

BOBCAT BANNER

Buena Vista Elementary PTA Newsletter



Letter from Mr. Burgess

Welcome Back Bobcat Community!

We have had a remarkable start to our school year. It has been so exciting to have our families back to school and our kids filling our classrooms and halls with enthusiasm and excitement for the new year. Parent's, as in the past, I need you to be your child's number one advocate at all times. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher or your administrative staff, myself, Mrs. McFadden or Ms. Phoenix with any questions and concerns.

We look forward to having all of our families being fully invested in our Bobcats education. We need your assistance and involvement with our PTA, SIC and our classrooms. Please let your child's teacher know if you are available to assist.

Parents, we have a special opportunity for you. You do not need to get up early to serve breakfast!!! With school starting at 7:45, please have your children at school early enough to take advantage of our breakfast program that runs from 7:00 - 7:30. Our students love the offerings and it takes the burden off your shoulders every morning.

Your child's safety and security are my number one concerns each and every day and it begins with the morning car line drop off. Please use the car line. Our parking lot is the most dangerous area in the school. If you have an appointment and need to park and come in, please be very careful and use the cross walk leading into school. NEVER allow your child to walk in the parking lot by themselves.

Please know that when we have nasty and dangerous weather, like our lightning storm Thursday morning, and car accidents that take place on Batesville Road that possibly make us late I usually hold attendance on days like this so you do not have to worry about being late. I want safety and security to be a high priority.

I'm looking forward to meeting each and every one of you!
Mr. Burgess

The mission of Buena Vista Elementary School is to educate students while supporting them socially and emotionally as they develop into 21st Century learners.

PTA

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Welcome
To Our School

We are excited to welcome new staff members to Buena Vista this year:

Natalee Phoenix -- Administration
Kaitlyn Dolan -- Kindergarten
Korbyn Sotelo -- Kindergarten
Kate Leonard -- 2nd Grade
Beth McHugh -- 2nd Grade
Amanda Vega -- 3rd Grade
Roberta Zoppe -- International Lab

Are You Receiving our Weekly Newsflash?

The BV PTA's Newsflash email is the BEST way to receive up-to-date information and communications coming from Buena Vista staff and PTA volunteers. Don't miss out on important announcements and info! "Opt In" to this newsletter by entering your email address at the bottom of the home page on www.bvpta.net. Or email Mary Latrick at marylatrick@gmail.com.

Safety Updates from Our Assistant Principals

Welcome back, Bobcats! The safety of our students is a top priority at BVE. Please review the safety reminders below to ensure the safety of all of our students:

- Please remember to follow the dress code found in the student handbook.
- If your kindergarten or first grade student is going to **ride the bus home from school or walk**, you will need your dismissal card to get them off the bus or pick them up from the front or back path.
- Students can be dropped off via the front carpool line between 7:00-7:45am. **Do not drop students off before 7:00am**, there will not be an adult to supervise them prior to 7:00am. Please always follow the signage for driving in our parking lots.
- Parents and visitors MUST keep their YELLOW badge on their person at all times while in the building.
- Dismissal is at 2:15. Please plan accordingly to ensure your child is picked up in a timely manner.
- Various unannounced safety drills will take place throughout the school year.

We look forward to making this the best year yet! Mrs. McFadden and Ms. Phoenix

Greenville County Schools Ignore the Door Campaign



At Buena Vista, various safety measures including safety plans and strict check-in procedures are in place to help keep our school safe. While those safety measures are important, the most crucial element is everyone's involvement. One simple, yet important effort is for everyone to ensure all exterior doors are locked and closed at all times AND never opened to allow anyone to enter the building. This will ensure that all visitors must enter the school through the main entrance. This safety effort is being stressed in all Greenville County schools through the Ignore the Door campaign that includes signage on all exterior doors with the following wording:

Ignore the Door! Keep Your School Safe!
Never open a door to let anyone in the building – Even if it's someone you know

The safety of our students and others requires *everyone* working together. Please do your part by supporting the school's safety efforts and **Ignore the Door!**

From Attendance Clerk Ann Schockling



Students need to be in school every day so that they can achieve to their highest potential. If students are ill with a fever, remember to keep them at home until they have been fever-free for a full 24 hours without fever reduction medication. South Carolina has a compulsory attendance law which requires students who are absent to abide by the following:

