



# BUENA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Buena Vista Elementary School  
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## Principal's Message.....

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to our school year. Our student population is 575. We are excited to have four new teachers: Mr. Langston who is teaching kindergarten, Mr. Wilson who is teaching sixth grade, Mrs. Malta who is teaching third grade and Mrs. Martin who is teaching fifth grade. Mr. Shaf, school psychologist, is also new to our school this year. In addition, we have added a new kindergarten tutor, Mrs. Luther. Mrs. Prochazka will be tutoring in grades 1-6 and supporting our English Learners Lexia program. Mrs. Curtis will tutor for 6th grade PE and

some kindergarten and Lexia. What a great staff we have!

Our curriculum has stayed the same; we are continuing our assessment and intervention programs. DIEBELS and DAZE for Oral Reading Fluency and Progress Monitoring for students to help support their placement in our Lexia Reading intervention program. This program can also be used to support students at all levels. Students work at the computer with skills that are appropriate for their specific needs, and then progress at their own pace as their skills develop. Teacher materials are provided to monitor student

success and further support skill building. Lexia Reading is designed to be used over the course of multiple school years to support core reading instruction.

We will be utilizing Lexia Reading, Project Read, Accelerated Math, and Reading for Concepts, for example, to support the core program. Please make sure you are practicing the Word Club Lists and Math Facts with your child. We will work as a school this year to make sure all students are on target with these skills. Your teacher will be able to give you more information about



our programs at the upcoming parent teacher conferences.

It is wonderful to see many of you each day. I truly enjoy working with the staff and parents at Buena Vista Elementary to provide the best education possible for your child.

**Sincerely,**  
**Dr. Diane Burton**

## School Highlights

### School Absences

Please call the school anytime your child is unable to attend. The school loses money when students are absent.

### School Breakfast & Lunch

Parents can now log online and monitor their child's lunch money account, and also post payments to their accounts all online. Go to

<https://www.mynutrikids.com/>

### Clothing Donations Needed

The Nurses office could use donations of clothing for students who have accidents at school. Sweatpants, t-shirts, shorts, and undergarments are needed. Please note that all undergarments must be new. Other items can be gently used as long as they are clean.

### Parent/Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held during the week of October 10th—October 14th. If you have not received a confirmation of your conference time, please call the school office for assistance.

### Lost & Found

If your child is missing any sweaters, jackets, lunchboxes or other items, please check the Lost & Found Box in the MPR.

## PTA Reflections Program "Diversity Means....."

Designed to enhance rather than replace a quality arts education, the Reflections Program provides opportunities for students to express themselves and to receive positive recognition for their artistic efforts.

PTA believes all children deserve

a quality arts education and encourages students to pursue artistic expression through participation in its annual arts Reflection Program.

The program offers students the opportunity to create works of art for fun and recognition. Students

in preschool through grade 12 are encouraged to create and submit works of art in six areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography, and the visual arts (which includes art forms such as drawing, painting, print making, and collage).

The PTA is currently looking for volunteers to help with the 2011 Reflections program. Volunteers are needed to help create and distribute flyers about the program, as well as volunteers to collect the finished projects from the students and submit them for judging. The volunteers will also plan the awards ceremony to give recognition to the amazing students who participate in this program.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Rachel Alvarez at: 733-1541



## About the PTA

As the largest volunteer child advocacy association in the nation, Parent Teacher Association (PTA) reminds our country of its obligations to children and provides parents and families with a powerful voice to speak on behalf of every child while providing the best tools for parents to help their children be successful students.

PTA does not act alone. Working in cooperation with many national education, health, safety, and child advocacy groups and federal agencies, the national PTA organization collaborates on projects that benefit children and that bring valuable resources to its members.

The Parent Teacher Association Membership is open to anyone who believes in the mission and purposes of Parent Teacher Association. Individual members may belong to any number of PTAs and pay dues in

each. Every person who joins a local PTA automatically becomes a member of both the state and national PTAs. Together we are a powerful voice for children. With your help, we can continue to work toward PTA's goal of a quality education and nurturing environment for every child.

### PTA Vision:

- Making every child's potential a reality.

