

Blue Valley Northwest

Principal's Newsletter - March 29, 2024

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Message from Dr. David Sharp

Greetings, Husky Families!



**Passion
Purpose
Pride**

As we embrace the warmth and renewal of spring, I am pleased to begin the month of April on Monday! With the promise of blooming flowers and brighter days ahead, there's much to look forward to as we continue our 2023-2024 school year journey. Here's some vital information for the weeks ahead. **There will be NO LATE ARRIVAL on the following Tuesdays, April 2nd & March 9th.** School will begin at 7:35.

Kansas State Assessments are just around the corner. Last year, BVNW observed a significant increase in Math and ELA scores. Our scholars were among the best in the district! Please see the important information below, as we will begin testing on April 1st. Senior families, please bookmark the ["Important Senior Dates"](#) document and check back regularly for updates! More information is provided below.

As we sprint toward the finish line, let's continue to support one another, foster a culture of kindness and inclusion, and strive for excellence in Husky Nation! Thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to BVNW's vision of empowering every student to reach their full potential.

Your partner in education,

David

David Sharp, Ed.D
Principal, BVNW

Weekly Schedule - APRIL

Block/Traditional Schedule 2023-24

Odd Block	Even Block	Traditional	Testing	No Students - PL	No School
April	1	2 - No Late Arrival	3	4	5
	8	9 - No Late Arrival	10	11	12
	15	16	17	18	19
	22	23	24	25	26
	29	30			

Schedule Updates for Tuesdays: April 2nd & 9th

We will run a modified even day block schedule and school will begin at 7:35 on those Tuesdays. This schedule will continue **March 26th through Tuesday, April 9th:**

- **2nd hour:** 7:35-9:05
- **AST:** 9:05-10:05 (**OPEN the whole hour** - students will either **stay** in their 2nd hour class or they may travel to a teacher via e-hallpass.)
- **4th hour:** 10:10-12:05 (normal lunch time, follow the even day lunch schedule)
- **Advisory:** 12:10-1:10 (**CLOSED the whole hour:** Advisory Lesson: 12:10-12:40; Study Hall: 12:40-1:10)
- **6th hour:** 1:15-2:45

2023-2024 Bell Schedule

2023-2024

BVNW BELL SCHEDULE

Odd Day
Monday / Wednesday

1st hour	7:35-9:05
3rd hour	9:10-10:40
AST	10:40-11:10
5th hour	11:15-1:10
1st lunch	11:15-11:40
2nd lunch	12:00-12:25
3rd lunch	12:45-1:10
7th hour	1:15-2:45

Even Day
Tuesday / Thursday

2nd hour	8:35-10:05
4th hour	10:10-12:05
1st lunch	10:10-10:35
2nd lunch	10:55-11:20
3rd lunch	11:40-12:05
Advisory	12:10-12:40
AST	12:40-1:10
6th hour	1:15-2:45

Trad. Day
Friday

1st hour	7:35-8:28
2nd hour	8:33-9:26
3rd hour	9:31-10:24
4th hour	10:29-11:22
5th hour	11:27-12:49
1st lunch	11:27-11:52
2nd lunch	11:55-12:20
3rd lunch	12:24-12:49
6th hour	12:54-1:47
7th hour	1:52-2:45

