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School Day  
8:55 a.m. - First Bell  
10:40 a.m. - Recess  
11:45 p.m. - Lunch begins  
12:45 p.m. - Lunch ends  
2:25 p.m. - Recess  
3:30 p.m. - School day ends

## DEAR PARENTS/CAREGIVERS:

You will notice in the next few weeks through class newsletters that many more field trips and outdoor activities are planned for the remainder of the school year. Teachers do take advantage of the warm weather. We work hard to connect out-of-school experiences to the learning themes. Mathematics, reading and writing still hold the spotlight and will continue to do so until the end of June. Our focus on learning and quality instruction does not waiver, but the way we teach is adapted to fit the needs, interest levels and the attention of our students. We will do our best to keep you up to date and informed about the events and activities. Please continue to check our updated calendar in our newsletter.

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In the spring of each year, staff needs to declare their intentions for next year so I must also share my intentions with the Buena Vista community. This June, I will complete my career as a teacher and administrator. It is hard to believe but I have been working as an educator for Saskatoon Public Schools for 36 years and those years have flown by. I have taught in a variety of grades and I have worked in numerous schools in Saskatoon. I have been very fortunate to have had many memorable moments working with students who have enriched my life. I know that I will miss the many smiles, hugs and the creative stories from students. I have also worked with incredible parents and wonderful colleagues who have offered their support, guidance and best of all, their friendship. Thank you all!



At this point we know that Mrs. Sylvestri will be joining the Brunskill staff. We will miss all the hard work that she does helping students and staff. She works on the computers with students, reads with students, helps them with their math, laminates, supervises during the lunch hour and even pops popcorn! We know that we can always count on her no matter what the task. We will miss Mrs. Sylvestri and wish her all the best.

*Lyn Carduner, Principal*

*Jaime Schroeder, Vice-Principal*

## Kindergarten Sneak Peek



Kindergarten students who have registered to attend in September, 2012 have been invited to attend school for the morning of Tuesday, May 29. It is a chance for you and your child to take part in activities in the classroom, gym, music room and library. The visit will give your child some experiences within the school that may answer some questions and relieve some anxieties as they approach the beginning of Kindergarten. We still have space available for more students and welcome registrations. Call 683-7140 for information.

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Hugs*



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# Great Opportunities for Buena Vista Students....

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## BEAR HUG DRAW

Winners of the Bear Hug draw on May 10 are:  
K-Kaeden H & Telsa W-R; Gr 1-Hunter B;  
Gr 2-Sunny H; Gr 3/4-Brock W; Gr 4/5-Faith A;  
Gr 5/6-Keeli B; Gr 6/7-Hannah C-B; Gr 7/8-Liam H.  
Congratulations BV Students!



## NEWS FROM GREEN CLUB BY TESS Y.

Green Club is planting trees. Also, they are using Kool-Aid Jammers to make reusable lunch bags. Reduce, reuse and recycle is what we are encouraging others to do.

## POPCORN SALE

Mrs. Wolfe's grade 4/5 Class will be selling popcorn for a loonie on **Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>** to raise money for their field trips. So bring a loonie and enjoy a popcorn treat at recess that day!



## ABC NEWS

The ABCs will be having their finale on Wednesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>. They are looking forward to having fun doing mini golfing, wall climbing and having some great food!

## BAND NEWS

Band concert is changed to **Monday June 4<sup>th</sup>** we are planning our Final Band concert Assembly. It will be at **9:45am** in the gym. The students will need to be in their black and white clothes for this event.

Sr. Band trip to Regina is **Saturday May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

Band Assembly is on **May 24<sup>th</sup>**, with the Jazz band, Senior and Junior bands performing.



## TRACK MEET AND HOT LUNCH



May 25 is the Track Meet for students from grade 5-8. The grade 7/8 is also hosting a **hot lunch BBQ** and hot lunch forms have been sent home with students. We are hoping for sunshine that morning.

## CITY WIDE TRACK MEET

Students who qualify at the school track meet will be representing our school at the City Meet at Griffiths Stadium on Tuesday, June 12. If you are able to volunteer to help at this event, please call the school to let us know. Parents are always welcome to come out and support your child(ren). **Good luck team!**



## UPCOMING FIELD TRIP TO WANUSKEWIN

On Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Wolfe's grade 4/5 class and Ms. Symon's grade 3/4 class will be going to Wanuskewin to complete a unit of study on the First Nations People.

## PLAY DAY

Play Day will be held on Tuesday June 12 for Kindergarten to grade 4. A number of events are planned for the students and we look forward to a great afternoon in the outdoors and sunshine. Our senior students will help with the various stations.

## BEAUTIFUL BUTTERFLIES IN GR 3/4

Our Grade 3/4 class has had a wonderful opportunity to watch the life cycle of a caterpillar. The caterpillars arrived in our class on May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Each student had an individual caterpillar in a plastic container attached to his/her desk. They were able to watch it change daily and are journaling about their findings. On Monday, May 14, we transferred the chrysalides attached to the top of their container to the insides of the flight cage. They are rapidly changing into beautiful Painted Lady Butterflies. When all the chrysalides have opened into butterflies, our class will walk to the park and after a small ceremony, will release them.

The Painted Lady is likely the most widespread of all butterflies on earth. A world-wide traveler, it can migrate thousands of miles - just like Monarch butterflies! One of the most beautiful butterflies in Canada, the Painted Lady's dorsal wings are dappled with patterns of rosy orange and black, with splashes of white near the tips. The undersides of the hind wings have blue spots.



