



# BV PTA Newsletter

*Keeping the lines of communication open between parents, teachers, administrators and the community strengthens our school and benefits our children.*

**A Monthly Newsletter**

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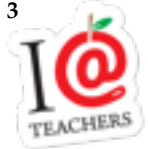
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## President's Corner


Your PTA President is Laurie Carter, who can be reached at [no.wonder@verizon.net](mailto:no.wonder@verizon.net)

Dear Friends of the PTA,

Well, you've elected your PTA Officers for next year! See page two of the newsletter for details. Congratulations to all the incoming officers, who will begin their terms on July 1st. You're inheriting a fabulous PTA!

The new Executive Board will soon begin to form committees and hold meetings. If you are asked to be on a committee, please seriously consider the opportunity. Whether you have a little time or a lot (who has a lot these days?) your thoughts and opinions are always welcome at committee level to plan activities.

Speaking of activities... don't forget the big BBQ - Car Show - Bluegrass Festival - Safety Fair coming to Buena Vista on May 15th! This is from 4-7 pm - a great way to bring in the weekend with your



**PTA Vision: Making every child's potential a reality.**

**PTA Mission: To be 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.**

family. You know you're going to eat dinner somewhere! Why not at Buena Vista, where the \$7 cost of your meal supports many needs at your school? Get your tickets at the office.

Spring Fling is returning at the end of May - this time we're taking the party outside! It was really evident last year that we maxed out the MPR, so to keep everyone comfortable and safe, we're moving

it to the Primary Blacktop. All the fun, but you'll actually be able to move freely!

Next week is BV Teacher Appreciation Week. Find creative ways to say thanks to your child's teacher, and don't forget to say thanks yourself! We've been blessed with the most amazing teachers for our child! And this year, Mr Gordon has proven no exception! I am grateful to him for always putting our children first, making them comfortable and excited with learning, and being on time when the bell rings! And the kids love him! Thanks, Mr Gordon!

Respectfully,

Laurie Carter

## Piano Lessons!

Want to try your hand at piano? Call Lori Fredrich at 805-729-7168. First lesson is free!



## PTA Officers Announced

1 July 2009 - 30 June 2010

Elections for next year's officers were held at the PTA Annual Meeting on 24 April. The following individuals were elected to office for the 2009-2010 year.

President: Susan Dickson

1st Vice President/Programs: Alison Prochazka

2nd Vice President/Membership: Christy Kearsley

3rd Vice President/Ways & Means: Kathy Bleak

Secretary: Tiffany Coleman

Treasurer: Vicki Blackstone

Historian: Melissa Ross

Auditor: Lynette Martin

It is great to see some current board members return in different positions and to welcome new faces! Soon these officers will begin to select committee chairs and form tentative plans for next year. When you're approached by an officer, I hope you will consider working at the committee level to continue the great success we've experienced in the past.

## Cool Links!

[www.internet4classrooms.com](http://www.internet4classrooms.com)

Click Links for K-12. Under Subjects, click Mathematics. Click Math Skill builders Sites - Choose grade that student is in or working at. Then click either Interactive Language Arts Activities or Interactive Math Activities. On left side in purple will show what category or skill the student will be working on, for example 5th grade has fractions, time, money, word problems, etc. Anything on the right that when you hold the mouse over it, the cursor turns into a hand, is a link. Click any of these. Once you click the underlined, different color title of the game, you just need to carefully read directions.

<http://sbceo.org> Username: buena (no capital letters)  
Password: eagles (also no capital letters) If it pops up with a Windows Internet Explorer box that says: By logging into this site I agree to abide by the Internet user policies set forth by the school district or organization to which I belong. Just click OK. Rand McNally Classroom has all kinds of information, learning activities and games. Click Games & Activities to play any of the games, like placing the US states properly on the map, as well as placing the US Capitals, and a few more too. You can also click Fun Stuff to play all kinds of different educational games. If you aren't taken to the games, you may have to click on your toolbar at the top on Tools and then click Pop-up Blocker and then turn off Pop-Up Blocker. You can always click it again at the end and turn the Pop-Up Blocker back on. There is also World Book Student, World Book Kids and World Book Discover. Check out California Streaming too. You can even click on video and watch Dr. Seuss.

