

DECEMBER
2023

BUENA VISTA MIDDLE SCHOOL

BUENA VISTA DEMONS

Greetings and Salutations Middle School Families,

Thanksgiving is behind us and Winter Break is rapidly approaching. That means the end of 2nd Quarter is also rapidly approaching. We continue to strive for all of our students to pass all of their classes...with 2 weeks left in the quarter, there is still time! Students should take advantage of homework help and other opportunities that our teachers offer to get missing assignments turned in and fix mistakes on tests and quizzes. You can do it!

I wanted to take a moment to acknowledge our school community's generosity. Our students raised 2,019 items for the Ark Valley Christian Mission's Food Bank. That's up from last year...which is no small feat given the price of groceries! The folks at the Mission were very grateful. Make sure you check out the photos on page 8 and details about the advisory challenge winners.

Additionally, the students worked hard at fundraising this fall and were able to raise over \$4,000 for student special events and conservation camp. Thank you to all the families who helped sell, bought items, and donated money!

During our BV Cares week leading into Thanksgiving Break, students heard messages about Integrity, Humility, Caring and Service to Others. Hopefully those words resonated with the kids and they can continue our recent great run of no major behavior problems!

These next two weeks are going to go fast. Finish strong BVMS and have a great Winter Break!

Happy Holidays!

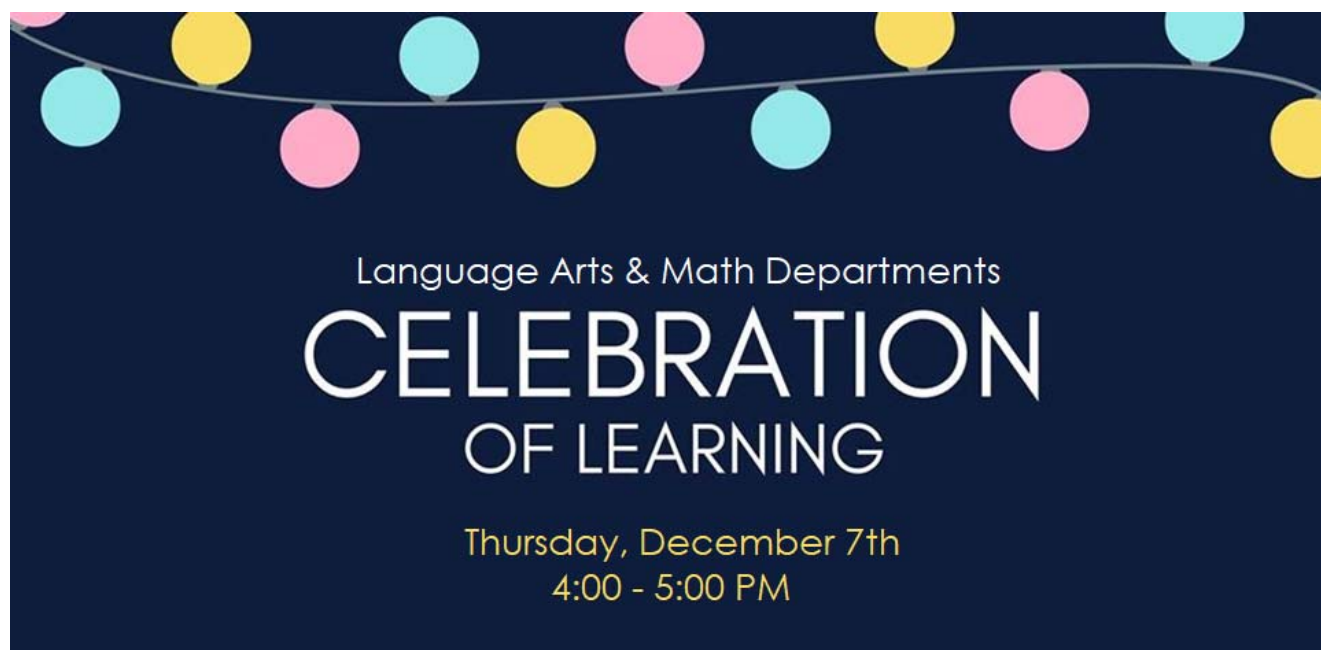
John Emilsson

Principal BVMS



CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

DATE	EVENT
December 5	Winter Choir Concert—2 showtimes 6PM or 7:30PM (www.ludus.com/bvco)
December 7	THESCON (Theatre Convention) in Denver (bus departs @ 6am)
December 7	Celebration of Learning 4-5PM (see details below)
December 13	Parent Leadership Team (PLT) Meeting—8AM @ BVMS
December 13	BVMS Band Winter Concert—7PM
December 15	End of 2nd Quarter/First Semester
December 16	Start of Winter Break
January 2, 2024	Staff back at school—no students
January 3	Students return from winter break
*Detailed sports calendar is available online: www.tripeaksleague.org	



Join us for a Celebration of Learning hosted by our ELA & Math Departments on Thursday, December 7. Check out some of the cool “stuff” your students have been learning and producing! We’ll have Totem Poles with Ms. Cronsell, The Progression of an Essay with Ms. Glaser, The Giver—Transfer a Memory with Ms. Stoumbaugh, Land Rover Demonstrations with Mr. Bever, and Drone Flight Demonstrations with Mr. Ail. Feel free to come-and-go anytime from 4:00-5:00pm. Hope to see you then!
(Note: Totem Poles cannot be taken home until after 4:45).