### PTA Mission:

- A powerful voice for all children,
- A relevant resource for families and communities, and
- A strong advocate for the education and well-being of every child.

### PTA Values:

**Collaboration:** We work in partnership with a wide array of individuals and organizations to accomplish our agreed-upon goals.

**Commitment:** We are dedicated to promoting children's health, well-being, and educational success through strong parent, family, and community involvement.

**Accountability:** We acknowledge our obligations. We deliver on our promises.

**Respect:** We value our colleagues and ourselves. We expect the same high quality of effort and thought from ourselves as we do from others.

**Inclusivity:** We invite the stranger and welcome the newcomer. We value and seek input from as wide a spectrum of viewpoints and experiences as possible.

**Integrity:** We act consistently with our beliefs. When we err, we acknowledge the mistake and seek to make amends.

Support the PTA  
Inside Story Headline

- **Support the PTA while you search the internet!** Use the [Good Search Internet Search Engine](#) instead of Yahoo or Google! Everytime you perform a search, the PTA will earn money. If you shop online using the [Good Search-Good Shop](#) online store, then the school will earn a percentage of each purchase!
- **Participate in Fundraisers** Encourage your student to participate in every fundraiser, even if

they only earn \$1, it helps the PTA and shows School Spirit!

- **Support the PTA while you shop!** Use [www.escrip.com](http://www.escrip.com)! Escrip and merchant partners (Vons, Office Max, Big 5, Spencer's Fresh Market and over 700 Online stores including eBay, Staples.com, iTunes, Walmart.com and others\*) have a system that rewards customer loyalty by contributing a percentage of purchases to Buena Vista PTA.

- **Use Box Tops 4 Education** A variety of products from cereal to Kleenex have "Box Tops" on them. Simply cut them out, and bring them to your child's classroom. The PTA gets paid money for turning these in! How easy is that? Also you can shop online through the [Box-Tops Marketplace](#) and a percentage of your purchase will be credited to the school in CASH!

## Upcoming Events

### Harvest Festival CANCELLED

The annual Harvest Festival has been cancelled. After a great amount of discussion and the lack of enough volunteers who can commit the time and energy necessary to pull together this event, the PTA had no option but to cancel the event this year.

Our Vice President of Programs is very interested in revisiting the idea for a Spring Festival. If you are interested in helping, please email Melanie Winters.

[wintersm@earthlink.net](mailto:wintersm@earthlink.net)

### Fresh & Easy Shopping Night

November 3rd. See page 4 of the newsletter for more details.

### Panda Express Night

November 17th.

Flyers will be sent home soon and will also be available on our Website and Facebook Page. Present your flyer at Panda Express on November 17th and 20% of your purchase will be donated to Buena Vista.

### Holiday Craft Bazaar

December 7th. 6:30pm-9:30pm

Please join us for our 2nd Annual Holiday Craft Show. A variety of crafters and vendors will be on hand with unique items for purchase. What a creative and fun way to do some holiday shopping. We'll also have a Bake Sale with holiday treats.

If you have crafts or products to sell, you can reserve a table

and be part of our event. Please contact Betsy Phelps at 741-7159 for more information.

Volunteers are needed to help with Set Up, Clean Up and Baking for the Bake Sale and working the Bake Sale Table.



The Buena Vista Elementary School PTA would like to encourage ALL Buena Vista families, friends, and neighbors to participate in the Fresh and Easy Shop for Schools Fundraising Program.



**PLEASE send us your Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Market receipts,** dated September 15, 2011 through December 31, 2011.

Receipts MUST total \$20.00 or more in order to qualify.

Buena Vista Elementary School will receive \$1.00 for every twenty dollar purchase made between the above mentioned dates. (For example, a receipt totaling \$20.00 to \$39.00 will earn a \$1.00 donation to our school. A receipt totaling \$40.00 to \$59.00 will earn a \$2.00 donation, and so on.)

The PTA will simply collect the receipts, submit them upon completion of the program, and our school earns FREE money. Encourage your friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers to save their receipts for you.