Questions? Need help? Lori Fredrich (Instructional Assistant - Computer Lab) at 742-2140, or leave a voice mail at 742-2009 or email [fredrich@lUSD.org](mailto:fredrich@lUSD.org).

## Tips for Switching to a Summer Schedule

Summer vacation, with its camp activities and summer sports, sounds idyllic to most of us. And who wouldn't want seemingly endless hours to spend with friends? But as the school year comes to an end, take some time to talk to your kids about staying safer so you can be sure the summer memories are happy ones.

Consider these tips for adjusting to a summer schedule:

- New activities may mean the start of new friendships. Just as you do during the school year, get to know your children's friends and be on the lookout for possible bullies or someone who might lead your kids to experiment with drugs or alcohol.
- If the summer schedule means a change in your day-care routine, make sure your kids still know what to do in an emergency and how to contact a trusted adult.
- You might decide to relax your rules about the amount of time your kids can watch TV or play video games, but still do your homework to make sure the shows and games are age-appropriate.

Visit PTA.org's new "[Child Safety Events: How to Get Involved](#)" page for resources on a variety of

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**PTA TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK MAY 11-15**

**BUENA VISTA SCHOOL SAFETY FAIR AND NIGHT OUT MAY 15**

**15TH DISTRICT PTA LEADERSHIP TRAINING MAY 30TH**

**OPEN HOUSE AND SCIENCE FAIR MAY 20TH**

**PTA SPRING FLING EVENT - NOW PLANNING! MAY 29TH**

# Teacher Appreciation Week at Buena Vista May 11-15, 2009

See your classroom Room Parent for complete details for a specific class!

## A message from PTA National President

"Teachers can instruct our students in math, science, and language, but more than that, teachers can give our children the will to continue learning for the rest of their lives. The gift of never-ending education is one for which we cannot show enough gratitude—but we can certainly try.

During PTA Teacher Appreciation Week, please join us in recognizing the imperative and inspiring work our teachers do every day. Working together, teachers, parents, and communities can make every child's potential a reality."

Jan Harp Domene  
PTA National President

## Core Activities - School-Wide

- On **Monday**, children are encouraged to **bring a flower** to your teacher.
- On **Tuesday**, bring your teacher a **piece of fruit**.
- On **Wednesday**, **draw a picture** for your teacher.
- On **Thursday**, **parents** send the teacher a **note of appreciation**.
- On Friday, see your Room Parent for a class project.

## To Teachers from PTA

On Tuesday, the PTA Executive Board will provide lunch for the teachers!



Join PTA's Thank-A-Teacher group on Facebook

<http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=2221404667>

## No Child Left Behind

The No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), signed into law by President George W. Bush on January 8, 2002, is a reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, the central federal law in pre-collegiate education. Since the law was first enacted in 1965, it has been reauthorized and renamed several times, and it is up for reauthorization again in 2007. It is the nation's largest and most comprehensive federal education law: more than 90 percent of America's school districts receive funding for more than 40 federal educational and supportive services programs covered by the act.

### Parent Guides

#### Parent Involvement Recommendation Action Checklist

A grassroots action checklist for pushing PTA's recommendations for parental involvement in NCLB

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#### PTA Position Overview on Reauthorization of ESEA (NCLB)

A condensed overview of PTA's position on reauthorization of ESEA (NCLB)

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#### Parent Involvement Initiative for NCLB Reauthorization

PTA's parent involvement legislative Initiative for the reauthorization of No Child Left Behind

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### PTA Publications & Presentations

#### Parental Empowerment Presentation

A presentation for training parents to advocate for school improvements and educational opportunities

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#### NCLB Background

Information on the No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)

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### Resolutions & Position Statements

#### NCLB 5-year anniversary statement

PTA statement on the fifth anniversary of the passage of NCLB legislation

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#### Recommendations for Parental Involvement

PTA recommendations for parental involvement in the reauthorization of ESEA (NCLB)

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#### PTA Letter to House Education Committee

PTA letter to House Education Committee, urging increase in role of parental involvement in ESEA reauthorization

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#### Statement on reauthorization of ESEA

PTA's statement on ESEA reauthorization (NCLB), urging an increase in the role of parental involvement

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#### PTA Congressional Testimony, March 2007

Testimonial letter on NCLB submitted by PTA to Congress

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#### PTA Position Statement on NCLB