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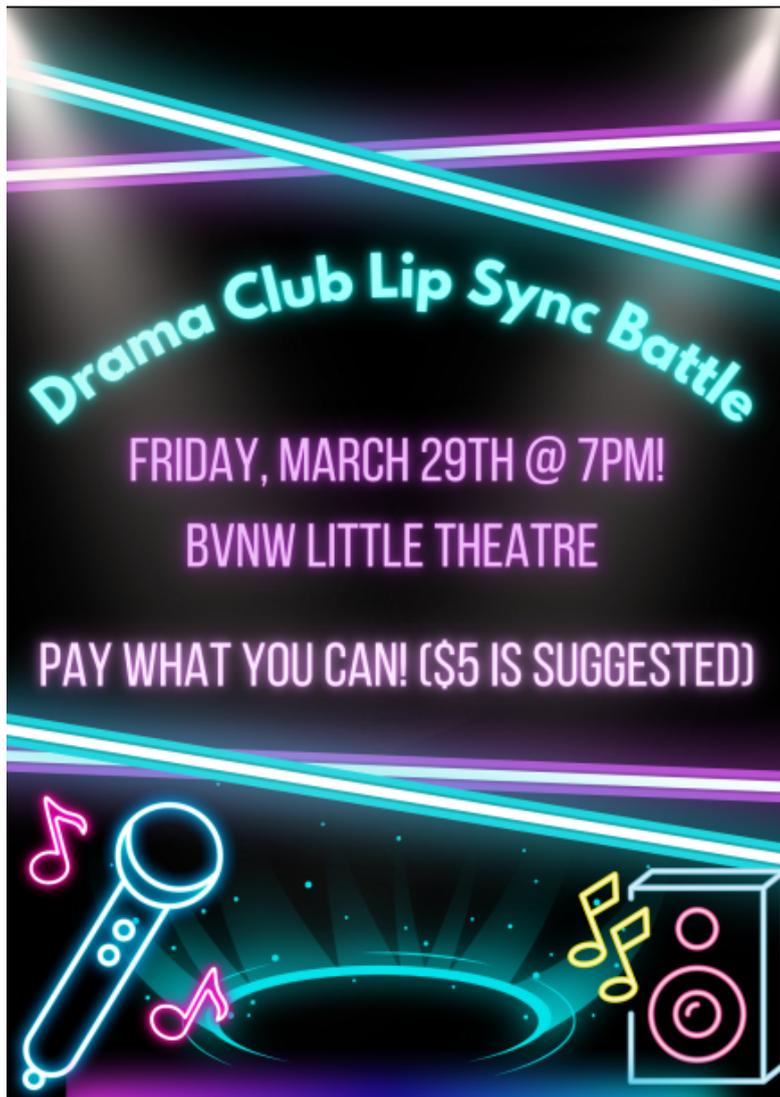
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Bell Schedule 2023-24

[Download](#)

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Drama Club hosts Lip Sync battle on March 29



Calendar Adjustment: Students In School on April 1

Monday, April 1 will be an ODD block day

We wanted to remind you to mark your calendars as school will be in session on April 1st instead of the previously scheduled professional development day in order to meet the state attendance requirements. This adjustment was made in response to the Chiefs Super Bowl Parade Day. We understand that this change may impact your plans, and we apologize for any inconvenience it may cause. If your child will not be present on this day, please use our typical absence reporting protocols to report the absence.

Kansas State Assessment dates and information

Dear 10th/11th grade families,

Kansas State Assessments are coming up! Testing dates are included below. Students will take these assessments on their MacBooks, so please make sure that your student has charged their device the night before and brings the charger to school. Getting a good night's rest, eating a good breakfast, and having a positive attitude will help our students to do their best! In addition, we would ask you to avoid scheduling appointments during your student's class so that their testing is not disrupted. We appreciate your support!

Assessment	Date
Math (10)	April 1-4
Reading (10)	April 15-18
Science (11)	April 15-18

Solar Eclipse: April 8th, 2024

On April 8, a solar eclipse will cross a portion of the United States. What a great opportunity for our school community to experience a rare scientific phenomenon! We plan to incorporate this unique learning experience into our afternoon on April 8th. We have ordered safe viewing glasses for our staff and students to utilize. If you prefer that your child NOT participate in the solar eclipse viewing, please let our attendance administrative assistant, **Carol Hess** know, and there will be an option for your student to have an excused absence on this afternoon or a supervised, alternative activity that will be provided at school during the viewing. **EMAIL - AttendanceBVNW@bluevalleyk12.org.**



**BVNW APRIL 8TH
ECLIPSE BELL SCHEDULE:**

HOUR 1 - 7:35-8:58 (83 mins)

HOUR 3 - 9:03-10:26 (83 mins)

**HOUR 5 - 10:31-12:16 (83 mins of
class/25 mins of lunch)**

Lunch 1 - 10:31-10:56

Lunch 2 - 11:12-11:37

Lunch 3 - 11:54-12:19

Hour 7 - 12:24-1:47 (83 mins)