## GRADE 3 BICYCLE SAFETY COURSE

The Grade 3 class will be participating in a Bike Safety Presentation and practice on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. They will learn about riding bikes safely, repairing their bikes and wearing their helmets.

## SPRING CLEANING

As you are spring cleaning around the house, please watch out for library books and textbooks that belong to our school and return these books as soon as possible.

## BAND RECRUITING

In the next couple of weeks, grade 5 students will be given the opportunity to try out band instruments and sign up for grade 6 band for next year. Band class is available to all grades 6, 7 and 8 students at Buena Vista School.



## BABY CHICKS AT BUENA VISTA

Kindergarten and Grade 2 classes have been hatching chicks! We welcomed 22 healthy chicks between the two classrooms. The students have been excited to watch the hatching process and the development of the chicks over the past week and have had the opportunity to observe the chicks habits in a variety of environments and to interact with them. It truly is a magical time for all.



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## GIRLS & BOYS VOLLEYBALL CAMPS-AUGUST 24, 25 & 26 @ MOUNT ROYAL COLLEGIATE

Contact Keith Cote (Home 374-5094; Work 683-7800) if you are interested in putting your child into a Volleyball Camp. It is sanctioned by Volleyball Canada and Saskatchewan Volleyball Association. See the following webpage for more information and forms: [mountroyalvolleyballcamp.com](http://mountroyalvolleyballcamp.com)

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### DRESS CODE EXPECTATIONS



We expect students to maintain an appearance that sends a positive message to students, staff and community. We believe that how we dress reflects our attitude and behaviour.

We encourage students to select their clothes with good judgment in mind and to take pride in their appearance. Although we have been speaking to individuals about appropriate clothing, we thought a reminder about the Buena Vista School Guidelines would be timely. It is as follows:

Students are expected to exercise good taste and to take pride in their personal appearance. As examples - skimpy clothing and t-shirts with double entendre slogans or advertisements for tobacco or alcohol products are considered inappropriate school apparel. Students should refrain from wearing muscle shirts, halter tops, spaghetti strap tops, tube tops, low-cut t-shirts and shorts/skirts that do not reach the tips of their fingers.

We know that we are at odds with some fashion trends but discretion really needs to be practiced in the school and workplace by all.



### WARMER WEATHER

With the great weather that we have been experiencing we are encouraging our senior students to go home for lunch. We still provide lunch room service for students that are bussed to Buena Vista and for students where both parents work or go to school. Also as the weather permits we will once again be conducting fire drills and lock down drills. Students are encouraged to be wearing indoor shoes at all times so they are prepared for these drills.



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### BV'S GOT TALENT

A wonderful representation of talent was shared at the Talent Assembly. Thank you to all the students who shared their talents of singing, playing the piano, dancing, demonstrating routines in martial arts and gymnastics and performing a stand-up comic act. Thanks also to the Sign Language Club under the direction of Mrs. Singer for the awesome black light performance and to the Jazz Band under the direction of Mrs. Kurpjuweit for their enjoyable music. We are so proud of your efforts, courage and positive attitude. Take a bow, BV students and staff!!!



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### WHEELS, WHEELS, WHEELS

#### SCOOTERS, ROLLERBLADES, BIKES, SKATEBOARDS AND HEELIES

Just a reminder to students regarding methods and modes of transportation to and from school:

- Skateboards are to be carried when you reach the edge of the tarmac or in the designated area.
- Scooters are to be folded up and carried at the edge of the tarmac or in the designated area.
- Rollerblades may be worn to school and taken off in the boot rooms.
- Bikes need to be locked to the fence
- Wheels in heeie shoes must be taken out before entering the school as this is a safety concern.

Remember that there is no insurance for lost articles, so please make sure that everything is stored and locked securely.

**All students are reminded that safety is our primary concern and we hope that everyone wears a helmet.**



## **A message to school communities from the Saskatoon Board of Education**

It is that time of year again when the Trustees consider the division's budget for the next academic year. Along with the division's executive members, we are meticulously studying and debating the amount of funding we are receiving from the provincial government compared with our expenses. The numbers don't add up. You may have heard about the budget deficit in media reports but I want to clarify a few points:

- Our funding from the provincial government for the 2012-13 school year is based on September 2011 enrolment numbers. As a result, the division is forecasting a \$5-6 million budget deficit.
- Increasing enrolment and the growing diversity of our students has placed increased pressure on the division, not only in terms of capacity but also for providing adequate staffing and programming to new students, many of whom are new to Saskatchewan.
- At the end of September 2011, our total division enrolment was 21,297. We are projecting that our enrolment in September 2012 will be 21,990.
- To make up the budget deficit, the division's discretionary spending is being closely examined. As a result, a number of programs such as full-day Kindergarten and operational expenses such as transportation may be affected.

We are continuing to work with the Ministry of Education. No decisions have been made at this point. However, the board wants to make all our parents and guardians aware of the difficult circumstances we are facing and the possible outcomes. We will do everything we can to minimize the impact in the classroom.

If you have a question, please don't hesitate to contact your trustee, Anna Ringstrom by email at [ringstroma@spsd.sk.ca](mailto:ringstroma@spsd.sk.ca) or by phone 683-8466.

Sincerely,

Ray Morrison,

Chair, Board of Education

# Buena Vista Cultural Evening and Pot Luck Supper, May 10, 2012

What started out as a small idea, turned into a huge success! Thank you to all the performers, parents and staff who made this evening such a wonderful community event where we enjoyed good food, a fashion show and great entertainment. A Special Thank You to the students from Mount Royal Collegiate who came to entertain and the Open Door Society who lent us traditional clothing from many countries so we could have a fashion show.