PTA's official positions on NCLB

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# Around and About

*With weather as moderate as that of the Central Coast, you can enjoy year around outdoor fun!  
And for the few days that it rains, you'll find plenty of indoor distractions, too!*

**Red Hot Pottery** 940 Chorro St, San Luis Obispo; 545-7687.

[www.redhotpottery.com](http://www.redhotpottery.com)

How about painting a flower pot or flower vase for your favorite spring flowers or design your own coffee or hot chocolate mug. How about a piggy bank that reminds you what you're saving for... (vacation fund, fair money, gas money) Need some really cool kitchen utensils? How about making a personalized cookie jar, sugar dish, butter dish, a set of mixing bowls, cereal bowl, a trivet and so much more.

## **Hike to Avila Lighthouse**

Pecho Coast Trail

Avila Beach, CA

For more information please call: 805-541-8735

8:45 AM

Most Wednesdays &

Saturdays (and some other days), take a guided hike along the beautiful Pecho Coast Trail. See the old Point San Luis Lighthouse (built 1890), as well as beautiful views of the harbor. The trail is only open during these times. Must be 9 years or older, and you must be in good physical shape. Hikes last about 4 hours. Saturday offers one fast and one slower hike.

## **Arroyo Grande Strawberry Festival**

Arroyo Grande

Strawberry Festival

The Village of Arroyo

Grande Arroyo Grande, CA

[map](#)

[website](#)

As one of California's largest festivals and premiere festival on the Central Coast this family-

style event brings together thousands of visitors and residents to enjoy activities and entertainment, the Strawberry Stampede, hundreds of art, craft and display booths, ethnic foods, and of course, scrumptious strawberry treats of all kinds in shortcakes, funnel cakes, milkshakes, ice cream and by the box!/  
**Avila Valley Barn**  
560 Avila Beach Road,  
San Luis Obispo, CA  
(805) 595-2810  
[map](#)  
[website](#)  
The Avila Barns a great place to bring kids of all ages. They are open 7 days a week from mid May until Christmas. Buy a picnic of baked goods and fresh produce from

their store and ask for a free bag of "goat food" to feed the animals (goats, sheep, donkeys, ponies, a cow, geese, chickens, rabbits, peacocks, and ducks).

## **Quicksilver Ranch**

1555 Alamo Pintado Rd.

Solvang, CA

(805) 686-4002.

[map](#)

[website](#)

Quicksilver ranch is an impressive facility and you are guaranteed to fall in love with their beautiful miniature horses. During the months of April and May there will most likely be many babies to see. The ranch is open from 10am to 3pm. Please call to

schedule a group or guided tour.

## **Amtrak Vacations**

Amtrak Vacations packages feature a range of hotels to fit every budget. Glance through the available options for your destination and create an itinerary that fits you and your family. Amtrak Vacations specialists can reserve rail or Air Rail from your departure city, additional hotel nights, optional tours and car rentals. For complete Amtrak Vacations pricing, call Amtrak Vacations at 1-800-AMTRAK-2 (1-800-268-7252).

## *Buena Vista School Safety Fair and Night Out! May 15th!*

This is one fun event you won't want to miss! Picture this: A delicious BBQ dinner for \$7 - right in your own neighborhood!

Police, Fire and other safety heroes helping you learn to live well and be safe - right in your own neighborhood!

A live bluegrass band playing all our favorite tunes outside on the grass and you on a blanket or lawn chair - right here in your own neighborhood!

I guess you got the message! This is a night to call out the neighbors and head over to the school for fun and entertainment that we don't often see right here in the Village! Don't forget about the car show! And every penny the School raises will go towards paying the crossing guard, making improvements to the field and restocking the emergency water and food supplies.

The fun starts at 4 pm on Friday, May 15th! Mark your calendar to join the festivities!

## Officers of the Board

**Laurie Carter — President**

**Teresa McIntyre — 1st Vice President/Programs Chair**

**Beverly Wilson — 2nd Vice President/Membership Chair**

**Kathy Bleak — 3rd Vice President/Ways & Means Chair**

**Lynette Martin — Treasurer**

**Vicki Blackstone — Secretary**

**Deanna Liberotti — Parliamentarian**

**Stephanie Ledgerwood — Historian**

**Lynda Gordon — Auditor**

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