**ECLIPSE/Study Hall* 1:47-2:45 (58
mins)**

**Students get eclipse glasses from their 7th
hour teacher & will walk outside with their
7th hour class (similar to a fire drill) to view
the eclipse. Students who prefer to stay
inside may use the time for Study Hall (they
will go to the commons or atrium).*

Rumble Strips - Drug & Alcohol Awareness annual event is April 2

REGISTER
BY APRIL 1ST
FREE EVENT

Rumble Strips

Recognizing Signs of Addiction

Tuesday, April 2nd | 6-7:30pm

Hilltop Conference Center | 7710 W 143rd St

All BV parents, grandparents and adult caregivers are invited to the BV Drug & Alcohol Prevention Task Force's annual community event, which will focus on **addiction in youth and adolescents**.

Speakers:

- **Janet Schrick** will share her 'Rumble Strips' presentation on moments when her sister could have chosen to get help toward recovery, but who sadly lost her life to addiction.
- **Jennifer Clarke, LCSW, LMAC**, Team Leader - Adolescent Outpatient Addiction Services at Johnson County Mental Health, will present on 'Adolescent Addiction Trends' and how to access help if needed.

Panel with Q&A: Janet and Jennifer's presentations will be followed by a 30-minute Q & A session.

REGISTER HERE



Sponsored by:



Drug & Alcohol
Prevention
Task Force



In partnership with:

JOHNSON COUNTY
KANSAS
Mental Health

April 9 is Kansas City Area College Fair



KANSAS CITY AREA COLLEGE FAIR

WHEN

TUESDAY, APRIL 9
6:00 - 7:30 PM

WHERE

HILLTOP LEARNING CENTER
7700 W 143RD ST
OVERLAND PARK, KS 66223

HOW

STUDENTS CAN REGISTER AT
WWW.STRIVEFAIR.COM



STRIVE  SCAN

2024 Class Day/Graduation Interpretation Services

If you or a guest plan to attend class day or graduation and need an ASL interpreter, please email Dr. Sharp (DCSharp@bluevalleyk12.org) by May 1. Please note that graduation will be livestreamed with live captioning.

Streaming on District Devices

In an effort to reduce distractions in the learning environment for all of our students, beginning on March 19, 2024, all high school students had streaming services blocked on district devices (examples include: Netflix, Hulu, HBO Max, Prime Video etc.). YouTube, Spotify and Apple Music will still be allowed.

Enrollment for virtual summer courses now open

Enrollment for Blue Valley Summer Programs opened 8 a.m. March 18 and closes 4 p.m. April 3. These programs include virtual courses for credit such as Business Essentials or Physical

Education. Additional information about Summer Programs, including a high school virtual course catalog, can be found at www.bluevalleyk12.org/summerprograms.

Order Graduation signs from The Pack Dance Team by April 10



Order prom corsages from The Pack Dance team by April 19

Blue Valley Northwest It's time!

PROM CORSAGES & BOUTS

ORDER BY APRIL 19TH	CORSAGES & BOUQUETS \$40+ BOUTONNIERES \$20+	PICK-UP APRIL 27TH
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Custom design your boutonniere and corsage with Rosehill Blooms. To match your date, you must order together. Scan the QR code to order. 100% of tips go to the BVNW Dance Team. See @rosehill.blooms on Instagram for pictures.

ORDER
HERE



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PRESENTED BY BVSU DANCE TEAM

BVNW
Dance Team

June 6th ACT Prep Class available

While not affiliated with or endorsed by BVNW, we wanted to let you know that there is an **ACT prep class** being offered at **Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center** (7700 W 143rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223) on June 6 in preparation for the June 8th ACT. Register here: <http://actprep.info/bluevalleynw>.



