

Buena Vista Elementary School

Tiger Times

Vision: We will create a community where each child is safe to explore and learn.

Mark the Dates!

September:	
1	Labor Day-No School
8	Health Screening K-5th grades
9	PTA Meeting, 6pm
12	Movie Night, 6:30 pm
16	Open House 6:00-7:30 p.m.
19	No School (Staff Professional Day)
22	Picture Day-(individual pictures)
24	Health Re-screen and Preschool Screening
October:	
10	Movie Night, 6:30 pm
14	PTA Meeting, 6pm
17	No School (Teacher Work Day)
25	Annual Garage Sale
30-31	No School – Parent Teacher Conferences

Notes from Mr. Brilliant

Goodness! What an exciting start to the school year. My name is David Brilliant and I am the new principal here at Buena Vista Elementary. Honestly, I'm delighted to be here and working with the best staff in District 11—they are all so talented and dedicated to the craft of teaching. They are also very focused on ensuring that every child makes progress everyday and we are working to organize the school to meet these needs quickly and effectively.

We have added a new staff member this year and she's wonderful! Karen Morris is our new Literacy Resource Teacher (LRT) and brings a wealth of experience, insight, and passion for teaching and learning to our school. Look for a more in-depth introduction from her in a future newsletter. Until then, however, please welcome her to our Buena Vista community and family, and introduce yourselves so she can get to know you and your children.

As we start the new school year, we are still trying to find ways to address the parking issue when dropping off students or picking them up, as well as ensuring the safety of our students before and after school. We are respectfully asking parents/guardians to not use the parking lot on



the east side of the campus when dropping students off or picking them up. We will have signage up soon to indicate that this is for staff parking.

Help us keep your children safe. Be sure to find an agreed-upon meeting place when dropping-off or picking-up your child. Also, park on the school's side of the curb and never have your child cross mid-street to meet you.

Speaking of student safety, children are allowed at school at 7:30 only if they are here to eat breakfast and will be released to the playground when supervision begins at 7:50. The same is expected after school. Please plan to pick up your children promptly at 2:30. Playground supervision is provided only until 2:40.

Finally, and very importantly, we are a NUT-FREE SCHOOL. There are several children at school this year with severe nut allergies. And it's not just eating nuts that can cause a reaction; these little people are so sensitive that skin contact is enough to cause major problems.

Welcome back to school for the 2008-2009 year—we look forward to working with you and your children this year and are dedicated our declaration of progress: Progress...everyday, for every child.

Open House and PTA Dinner

Our Open House will be held on Tuesday, September 16 from 6-7:30 p.m., in the Gym. Visit our PTA table, join for \$10, and your new PTA membership will include a meal ticket for your immediate family. There will be sub sandwiches, chips and drinks. Best of all, along with a musical presentation by the students, there will be a Tiger Jumping House located just outside the Gym—we look forward to seeing you all there!



Breakfast/Lunch on-line services

Check your student's account balance or pay online for school meals with your credit card! Follow the link at www.d11.org/fns/payonline.htm and use your Visa or Mastercard to make payments. You will need your child's Student ID # which you can get by calling the kitchen at 328-4132.

Annual PTA Fundraiser

We received so much positive feedback that we will be selling Dutch Mill bulbs again. Look for all the information in your child's Friday Folder. The money raised will support student enrichment activities and the Back Yard Project.

For new parents, the Back Yard Project is a long-term undertaking to improve the playground and other areas of the school grounds for the benefit of the students and the entire neighborhood. One of our improvements from last years fundraising are the two "spinning seats" added to our playground last spring.

Order forms are due back to the school by Friday, September 19. A pizza party will be awarded to the class that returns the most completed order forms and also to the class that has the highest in sales.

We are continuing the General Mills Boxtops for Education and Campbells Labels for Education programs. Campbell's only accepts product UPC codes so please trim away the label and keep the UPC intact. A drop off box is located outside the office and in each building.

Movie Nights

We will continue to host Family Movie Night each month with students choosing the feature presentation by voting on a pre-screened selection of family rated movies. Please bring a chair or blanket and join us for popcorn and drinks along with other snacks. It's a great time to kick back and enjoy a favorite movie on the big screen.



Coronado Homecoming Parade

Please join us on Saturday, October 4, in Old Colorado City for the annual Coronado Homecoming Parade. Students and their families are encouraged to participate in this parade and show their school spirit. We would like to have a small flatbed trailer if possible to decorate. Please contact Natasha Walker at 282-2868 if you are able to assist with this. PTA will provide streamers and balloons for decorations.

Join Girl Scouts and Cub Scouts!

Fliers were sent home in your daughter's Friday Folder introducing Girl Scouts. Girl Scouts is way to build courage, confidence and character—shaping girls to become leaders in their communities. If your daughter is interested in joining Girl Scouts, please visit our recruiting table in the Gym during the Open House or contact Natasha Walker at 719-331-511.

Cub Scouts will also have a table during the Open House. Boys in 1st – 5th grade are invited to join Pack 24 as we have fun, excitement and unique opportunities. Scouts are encouraged to "Do Your Best" and be helpful to others. If you are interested in this program, please contact Kathy New at 719-634-7342.

Donations needed for Garage Sale

The PTA will be holding the second annual garage sale on Saturday, October 25th. If you have any gently used items that you would like to donate, please bring them to the gym on Friday, October 24th. If you have any large items, can volunteer to help or have any questions, please call Kathy New at 719-634-7342.

Volunteer Coordinator Needed

BV is looking for a volunteer coordinator. If you are looking to be more involved in your child's school and want to get to know staff and other parents better, then this is for you! This position will consist of rounding up volunteers for various school activities such as art and pie night, Arts-a-Palooza, in addition to organizing classroom volunteers for teachers. It also entails documenting volunteer hours for the district. Please consider being involved in your child's school in this very important capacity. Please call the office or talk to David Brilliant.

Asbestos Management Plan

Colorado Springs School District #11 is required by law to inspect schools for the presence of asbestos containing materials and to develop and maintain asbestos management plans. The Asbestos Management Plan is available for review in the school office. It is available for inspection during normal school hours. The plan is also available at the District Facilities office and is available for inspection, Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The asbestos management plan describes where asbestos containing materials are located in the school, and present recommendations for remediation (often by removal) or how the material is to be maintained. They also give a history of remediation efforts.

PTA Message, Natasha Walker, President:

Welcome to yet another incredible school year here at Buena Vista! We, the PTA board, are excited about all the wonderful activities planned for the 2008-2009 school year! Most importantly, we are looking forward to seeing both old and new faces at our monthly meetings. Regular PTA meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 6-7 p.m. in the school library. We have started something new this year to accommodate families attending PTA meetings. We will host a homework club for children of all ages in the adjoining classroom. There will be an IB student from Coronado High School present to help with homework, reading and oversee activities for younger children. It is our primary goal to expand our PTA community. We hope this accommodation will encourage PTA participation.

We thank you in advance for supporting your children and their school through your participation in PTA! We will see you at our first meeting on September 9!

Your PTA Board—Natasha Walker, President; Beth Roalstad, Vice President; Kathy New, Secretary; Ruth Roland Treasurer.