- There are only 10 absences allowed for each student each year. These absences may be excused or unexcused.
- When a student is absent, either lawfully or unlawfully, a parental written excuse, including date and reason for absence, is expected on the child's first day back to school. E-mails and/or phone calls to the teacher are not acceptable forms of excuses.
- Excuses may be submitted through the Attendance tab on the school website.
- On the 11th non-medical absence and every absence after the 11th, the student must present a doctor's note to validate the student's absence from school.
- A student may be considered for retention in their current grade if excessive absences accrue.
- If a student has 3 consecutive unexcused absences, school intervention is required.
- If a student has a total of 5 unexcused absences, school intervention is required.
- Please know that family trips or vacations are not excused absences from school.
- If a family needs a special request for excused absence from school, a written request must be made to the principal, Dave Burgess, in advance of the absence.
- Attendance policies are subject to change due to COVID-19 restrictions.

COVID-19 Protocols



Greenville County schools will notify families any time we have a change in the protocols for the 2023 -2024. As of now all protocols have been lifted. For the most up to date COVID-19 Protocols please visit the Greenville County Schools FAQ page. As always, if your child is sick, especially with a fever please keep them home. For the most up to date COVID-19 Protocols please visit the [Greenville County Schools FAQ page](#).

Notes from Our Nurse

Hello Bobcats, welcome back to Buena Vista. There is some important new information from the health room. Please feel free to stop by the health room and introduce yourself and ask any question or concern you may have. I can also be reached by phone at 864-355-2207 or email at kploch@greenville.k12.sc.us



1. Medications:

- ALL Medication must be delivered to the health room by a parent or guardian or person over 18 years of age and given directly to the nurse or trained staff. A child should NEVER carry ANY type of medication to school in their pockets or lunch boxes.
- No Medication will be accepted or "Held" without the proper authorization forms with required signatures.
- No more than a 30 day supply of controlled medication will be accepted in the health room.
- The health room is required to have the MOST RECENT prescription label matching the current health providers authorization form.
- All medication authorizations must include dosage of medication (example: Ibuprofen 200mg Give 1 tablet; Benadryl 12.5mg/5ml Give 25mg/10ml).
- If the dose of medication includes halved tablets, the parent must halve the pills, the nurse is not authorized to alter medication, Pharmacy law
- The first dose of any new medication must be given at home and the parent should monitor the student for at least 2 hours after initial dose (except emergency medication).
- Medication reportedly missed at home will not be administered in the school setting. A parent or guardian may come to school and administer the medication.

2. If your child is sick, keep them home.

- Students will be sent home for the following: Fever of 100.4, has at least 3 episodes of diarrhea, or has vomited 2 or more times. Students are required to stay home until fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication, no diarrhea for 24 hours without the use of diarrhea suppressing medication, and a student should have 1 or 2 meals without vomiting before returning to school.
- Thank you! I am looking forward to a great year!

A Word from Our PTA President

Hello Bobcats! My name is Lyndsey Crandall and I am excited to introduce myself as your PTA President for the 2023-2024 school year! I want to extend a warm 'welcome back' to our returning families, and a big welcome to our new Bobcats! I am a proud mom of three kids who will all be attending Buena Vista this year! Through my involvement in PTA programs over the years, I've witnessed the impact that a dedicated and engaged PTA can have on the educational journey of our kids.

As we embark on a new school year, we ask for your partnership in continuing to make resources and learning opportunities available to every student. We have a fantastic administrative staff, outstanding teachers, a dedicated PTA Executive Board, and an extraordinary team of parent volunteers—all of which truly make our school "someplace special"!

Last year's fundraising efforts, including programs like Boosterthon Bobcat Run and Friends of BVES, helped us purchase new learning tools including a new poster maker; 4 portable stages to be used in school programs and performances; and allowed us to allocate \$5,000 directly to our teachers for classroom enhancement. This was all possible thanks to your overwhelming support!