Congratulations, BV Choir All State Singers!

It's no secret that Buena Vista School District has an abundance of talented singers, but here's further proof if you need it. A record number of 19 BVMS students were invited to participate in the Colorado All State Choir!

The middle school students will head to Denver on February 8th and 9th to learn songs with other singers from across the state. They will perform with their choir on the famous Bellco Theatre stage at 7PM on February 9th. Congrats to these students and Mr. Oharah for leading an exemplary choir program!



★ Brooklyn Bell ★ Bianca Garcia ★
★ Karis Casey ★ Josie Puckett ★
★ Serinity Harrington ★ Isabella DeLuca ★
★ Isabella Jatzke-Johnson ★ Klaira Wheeler ★
★ Landri Davis ★ Cassie Sandmeier ★
★ Avery Van Dyke ★ Mason Emilsson ★
★ Georgia Cervenka ★ Lexi Pace ★
★ Casey Kinder ★ Zachary Leon ★
★ Nathaniel Dailey ★ Diego Roque ★
★ Brock Morman ★



Card Club Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

**December 9th at
1:00pm. Contact Mr.
Bever for more de-
tails or to register.**

**Email:
RobB@bvschools.org**

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



WINTER SPORTS ARE COMING!



If your student is interested in playing 3rd quarter sports (wrestling or girls' basketball) and has not yet completed a sports physical in the past year, you'll want to pick up an athletic packet at the front office 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 season your student is participating in for the year. This fee can be waived or reduced if your family has been approved for the federal free/reduced lunch program.

Please make sure your student is approved to practice before the season start!

GET HELP AND A QUIET PLACE TO WORK!

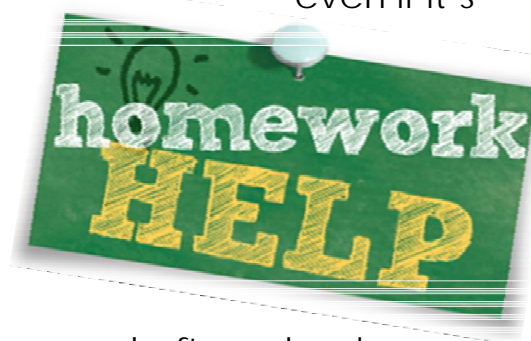
The middle school is committed to seeing our kids succeed in school! Students can stay after school for a quiet space to work and/or extra help from a teacher Monday through Thursday from 3:30 to 5:00. The teachers at homework help can help with ALL subjects—even if it's not a teacher you normally have.

HOMEWORK HELP SCHEDULE:

Mondays: Ms. Hankins' Room

Tuesday—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.

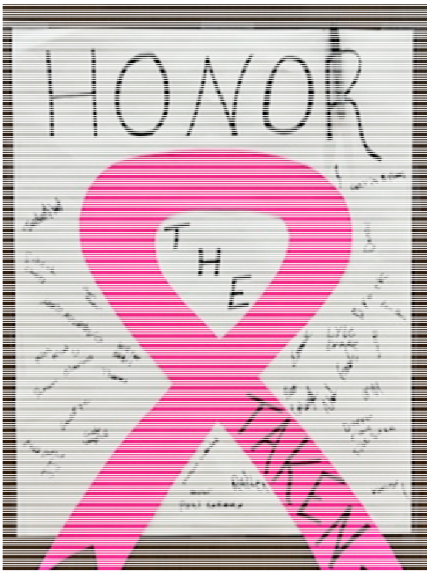


CHALLENGER TRIP

An annual favorite of 6th graders is the Science field trip to the Challenger Learning Center in Colorado Springs.



"SPORTING" THE PINK!



The Boys' Basketball team held a **PINK OUT** during their final home games to show support for those who fought, are fighting and survivors of breast cancer. Our very own Steph Glaser and Margaret Hankins were major guests of honor. I know they greatly appreciate the support of the students, staff and community. And we all appreciate them just for being such awesome people!



NOVEMBER PHOTOS

The Canned Food Drive 2023!



BVMS students collected 2,019 non-perishable food items to donate to the Ark Valley Christian Mission food bank. The top three advisory classes win ice cream parties: 1st—Ms. Hankins, 2nd—Ms. Kleber, and a tie for 3rd—Mr. Reed/Mr. Ail. Great job, everyone! The food bank was so happy with the donation!