Collection envelopes have been distributed to each classroom. Send your qualifying receipts to school with your student, OR you can find a receipt collection box near the office.

ALL receipts must be submitted by January 14, 2012 in order to allow time for calculating and submission to Fresh and Easy.

## **Thursday November 3, 2011**

The Buena Vista PTA will be hosting a Fundraising Shopping Night at the Fresh and Easy Neighborhood Market, located at 1009 North "H" Street in Lompoc.

Buena Vista Elementary School will earn **5% of ALL** sales in the Lompoc Fresh and Easy Market between 4 and 8 pm on 11/3/11!

Fresh and Easy will be awarding the highest earning school in the program an additional \$5,000.00 bonus!

If you have questions, or would like to volunteer to help with the Shop for Schools Shopping Night on November 3rd, , please don't hesitate to contact

Belinda Hammond [Belinda\\_hammond@verizon.net](mailto:Belinda_hammond@verizon.net)

Additional information can be reviewed at [freshandeasy.com/shopforschools](http://freshandeasy.com/shopforschools)

# MEET YOUR BUENA VISTA PTA PRESIDENT, LYNETTE MARTIN

By Nora K. Wallace

## WHY DID YOU JOIN THE PTA?

I believed in the purpose of the PTA. I was a stay-at-home Mom, volunteering in my boys' classrooms quite a bit. I was approached by PTA; they needed a treasurer. That was 5 years ago. I came on board to look at the books and I just really started to explore the whole purpose of PTA and understand what it did for the school.



## WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PTA IN YOUR VIEW?

The purpose of PTA is to enrich the education of our children, to bring programs to school, to bridge the home-to-school connection and to bring awareness to parents about what is going on at the school.

## WHAT DOES THE PTA DO FOR BUENA VISTA?

PTA and its volunteers help find and bring assemblies and programs to the school. We provide all the word club awards — t-shirts and eagle pins — when students reach achievement goals. We send children to the Math Super Bowl and the Battle of the Books. We sponsor the drama program. We provide a discretionary fund for teachers, paying for field trips or the purchase of Scholastic News or Weekly Readers. We run two Book Fairs each year, which last year provided \$200 worth of books for each Buena Vista classroom. We purchased a rug for the library and supplemented the school's technology program with document cameras and projectors. PTA, with help from Home Depot, created two pocket gardens with a bench and table to beautify the campus. We provide the 5th graders \$5,000 toward the Catalina trip. Soon, students will have three new outdoor round lunch tables and umbrellas, provided by the PTA.

## HOW CAN PARENTS HELP?

You can provide water when the students are running the jog-a-thon. You can come out and clap for them. You can sort flyers when we have to send out hundreds of flyers. You can help make copies. You can volunteer in a classroom. You can attend PTA meetings!

If everyone can give a little bit, it makes such a difference for our kids. There's a handful of people who work really, really hard and we'd like more parents or guardians to be involved. If people stay informed as to how they can help, and do help a little bit, it goes a long way.

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# PTA Highlights



The PTA at Buena Vista takes the mission of the PTA seriously and we all volunteer our time to help make the school a better place for the students. The PTA has many opportunities for you to help, whether it is just one hour of your time or many hours. There are many ways to help. Just ask!

## School/PTA Calendar

### October

October 5th	Minimum Day Dismissal at 12:06pm
October 6th	Jog—A—Thon Grades K-3
October 7th	Jog—A—Thon Grades 4 -6
October 10-14th	Book Fair (Open During Conference Week)
October 12th	Family Night
October 10-14th	Parent Teacher Conferences
October 20th	Yogurt Creations Night
October 31st	No School

### November

November 3rd	Fresh & Easy Shopping Night
November 11th	No School
November 16th	Minimum Day Dismissal at 12:06pm
November 17th	Panda Express Night
November 22-26th	No School - Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

December 23rdth	Winter Recess Begins
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### January 2011

January 9th	Class resumes
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## PTA Executive Board

President

—Lynette Martin

VP Programs

—Melanie Winters

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—Belinda Hammond

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—Susan Dickson

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## Keep Informed

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<http://www.orgsites.com/ca/buenavistapta/>

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