

APRIL
2024

**BUENA VISTA
MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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DEMONS

Greetings BVMS Families!

Welcome Back from Spring Break! It's April and that means it's testing season. Last year the students performed at the highest level on the Colorado Measures of Academic Success (CMAS) that the school has ever seen since at least 2013 when I first became principal of the school. We scored 79.1/100 points on the CMAS test...the 2nd highest score in all of our Mountain BOCES region, and the highest among all of the secondary schools in the region. That was due to a lot of hard work by the students and the staff. It's something that we hope to see continue!

To help motivate our students to try their best last year, we offered all students who showed double performance or double high growth on the ELA and Math tests a voucher to go to Elitch Gardens Amusement Park in Denver. I am glad to say that we will be giving out those vouchers at our school assembly: the RISE Olympics on April 11th. Eighty-five students earned the vouchers last year, and we are offering them the same incentive this year to try and get students to try their hardest on the test. While high achievement scores are always great to see, it's our growth scores that we value most. We don't get to decide where a student is academically when they come to our school, but we can (and do) help them to grow. We hope the Elitch vouchers will help motivate the students to try their best on the test once again this year.

In addition to CMAS, all students will be taking the spring NWEA Achievement tests at the end of the month. These are the same tests that the students took back in September. They help the school see student growth over the course of the year, and give us another measure that we can compare to CMAS and our local BV Essentials. These tests help us to ensure that we are correct about what we think our students can do.

Once we get through all the testing, it's time to have some fun and celebrate the end of the year. May has many fun things in store for the kids....one of which is our time honored tradition of 6th grade Conservation Camp. Parents of 6th graders, make sure you put the 6th grade Conservation Camp Parent Meeting on your calendar. We will meet at 6pm in the Performance Flex Theatre on April 16th. Information about Conservation Camp, and the end of the year camping trip will be shared that night. I hope to see you all there. Parents of 7th and 8th graders, look in next month's newsletter for information about information for your student's end of the year activities. The 3rd Quarter Honor Roll trip to the Sand Dunes will be on Wednesday, May 15th. The kids eligible for that trip will be bringing home permission slips for the trip. Be on the lookout for those. Keep grinding BVMS, we are on the home stretch...finish strong!

Have a great month everyone!

John Emilsson
Principal BVMS

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

DATE	EVENT
April 8	Solar eclipse viewing during 5th period—protective eye-wear will be provided
April 10	PLT Parent/Guardian Monthly Meeting with Mr. Emilsson—8AM (all families welcome!)
April 11	Q4 RISE Olympics during Advisory
April 12	CMAS 8th Grade Science Testing Lunch—Wrestling Pizza Party
April 16	6th Grade Conservation Camp Meeting for Parents/Families 6-7PM—Auditorium
April 16-18	CMAS Math/Language Arts Testing all grades
April 19	Choir Solo and Ensemble Adjudication for 7th-12th Grades in Salida
April 26	Professional Learning Day—No students at school
April 29	NWEA Testing—A Block Schedule—1st-4th periods
April 30	NWEA Testing—B Block Schedule—5th-8th periods
May 3-4	Music in the Park—overnight trip/competition for 6th-12th Choir
May 15	Q3 Honor Roll Trip to the Great Sand Dunes National Park—8AM—3PM
May 16	Spring Choir Concert—pre-reserve tickets on bvhs.ludus.com
May 21-23	6th Grade Conservation Camp
May 23	7th Grade Adventure Day—Rafting or Ropes Course @ Noah's Ark 8th Grade Adventure Day—Celebration @ Boondock's in Parker Last day of school!
May 31	School offices close for summer break

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

NWEA TESTING IN APRIL!

*Block days are scheduled for
April 29 (A Block) and 30 (B Block)*

BYMS BLOCK SCHEDULE

TIME	CLASS PERIOD	DURATION
7:55-9:25	1/5	90 Min
9:30-11:00	2/6	90 Min
11:05-11:40	Lunch	35 Min
11:40-12:15	Advisory	35 Min
12:20-1:50	3/7	90 Min
1:55-3:25	4/8	90 Min

While we will only be getting a partial eclipse in Buena Vista, we'll still be taking the opportunity to view this amazing solar phenomenon at school. Students will be provided solar eclipse glasses approved for solar viewing. If you do not want your student to participate in the viewing for any reason, please notify the school before April 8th.