For the PTA to be effective and representative of the school community, we rely on each and every one of you! Joining our PTA is easier than ever, as we have moved memberships online to the Givebacks (formerly MemberHub) website. You can also join us at our monthly PTA Board meetings, which occur on Thursdays at 9:30 AM in the cafeteria. More information on joining the PTA, volunteering your time and talents, as well as important dates can all be found in your First Day Packets.

Keep up to date on all the exciting things happening at Buena Vista by visiting the PTA website (www.bvpta.net), or following us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/bvistaes/) or Instagram @bvepta.

On behalf of the PTA Executive Board, I thank you in advance for all of your support. If you see me around the school campus, please don't hesitate to say hello! I look forward to working with you all in striving to make a positive impact on the lives of our students and strengthen the bond that makes our school community truly exceptional. "It's a Bobcat Thing!"

-Lyndsey Crandall
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BVPTA NEEDS YOU!

JOIN US IN PROVIDING:

Student Support		Staff Support
Reflections Contest	Birthday Celebrations	Appreciation Meals & Treats
Backpack Buddies	Drug & Alcohol Awareness	Mini-Grants & Supply Reimbursement

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED TODAY?

Support

Fundraisers	Shopping Rebates	Online Store
Friends of Buena Vista Fall Fundraiser Spring Fundraiser	Publix Partners Lowe's Back2Schools	Spirit Wear Water Bottles & More!

Donate

PTA Membership	Business Partners Program
\$5 to Join as Parent, Faculty, or Friend	Help Recruit Tax-Deductible Business Donations in Our Community

PTA Membership



Make a difference -- Join BVPTA! By purchasing a BVPTA Membership, you are able to vote and approve our yearly budget and PTA Executive Board positions. Our annual Membership drive is not a fundraiser - it helps show support of our school. We keep our cost of memberships low so that all parents/guardians who wish to purchase one are able. All memberships must be purchased online through Givebacks (formerly Memberhub) by Wednesday, September 20th. Parents, neighbors, grandparents and friends are also invited to join our PTA! Memberships can be purchased at buenavista.memberhub.store. Thank you for your support!

Birthday Celebrations

We are excited to celebrate each young Bobcat's birthday this year in a new way! This year your child can look forward to receiving a special birthday treat from PTA during their birthday month. July birthdays will be combined with those in August. Allergy friendly treats will be available.



Fundraisers

Friends of Buena Vista Fundraiser

When you give to Friends of Buena Vista, 100% of the money stays at Buena Vista and is spent on your child in the current school year. Any dollar amount is appreciated and welcomed. Individuals, families, or businesses with a cumulative donation of \$100.00 or more will be recognized in a weekly Newsflash and will receive a "Friends of BVES" car sticker. Your donation is tax deductible. Be on the lookout for more information in your child's Tuesday Folder. Thank you for your support of BVES!

Annual Fall Fundraiser **BOOSTER THON**

Save the date - The Boosterthon Fun Run will take place on September 29!

Our school is raising \$25,000 for Playground Updates & School Resources. During this program, students can earn donations to help our school, and on the final day, all students will participate in our Fun Run to celebrate! Register at MyBooster.com beginning August 29!

Parent Backpack Accounts



The Parent Backpack is an online application developed by the Greenville County Development Team that allows you to view your child's grades, attendance, and discipline incidents. Go to the parent backpack site [HERE](#) to sign up and associate your child(ren) to your account. After you have set up your account and requested your child(ren) be added to the account, you must verify your identity with your child's school by bringing your ID to the BVE front office. Each parent may set up a separate Backpack account, but each parent must also come in to verify their identity with the office before your accounts can be activated. If you have multiple children at different schools, you must visit each school to verify your identity.

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Keeping Your Children Safe To and From School

Drivers:

- Be aware of children walking to/from school and children waiting for their bus.
- Near school zones and bus stops, slow down and take extra caution.
- Be aware of school start and dismissal times.
- Obey traffic signals, signs and crossing guards.
- Never drop a student off on a side road, like Enoree Rd. To ensure the safety of our students and not disrupt the steady flow of traffic, all students should be dropped at a safety patrol.

Students Walking to/from School

- An adult should supervise child until child demonstrates traffic skills and judgment.
- Parent should walk with child at least once to ensure the child follows the safest route.
- Obey traffic signals, signs and crossing guards.
- Before crossing any road, look left, right, and left again. Only cross at corners, using crosswalk when available.
- Walk, do not run, while crossing and look both ways.
- Do not enter the street from behind bushes or from between parked cars.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If no sidewalk, walk single file, facing traffic.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up.