Community Celebrations and Observances

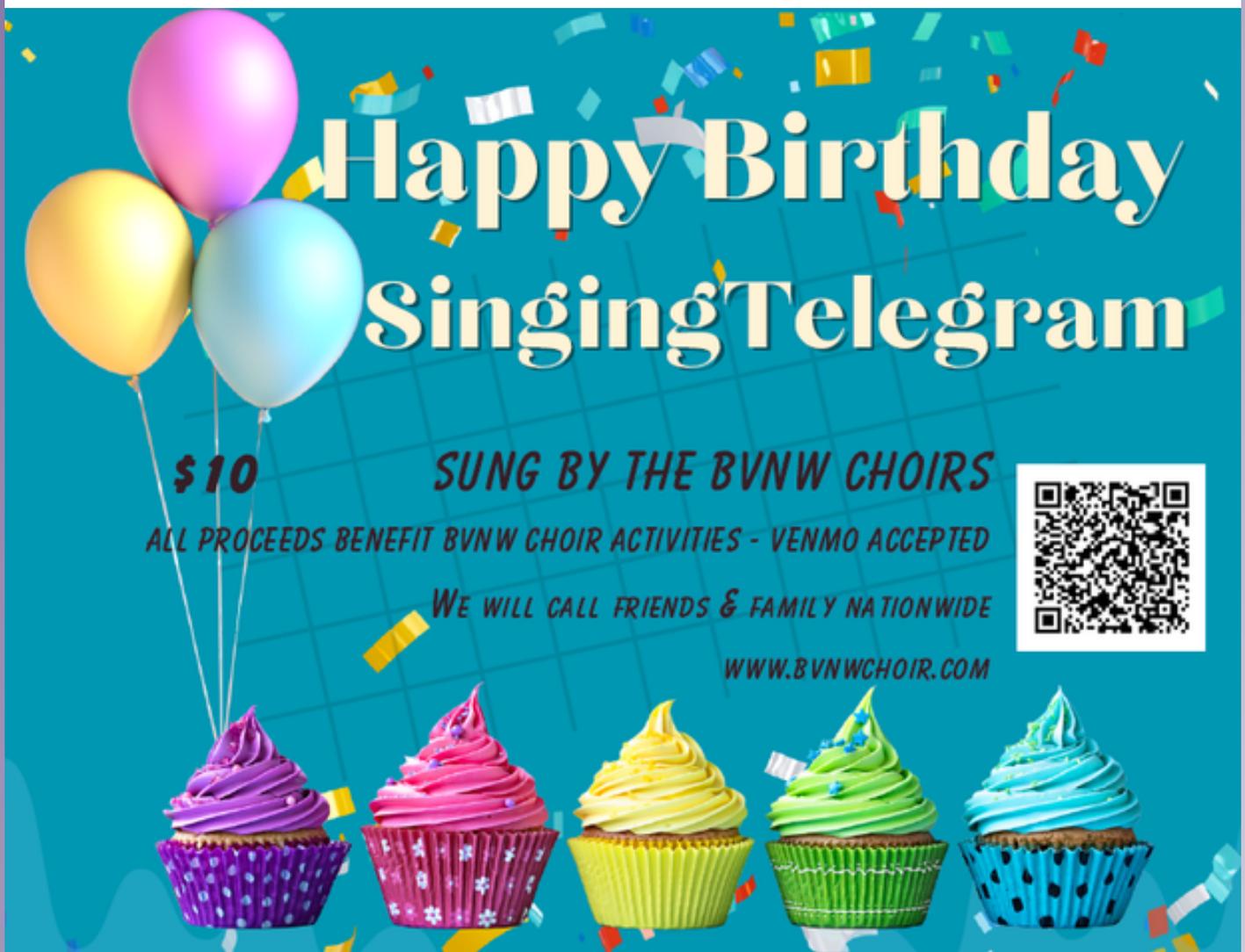
Some April Celebrations & Observances:

- World Autism Awareness Month - aims to increase understanding and acceptance of people with autism.
- National Arab American Heritage Month - recognizes the achievements and contributions of Arab Americans to society, culture, and American history.
- Eid al Fitr - April 10th - marks the end of Ramadan, the Muslim holy month of fasting. Some families will celebrate the



“Festival of Breaking the Fast” by joining in communal prayer and meals, visiting family, gift-giving, and charity.

- Day of Silence - April 14 - a national, student-led demonstration where LGBTQ+ students and allies take a vow of silence to protest the silencing and discrimination of LGBTQ+ people in schools.
- Passover - evening of April 22-30 - a Jewish holiday commemorating the Israelites’ liberation from slavery in Egypt. Some families will observe the holiday with a special meal, called a Seder, eating foods of symbolic significance and reciting traditional prayers.