Solar Eclipse Viewing 5th period

There will be practice safety drills in April! If you would like more information about the protocols we follow, visit this website: <https://iloveguys.org/The-Standard-Response-Protocol.html>

IN AN EMERGENCY TAKE ACTION



HOLD! In your room or area. Clear the halls.

OCCUPANTS

Clear the hallways and remain in room or area until the "All Clear" is announced
Do business as usual

STAFF

Close and lock door
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



SECURE! Get inside. Lock outside doors.

OCCUPANTS

Return inside
Do business as usual

STAFF

Bring everyone indoors
Lock outside doors
Increase situational awareness
Account for occupants and staff
Do business as usual



LOCKDOWN! Locks, lights, out of sight.

OCCUPANTS

Move away from sight
Maintain silence
Do not open the door
Prepare to evade or defend

STAFF

Lock interior doors
Turn out the lights
Move away from sight
Do not open the door
Maintain silence
Account for occupants and staff
Prepare to evade or defend



EVACUATE! (A location may be specified)

OCCUPANTS

Evacuate to specified location
Bring your phone
Instructions may be provided about retaining or leaving belongings

STAFF

Lead evacuation to specified location
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people



SHELTER! Hazard and safety strategy.

OCCUPANTS

Use appropriate safety strategy for the hazard

Hazard

Tornado
Hazmat
Earthquake
Tsunami

Safety Strategy

Evacuate to shelter area
Seal the room
Drop, cover and hold
Get to high ground

STAFF


Lead safety strategy
Account for occupants and staff
Notify if missing, extra or injured people

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DEMON CAFÉ LUNCH MENU

MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1 PIZZA SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	2 CHICKEN ALFREDO PEAS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	3 GRILLED CHEESE SANDWICH W/TOMATO SOUP SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	4 HOT WINGS STEAK FRIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	5 HOT DOGS ONION RINGS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	6
7	8 MOZZARELLA BREAD STICKS PASTA W/MARINARA SAUCE SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	9 CHICKEN FAJITA RICE & BEANS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	10 MAC N' CHEESE W/SMOKIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	11 CORN DOG FRIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	12 BBQ MEATBALL BAKED POTATO SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	13
14	15 PIZZA OR CALZONE SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	16 CHICKEN FRY STEAK (BEEF) MASHED POTATOES & GRAVY ROLL SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	17 SOFT TACCO RICE & BEANS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	18 PAST W/MEATSAUCE GARLIC KNOT SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	19 SPICY CHICKEN BITES FRIES SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	20
21	22 CHEESE FRENCHBREAD w/MARINARA SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	23 HAMBURGER or CHICKEN SANDWICH CHIPS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	24 POPCORN CHICKEN BOWL W/CORN, MASHED POTATO & GRAVY SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	25 MANDARINE ORANGE CHICKEN RICE, SPRING ROLL SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	26 	27
28	29 PIZZA SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	30 SLOPPYJOE SANDWICH CHIPS SALAD BAR ASST. FRUIT	1	2	3	4
5	6 Notes THIS INSTITUTION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER 1% WHITE MILK OR 1% CHOCOLATE IS OFFERED WITH EVERY MEAL					

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**DEMON CAFE
BREAKFAST MENU**

(MENUS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Breakfast Burrito w/Green Chili

Biscuits and Gravy

Ham and Eggs w/Hashbrown

French Toast w/ Sausage Link

Apple Filled Donut

Pancake on a Stick

PB & Jelly "Uncrustable"

Assorted Cereal

Assorted Sweet Bread WG

Fruit Smoothie

All meals come with assorted fruit or juice, 1% white or 1% chocolate milk

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
<i>8th Grade First Lunch</i>	Baseball & Track Practices		CHSAA Choir Competition, CO Springs	Wrestlers – Uniform Turn-		
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
<i>7th Grade First Lunch</i>				Q4 RISE Olympics	CMAS Science Testing 8th	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>6th Grade First Lunch</i>		CMAS TESTING 6-7PM	CMAS TESTING	CMAS TESTING		
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
<i>8th Grade First Lunch</i>					PL DAY NO SCHOOL FOR	
28	29	30				
<i>7th Grade First Lunch</i>	NWEA TESTING A-BLOCK	NWEA TESTING B-BLOCK				