Students Riding the Bus to/from School

- Ensure that supervising adults/older children have the bus tag card to pick up kindergarten and first grade students at the bus stop at the appointed time!
- An adult should supervise child until child demonstrates traffic skills and judgment.
- Parent should walk with child at least once to the stop so the child knows the safest route.
- Leave home on time to ensure you are at the bus stop before the bus arrives.
- If bus stop is across the road, look left, right and left again before crossing.
- Walk on the sidewalk. If no sidewalk, walk single file, facing traffic.
- Do not play and run at/near bus stop.
- Stand as far away from the road as possible.
- Never run to catch the bus or walk behind the bus.
- Enter the bus only after it has made a complete stop; remain in seat while the bus is in motion.
- Be aware of traffic when exiting the bus.
- Parents should wait on same side of road as bus stop.
- Students should wear a mask and practice social distancing when appropriate.



PTA Reflections – “I am Hopeful Because...”

Calling all artists! The National PTA is looking to recognize some outstanding artists and your student might be one of them! Each year, the PTA sponsors the Reflections contest to encourage students to express themselves through art. This school year’s theme is “I am Hopeful Because...” The Reflections contest has six categories: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and visual arts. Look for more information on the contest rules and deadlines on the Buena Vista website and the PTA’s Newsflash in the coming months. In the meantime, inspire your students to explore their artistic side!

Skate Days Are Back!

Buena Vista Skate Days at Roller Sports are back and EVERYONE is welcome! Each Skate Day has a theme so bring your friends and siblings for an afternoon of fun! The cost is \$4 per person (includes your skate rental). No drop offs are permitted and each child present must be accompanied by a responsible adult. Skate days are on the following Fridays from 3:30-5:30pm:

Sept 15 - Team Sports Day
 Oct 6 - Neon Day
 Nov 17 - Pajama Day
 Jan 19 - Twin Day
 Feb 16 - Backwards Day
 Mar 8 - Jersey Day
 April 5 - Decade Day
 May 10 - Mismatch Day



Master Minds

Brain Builders is now Master Minds!

We've got a new name, but our mission is the same – to support our Bobcat students who need a little extra help! Volunteering for Master Minds takes just 30 minutes per week (no experience needed), and is designed to fit your schedule. Once you're matched with a student, the time spent together can be as simple as reading or working with flash cards. The great news is that your student's teacher will provide the materials needed for your weekly meetings! Help will begin in mid-late September, and volunteers are essential to make this valuable program work. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Melissa Bache at melissabache1@gmail.com.



Backpack
Buddies

Backpack Buddies

Backpack Buddies is looking forward to another great year helping out kids in our own Buena Vista family. Our committee provides food items that are sent home every weekend with students that qualify for free and reduced lunch. We accept food and financial donations to help meet our needs. We rely on our volunteers for packing and inventory. We meet weekly on Friday mornings to assemble and distribute packages to the children. The program will start towards the end of September. Please contact Mary Latrick at marylatrick@gmail.com or Layne Morton at jlaynepoteet@gmail.com.

Greetings from the Bobcat Café

School meals will be available for all students in all school-opening scenarios, in addition to Virtual students.

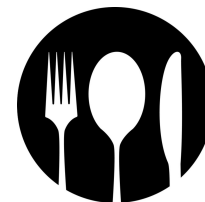
The cost of the meals are as follows:

Breakfast

All students--Free
 Adults \$3.07

Lunch

All students \$2.50
 Adults \$4.81



Free and Reduced Meal (FARMS) Applications

Free or Reduced meal status, as determined by a FARMS application or Direct Certification by the SC Department of Education, is a requirement to receive the Pandemic EBT (P-EBT) cards that will be distributed by the SC Department of Social Services to eligible families. Please apply online [HERE](#). Everyone receiving free or reduced meals must reapply even if you applied last year.