Happy Birthday Singing Telegram

\$10 *SUNG BY THE BVNW CHOIRS*

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT BVNW CHOIR ACTIVITIES - VENMO ACCEPTED

WE WILL CALL FRIENDS & FAMILY NATIONWIDE

WWW.BVNWCHOIR.COM



Upcoming Key Calendar events



- March 29 - Drama Club hosts Lip Sync Battle



- April 2 - NO LATE ARRIVAL/modified even block



- April 9 - NO LATE ARRIVAL/modified even block

- April 1 - SCHOOL IS IN SESSION (ODD DAY)
- April 1-4 - 10th grade KS State math assessment
- April 2 - Rumble Strips D&A Awareness event
- **April 6 - PBC Fundraiser Denim & Diamonds**
- April 9 - College Fair
- April 15-18 - 10th grade KS State reading assessment
- April 15-18 - 11th grade KS State science assessment



Blue Valley Northwest Important Senior Dates 23-24

Senior families, please bookmark the "[Important Senior Dates](#)" document and check back regularly for updates! More details to come second semester.

- **NEW:** The Senior Packet with the end of the year to-do list will be distributed Friday, March 29th, in students' ELA classes. The students are responsible for completing these forms, and they are due April 5th.
- **NEW:** Auditions for Class Day and Graduation speakers will be Monday, April 8th. For musical performers, auditions will be Tuesday, April 9th. Both will take place in the performing arts center. Look for specific details in future communication.

We added in the Senior Finals Schedule below!

- **Last day of regular classes for seniors** - Thursday, May 9th
- **Yearbook Distribution** - Friday, May 10th - seniors in the AM, everyone else in the PM
- **Senior Finals Schedule** -
 - Monday 5/13: 5th and 7th blocks
 - Tuesday 5/14: 4th and 6th blocks
 - Wednesday 5/15: 1st and 3rd blocks
 - Thursday 5/16: 2nd block
- **Senior Class Day** - Friday, May 17th, 8:00 AM

Graduation - Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 AM

Blue Valley Northwest Graduation Q&A

Q: I have another student who has graduated within the past few years. May my 2024 graduate use a sibling's cap/gown?

A: Yes!

Q: I *just* need to order a tassel or a cap and tassel. How do I do this?

A: Reach out to our rep, Megan Theiling, at mmtheiling@herffjones.com.

Q: When will my graduation products be delivered?

A: Class of 2024 apparel and accessories: 2-3 weeks after purchase
Graduation announcements and accessories: after spring break

Cap, gown and tassel: Graduation Rehearsal in May

Q: Do parents come to Class Day?

A: Yes! Class Day is a more intimate celebration of our graduates. Parents are invited to attend. Sometimes siblings attend, as well.

Q: What happens if it rains the day of graduation?

A: If weather does not permit an outdoor graduation, the ceremony will be moved indoors to **Blue Valley West**. Tickets will be required. The number of tickets each family will receive has not yet been determined.

Q: Are tickets required to attend *outdoor* graduation?

A: No! You can invite all family and friends.

Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1000 Scholarship - Applications are due April 12

Attention Seniors! Did you attend Oak Hill Elementary School? If so, you are eligible to apply for the 2023-24 Oak Hill Elementary PTO \$1,000 Scholarship. If you'd like to pick up the criteria and application packet, please see Mrs. Fromm in the counseling office. All applications are due Friday April 12, 2024.

Counseling News - March 29

Where to find helpful information & resources

[BVNW Counseling Canvas](#)

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851>

[BVNW Academic Resources](#)

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Nkl_HonPgP0FGfUI8oOSsBI0g-yXmCy/view

[@bvnwcounseling](#)

<https://www.instagram.com/bvnwcounseling/>

[Career Exploration Resources for students](#)

<https://bvusd.instructure.com/courses/70851/pages/career-center>



[Blue Valley Summer Virtual course information \(linked\)](#)

<https://www.bluevalleyk12.org/Page/36140>

AP Exams: May 6-17 at Hilltop Conference Center

Testing begins May 6th and runs through May 17th, according to the College Board's AP exam [calendar](#). All AP exams will be administered at the Blue Valley Hilltop Conference Center. Students should plan to arrive by **7:30 a.m.** for morning exams and **11:45 a.m.** for afternoon exams. Students recently received their AP exam schedule. Please contact Mrs. Hadley if there are any scheduling conflicts. Other important testing information will be sent later in April via email and/or text. Please see Mrs. Hadley with questions.



