joshua Rinebarger ★ Natalia Robles ★ Elizabeth Rodriguez ★ Daly Romack ★ Kylar Saar ★ Mai Ly Sanderson ★ Tempest Sauter-Bednorz ★ Xavier Sauter-Tarvin ★ Carly Shepherd ★ Adam Snively ★ Talon Steed ★ Kaene Stokes ★ Henry Stromer ★ Hoyt Sturm ★ Vezire Teipel ★ Trace Tweddell ★ Ermuun Uranzorig ★ Elizabeth Vidakovich ★ Jovana Vidakovich ★ Erik Wade ★ Fiona Walsh ★ Ryan Wells ★ Klaira Wheeler ★ Blake Williams ★ Jasper Williams ★ Taos Williams ★ Levi Windle ★ Grady Wingfield ★ Johanna Wright ★ Ryn Yeager ★ Daniel Young ★ Mason Young ★

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.

Girls' basketball and wrestling will start after winter break, but you can make sure your student is approved to practice now.

GET HELP AND A QUIET PLACE TO WORK!

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

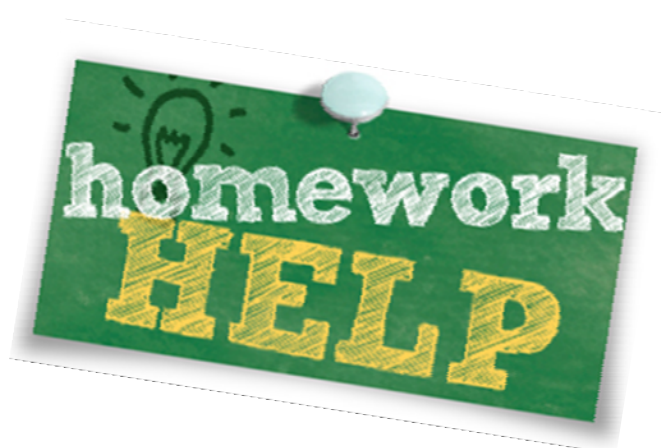
Tuesday—Mr. Hogan's Room

Wednesday—Mr. Hogan's Room

Thursday—Mr. Hogan's Room

Other teachers are willing to work with

kids before and after school or meet with parents by appointment. Please email specific teachers if you would like to check availability.



TOYS 4 TYKES 2023

Who is organizing Toys 4 Tykes?

The BVHS Student Council coordinates Toys 4 Tykes for the community. We communicate with families about their kids' needs and wishes. Then we buy, wrap, and deliver gifts.

How are families chosen?

Families are recommended for the program by the BVSD family services coordinator who communicates with our schools and local initiatives like the Arkansas Valley Mission.

What do I do if I or someone I know could use help with Christmas this year?

Please send an email to sflowers@bvschools.org with contact information. We will talk to our services coordinator and follow up with you!

How can I help?

This program would NOT happen without the generosity and support of our community. We depend on your donations to purchase the requested gifts!

Money is the easiest way to support us! Student Council members will do the rest!

Can I donate toys or coats & boots?

We do accept new, unopened gifts, but we collect needs and wishes from families for each child in the house, so contacting us to see what is needed before purchasing is very helpful!

How do I donate to Toys for Tykes?

THANK YOU!

Cash or checks* can be brought to the front office of BVHS during school hours or contact Sarah Flowers.

If you'd like to sponsor a family, please contact Sarah Flowers.

CONTACT INFO

Sarah Flowers
(BVHS Student Council Sponsor)

719-395-7122

sflowers@bvschools.org

*make checks payable to BVHS with "Toys 4 Tykes" in the memo



Fall Swim Camp

Here is your chance to find out what competitive swimming is all about! Come join us for a taste of the Cyclones.

- 6 sessions available: 2 beginners, 2 intermediates, & 2 advanced (sign up for the session you think is right and we will adjust if needed)
- Monday and Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings
- 2 weeks beginning Monday October 30th
- Open to all swimmers ages 5 and up
- Cyclone swimmers will be in the water assisting
- Fun meet with coffee and snacks for spectators on Saturday November 11th



Salida Hot Springs Swimming Pool

Sign up under team sports on Salida's website

(be sure to scroll down to see all the sessions with openings)

<https://app.amilia.com/store/en/city-of-salida-recreation/shop/programs/81957?subCategoryIds=4094201>