Meals for Virtual Program Students

FANS will not be providing after hours meal pick up options for Virtual Program students this year. Virtual program students may receive meals each day by pre-ordering them one business day in advance from the cafeteria manager at their assigned school. Proof of GCS enrollment will be required to receive meals

Snacks

We will be offering all snacks this year. Prices range from \$.50 to \$1.25. You may call the cafeteria at 864-355-2208 for a breakdown of the various snacks and individual prices.



Welcome International Families!

BVPTA has an International Resources committee that can help you transition into the school, especially if you are new to Greenville and to Buena Vista Elementary. The International Resources committee also works with the school to celebrate the unique heritage of our international and local Bobcat families at the annual International Night! For questions and more info contact Shehzeen Muqri at momformmb@yahoo.com.

Bobcat Boulder



Send out a special message for all to see on a Bobcat Boulder. Your child would love to see a birthday or other positive messages personalized just for them. Remember we have two rocks, so make sure you pick the appropriate Sign Up Genius. Reserve your spot well in advance, as days book up quickly. It costs only \$10 a day. You bring your own paint and paint your reserved rock rain or shine at the following times:

- Car Line Boulder - after 3:00pm the day before your specific reserved date so your message is ready to view the next morning.
- Back Path Boulder – between 3:00pm and 6:45pm on the day before your specific reserved date to ensure school gates are open. Gates are locked promptly at 6:45pm and closed all weekend, so Monday rocks must be painted on Friday.

Sign up online beginning Sunday, August 6 at 8:00pm on the PTA website.

Please only recognize students on the Bobcat Boulder. Teacher birthdays will be recognized on the electronic sign out front. Questions? Email Natalie Bickley at nataliembickley@gmail.com

School Store and Spirit Wear

We've got spirit, yes we do! Let us help you get some too!!

Welcome back fellow returning BOBCATS and welcome new friends!!

We are looking forward to a great 2023-2024 school year! We hope you're as excited as we are about this year's NEW spirit wear! You can shop at our Online Store at www.bvpta.net/shop or find our Spirit Wear Order Form in your 1st Day Packets!

Our "Welcome Back Bobcat Spirit Sale" will go through August 30th. Help us show what being a Bobcat is all about by sporting your Bobcat spirit with us throughout the year at various spirit day events!

Note: SHIRT orders will be delivered 2-3 weeks after final sale date. All other items are limited, and may be delivered before shirt orders. Small online processing fee added to each online purchase. For questions please contact Amanda at spiritbve@gmail.com

We're looking forward to a year full of Buena Vista Bobcat spirit!

 A graphic advertisement for school spirit wear. At the top, it says "SPIRIT WEAR" in large red letters, followed by "Back to school with Buena Vista spirit!". Below this, several items are displayed:

- A blue t-shirt with "BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY" and a bobcat logo.
- A grey long-sleeve shirt with "BOBCAT" and a bobcat logo.
- A red t-shirt with "BUENA VISTA Bobcats" and a bobcat logo.
- A pair of white socks with blue and red accents, labeled "OVER THE CALF SPIRIT SOCK \$15".
- A blue and white crew sock, labeled "CREW SPIRIT SOCK \$15".
- A blue baseball cap with "BUENA VISTA" and a bobcat logo, labeled "BASEBALL HAT \$12".
- A white baseball cap with "Bobcats" written on it.
- A blue water bottle with a bobcat logo, labeled "WATER BOTTLE \$7".
- A star-shaped gift card labeled "SCHOOL STORE GIFT CARD" with "\$1" written on it.
- A blue car magnet with a bobcat logo, labeled "CAR MAGNET \$5".
- A pair of blue socks with a bobcat logo, labeled "RETRO BOBCATS HEATHERED RED TEE \$10".
- A pair of white socks with a bobcat logo, labeled "BV EST. 1984 DRI-FIT TEE \$17 (NOW IN BLUE TOO!)".

School Store will be open Monday-Friday from 7:20am-7:40am. Students will need to get a school store pass to shop at the school store in the mornings from their teachers. Select Buena Vista spirit wear may be available for purchase in the school store. School Store Volunteers Needed This is a great way to help, miss the morning traffic, and get to know others. It is fun and easy. You can volunteer as often as you like. Join us school mornings in the Atrium from 7:20-7:40. Contact Heather at heather210@gmail.com.