[Check out](#) this resource for parents, created by parents, to help support your digital parenting journey with your children.

ACT/SAT registration (must self-register for national dates)

[ACT Dates/Registration](#)

[SAT Dates/Registration](#)

Which test should you take SAT vs. ACT? [Here](#)

Parent Booster Club News - March 29

Dear Husky Families,

Are you ready for a fun night out with friends while supporting your kids' high school experience? If so, organize a group of friends, get one of the limited reserved tables for 10 (at a lower price per person) and join us at **Denim and Diamonds on April 6th at Museum of Prairiefire!** Don't feel like organizing a table? Individual tickets are also available!

All proceeds from this event go towards supporting our Grants program, as well as students & staff needs. We love being able to provide the funds so our students can have the tools and experiences they need to succeed. Year is not over yet and so far, we have given \$15,000+ to the following clubs and activities:

Football
Band
The Muse Magazine
Psi Alpha (Psychology Honor Society)
Theater
Volleyball
Baseball
Choir
Softball
Dance Team
Dungeon and Dragons Club

We would like to continue supporting our students next year. To do so, we ask you to join us for a

night out with friends, great auction prizes, wine pull, food, drinks, dancing and more. It's going to be so much fun! Tickets are limited. See you there! Ready to party for a good cause? [Get your tickets now!](#)

DENIM
and Diamonds
BVNW-PBC FUNDRAISER

SATURDAY, APRIL 6TH, 2024

MUSEUM AT PRAIRIEFIRE 5801 W 135TH ST, OVERLAND PARK

FOOD, DRINKS, MUSIC, WINE PULL, AUCTION, DANCING AND MORE

*****TICKET SALES ARE NOW OPEN*****

Invite your friends for a fun night out and help us support our students and teachers!

AUCTION ITEMS INCLUDE:

JASPER'S DINNER FOR SIX	SCHEELS SHOPPING SPREE
STAYCATIONS	VACATION HOMES
SPORTS EVENTS TICKETS	WINE TASTINGS
COLLEGE CONSULTING	ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE
RESERVED SCHOOL PARKING SPOTS	COMPLETE DRIVING SCHOOL COURSE
THEME BASKETS	AND MORE

SEE YOU THERE!

Can't make the event? Pledge your support by scanning the QR code or going to this [link](#)

* PBC STAFF APPRECIATION

We are so fortunate to have a fantastic staff at BVNW. During Teacher Appreciation Week in May, we will be showering them with thanks - in the form of gift cards! We would like to be able to give each staff member in our building a gift card, and would the support of BVNW families. We have compiled a list of staff "Favorite Things" to make selecting a gift card to purchase easy.

Interested in supporting? Click [here](#) to sign up to participate. Gift cards should be delivered to school, in an envelope marked "PBC Staff Appreciation," by April 17th.

* PBC MEETING - Our next meeting is on Monday, April 8th @ 7:00PM at BVNW's Library.

Full School and Sports Calendars

BVNW Calendar

[View All School Events](#)

BVNW Sports Events



https://www.instagram.com/bvnw_huskies/

<http://instagram.com/bvnwnews>

<http://twitter.com/bvnwnews>

<http://facebook.com/bvnwnews>

<http://bvnwnewsphotos.smugmug.com/>



Blue Valley Northwest Information

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/bluevalleynorthwest>

Twitter: [@BVNW_huskies](https://twitter.com/BVNW_huskies)

The graphic features a purple-tinted background of a graduation ceremony. Large white text reads "BVNW RANKED IN THE TOP 4% NATIONALLY". The "P" in "TOP" contains a circular logo with a husky head. Below the main text are two smaller logos: one for "BEST HIGH SCHOOLS USNews RANKINGS" and another circular logo with a stylized plant.

BVNW Inclusion Statement:

Blue Valley Northwest values every individual and the diversity they bring to our community. Everyone shall be treated fairly in language and in action without regard to race, religion, national origin, financial status, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or disability. We, students, parents and staff will hold each other accountable to this mission.



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