OCTOBER PHOTOS



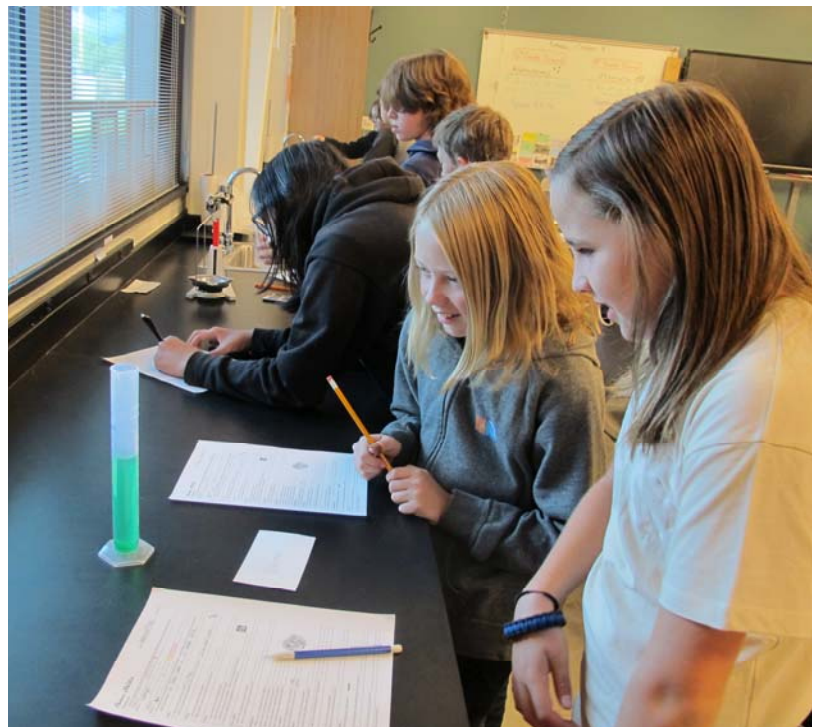
Students were able to test their archery skills in P.E. class. Look at all the bullseyes!



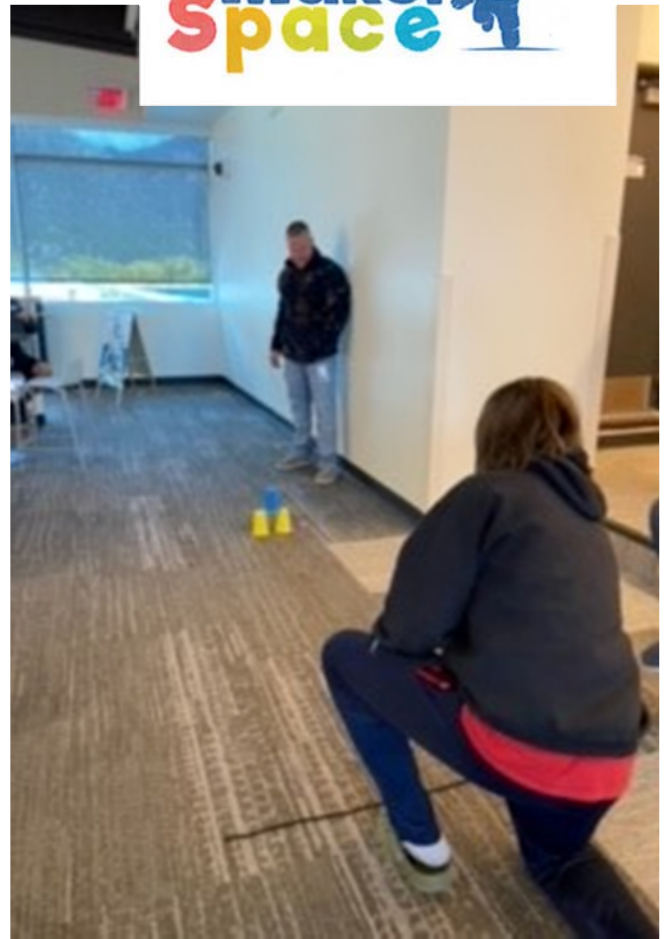


OCTOBER PHOTOS

Lots of research and science experiments happened in October!



6th, 7th and 8th grade teams having a great time during MakerSpace sessions during Tuesday advisories



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DEMON CAFE LUNCH MENU MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|---|--|----------|
| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 SOFT PRETZEL W/QUESO SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 2 CHICKEN FRY STEAK (BEEF) MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROLL SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 3 SPICY CHICKEN BITES STEAK FRIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 4 |
| 5 | 6 PIZZA SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 7 HAMBURGER OR CHICKEN SANDWICH CHIPS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 8 SUPER NACHO'S RICE/REFRIED BEANS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 9 BRATWURST W/CHEESE CURDS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 10 GENERAL TSO'S CHICKEN FRIED RICE POTSTICKERS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 11 |
| 12 | 13 PIZZA OR CALZONE SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 14 POPCORN CHICKEN QUINOA, CORN & PEPPERS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 15 CHILI SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT CINIMON ROLL | 16 ROASTED TURKEY MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, STUFFING GREEN BEANS CRANBERRY RELISH ROLL/PUMPKIN PIE | 17 CORN DOG FRENCH FRIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 18 |
| 19 |  | | | | 24 | 25 |
| 26 | 27 PIZZA SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 28 SOFT TACO'S RICE/REFRIED BEANS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 29 GRILLED CHICKEN MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY, BISCUIT PEAS & CARROTS SALAD BAR | 30 PAST W/ MEATSAUCE GARLIC KNOT SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER SKIM WHITE, 1% WHITE MILK OR 1% CHOCOLATE IS OFFERED WITH EVERY MEAL | | | | |