Show Your School Spirit While You Shop

Shopping rebates are an easy way to donate money directly back to Buena Vista. Each time you grocery shop at Publix or Lowe's Foods, a portion of your sales can be donated back to BV! Please sign up for both of these programs – they must be renewed each year!

Publix has raised over \$50,000 for BV to date. If you are a Club Publix member, please associate Buena Vista Elementary as your Publix Partner.

Lowe's Foods also donates to BV through their Back2Schools program. If you are a Lowe's Fresh Rewards member, please enroll in their Cart to Class program and associate Buena Vista Elementary to your card.

Upcoming Spirit Night events will be shared soon! If your local business would like to participate in a Spirit Night please email Megan Saltmarsh at megansaltmarsh@gmail.com or Corey Gilbreath at cgilbreath13@yahoo.com. We are always on the look out for new Spirit Night locations!



Shopping Rebates

Important Dates

BVES PTA IMPORTANT DATES

2023-2024 School Year

These Dates Are Subject To Change

AUGUST 2023

Friday, August 4
Sunday, August 6
Tuesday, August 8

Sunday, August 13
Friday, August 18
Wednesday, August 23
Friday, August 25

SEPTEMBER 2023

Monday, September 4
Tuesday, September 5
Thursday, September 7
Monday, September 11

Tuesday, September 12
Monday- Friday, September 11- 15
Friday, September 15
Wednesday, September 20
Monday- Friday, September 25- 29

Friday, September 29

OCTOBER 2023

Thursday, October 5
Friday, October 6
Wednesday, October 11
Thursday, October 12-Friday, October 13
Tuesday, October 17-Friday, October 20

Thursday, October 19
Thursday, October 26-Friday, October 27
Friday, October 27

- Meet The Teacher- 5:00- 7:00 PM at BVES
- Bobcat Boulder Sign Ups Begin
- First Day of School
- New Parent Orientation- 8:00 AM in Cafeteria
- Spirit Wear Sale Starts
- PTA Membership Drive Starts
- Friends of Buena Vista fundraiser begins
- PTA Board Meeting- 2:00 PM at Sugar Creek 1 Clubhouse
- Staff Lunch Break
- Spirit Wear Sale Ends
- Spirit Day
- July/August Birthday Celebrations

- NO SCHOOL- Labor Day
- Room Parent Meeting- 9:30 AM at Sugar Creek 1 Clubhouse
- PTA Monthly Board Meeting- 9:30 AM in Cafeteria
- BVES Open House- 6:00-6:30 PM and 7:00-7:30 PM
- PTA General Membership Meeting- 6:45 PM in Atrium
- PTA Membership Drive Ends
- Boosterthon kickoff
- Backpack Buddies Food Drive Week- "Back To School"/grade level
- Skate Day- 3:30-5:30 PM at Taylors Roller Sports
- Fall Fundraiser/BOOSTERTHON Fun Run
- Fall Book Fair
- Grandparents Week
- Spirit Day
- September Birthday Celebrations
- Staff Lunch Break

- PTA Monthly Board Meeting- 9:30 AM in Cafeteria
- Fall School Picture Day
- End of 1st Quarter
- NO SCHOOL- Teacher Work Days
- Cogat/Iowa 2nd Grade Testing
- 5th Grade DC Trip
- 1st Report Card
- 4th grade Chattanooga Trip
- Spirit Day
- October Birthday Celebrations

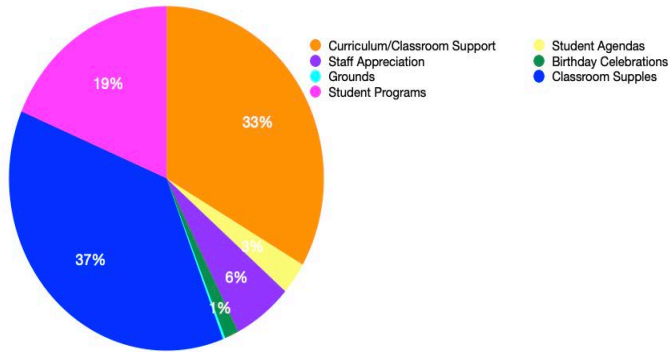
School Tips for Parents

- Check and sign the assignment book nightly.
- Check, read and sign the Tuesday Communication folder each Tues.
- Talk with your child about what he/she learned each day.
- Check out www.greenville.k12.sc.us/bvista for news and visit teacher web pages for classroom news and updates.
- Have your child read, or be read to, for at least 15-30 min a night.
- Routinely check your child's basic arithmetic facts. Use computer flashcards or the Compass Program...they love it!
- Watch the school district's cable show – Cable Channel 99.
- Help your child practice skills used in the "real world"...count change...read the newspaper.
- Maintain close contact with your child's teachers through e-mail, notes, calls or conferences.
- Have your child make-up his/her work when they are absent.
- Show your child how you use math and English skills in your everyday life. Be sure to promote your own use of algebra skills and writing every day.
- Talk with your child about his/her successes and help him/her explore alternatives when they encounter problem situations.
- Visit <https://ed.sc.gov> for an overview of the statewide assessments.
- Remember to give yourself a pat on the back...you are the best parent your child will ever have!



Where did your BV PTA Monies Go for 2022-2023?

Curriculum/Classroom Support \$18,400
 Student Agendas \$1,500
 Staff Appreciation \$3,000
 Birthday Celebrations \$715
 Grounds \$130
 Classroom Supplies \$18,400
 Student Programs \$9,230



Staff Appreciation

Visitors are welcome in the building again, and we are excited to bring back Staff Lunch Breaks! Our BV staff looks forward to the buffet-style meals we provide -- and we need your help!

There are TWO ways that you get involved:



Appreciation Meals & Treats

1) Make sure that you fill out the Volunteer Form found in your first day packet and check Staff Appreciation and we will be in contact with needs for each meal we provide AND/OR

2) Make sure to sign up for a day to come sit with your child's class during lunchtime so your teacher can eat with their peers. Information will come from your Room Parent. Any help is appreciated!



Business Partners

Do you or someone you know have a business that they would like to advertise? Join our corporate sponsors! We offer many levels of sponsorships for you to choose from. This is a great way to promote your business and help the kids have a wonderful school year! Please contact Melanie Hendrix (melanie.hendrix@gmail.com) or Kelly Rhyne (krhyne8@gmail.com).

Memories are Made to be Remembered!



Yearbook sales will begin on the first day of school -- don't miss out on the only way you are guaranteed a yearbook full of this coming year's adventures! Make sure to look for the yearbook flyer included in first day packets. All yearbook sales will be online through Jostens this year, and you can buy as many yearbooks as you'd like at the same time (no separate orders necessary). We are looking forward to another great year! We appreciate everyone's support and welcome your pictures. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Dana Lanning or Courtney Rhoades (bvptayearbook@gmail.com).

Be an iREADer!!



The iREAD Program rewards students who read for 20 minutes on at least 20 days during the school months by entering them into a monthly grade-level drawing for a \$10 bookstore gift card! In order to be eligible to win, the calendar needs to be completely filled. K5 - 2nd grade may draw a picture on the back and 3rd-5th graders who complete a simple iREADer Book Review are eligible! The class with the most reports will receive a treat. October will be our first month! Look for your calendar to come home and start documenting, reading, and encouraging book reviews! For further info, please email Kelli Kirksey at Kellkirksey@gmail.com.

Volunteer Approval Process

Greenville County Schools require volunteers to complete an application and receive clearance from the district prior to volunteering at any school function or chaperoning any school field trips.

Level II volunteer status is easy to achieve and once approved is valid for 3 years.

Simply complete the application via the QR code below. The approval process can take approximately two weeks, so complete the application today!!

Scan this with your QR Code Reader to begin the application!





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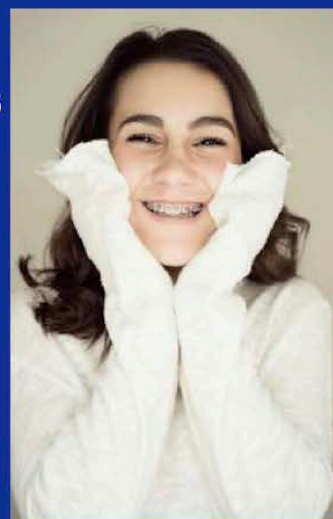
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