| **FAMILY ENGAGEMENT** | |
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| Community Achieves Pillars:   * **Family Engagement** * College & Career Readiness * Health & Wellness * Social Services & Adult Development | **SHARED GOALS**  We want to improve family engagement, in alignment with the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the district’s Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). We want to engage families and the larger community to help us ensure families are actively involved in children’s education and provide strategic, proactive solutions in partnership with the school (CA OUTCOMES 1, 2). |
| **Our Data / What’s Happening at Our School:**  The bullets below present information we use to continually monitor our assets and unmet needs, as well as our progress toward improving family engagement in our school. We are sharing this information with you to develop a shared understanding of our current status and how we will monitor our progress.   * In {2017-18} at Buena Vista, 27 events were held to support family engagement, with a summed attendance of 996, and an unduplicated count of 382. * Buena Vista documented 82 families participated in parent-teacher conferences, held in the first quarter. * In 2017-18, Buena Vista had 32 accounts registered for the Infinite Campus Family Portal. |
| **Our Needs / How We Want to Engage the Community to Help Meet Our Needs:**  **Family Events**  Buena Vista plans to offer at least 6 themed Family Nights after-school to foster strong connections between home and school, and to provide our families with the tools needed to support learning at home. We are seeking partner engagement for these events in the following ways:  **Family Hospitality**  Buena Vista strives to be a place of hospitality for our family and community.  Donations of snacks, meals, and bottled beverages help us make parents and partners feel welcome and comfortable in our building.  Events hosted at Buena Vista offer prizes and incentives to create excitement and thank parents for being present in the school.  Items that parents enjoy are home goods/supplies, learning items that can be used with their child/children, new school uniform items, tickets to family-friendly events, etc.  To give, please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org)  **Friday Coffee Talk Series (Parent Advisory Council)**  Buena Vista will hold an ongoing Principal Coffee & Chat series for families the first Friday of every month, starting September 7th, from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m. Ongoing donation of breakfast items for these events (pastries, donuts, muffins, juice, etc.) will help our families feel welcome! Additionally, we invite representatives to come and provide our parents with important information relating to the community, access to resources, information on local issues, and school navigation techniques. Interested? Please contact [Myra.Taylor@mnps.org](mailto:Myra.Taylor@mnps.org)  **Parent Teacher Conferences –** November 6, 2018 and March 8, 2019  Buena Vista believes deeply in creating meaningful opportunities for families and teachers to discuss students’ individual learning plans, growth, and goals. Accordingly, we seek to encourage strong attendance at two parent-teacher conference events this year. We are seeking donations of standard school uniforms (solid-color collared shirts, sizes children’s XL –L and khaki/navy/black pants sizes children’s 4-18) so that we can provide a school uniform set to every family who attends a parent-teacher conference.  **Fatherhood Fridays**  Buena Vista values the role that men play in our students’ lives and celebrate the unique gifts they bring our students. We will host a Fatherhood Friday event one Friday every month (dates TBD) from 7:30 – 8:30 a.m. Men from within our community are invited to attend these special events. We are also seeking breakfast donations to serve roughly 100 people each session. Interested in participating? Email [Myra.Taylor@mnps.org](mailto:Myra.Taylor@mnps.org) |
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| **COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS** | |
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| Community Achieves Pillars:   * Family Engagement * **College & Career Readiness** * Health & Wellness * Social Services & Adult Development | **SHARED GOALS**  We want to improve college and career readiness, in alignment with the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the district’s Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). We want to students to be actively involved in their learning, maintain academic success, and prepare for post-secondary education and career *(CA OUTCOMES 3, 4, 5)*. |
| **Our Data / What’s Happening at Our School:**  The bullets below present information we use to continually monitor our assets and unmet needs, as well as our progress toward improving college and career readiness in our school. We are sharing this information with you to develop a shared understanding of our current status and how we will monitor our progress.   * Based on the Spring administration of the MNPS test used to monitor student academic performance, 16% of Buena Vista students were in the top 2 quintiles of proficiency in Math; 16% of BUENA VISTA students were in the top 2 quintiles of proficiency in Reading. * In 2017-18 at Buena Vista, the average daily student attendance was 91.8% and our chronic absence rate (i.e., the percent of students absent at least 10% of enrolled days) was 27%. |
| **Our Needs / How We Want to Engage the Community to Help Meet Our Needs:**  **Reading Buddy Program** Reading Buddy volunteers commit to spend 20-30 minutes once a week listening to a student read and/or reading with a student. BV scholars will strengthen their literacy skills as they build positive relationships with adults. A one-time, one-hour training is required, along with a background check. Interested? Please email Makenzie Collie at [mcollie@pencilfd.org](mailto:mcollie@pencilfd.org)    **Enrichment Hour Support**  In an effort to increase our students’ exposure to real world learning, Buena Vista will offer kindergarten, 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade bi-weekly Enrichment Hours for all grades. We invite volunteers/organizations to provide programming during these hours that can cover a wide variety of topics (social-emotional learning, sports clubs, garden club, arts/music activities, Spanish, STEM activities, etc.). These can be one-time or ongoing activities.  **Kindergarten 1:30 – 2:40** (2/7, 2/21, 3/7, 3/21, 4/4, 4/18, 5/2, 5/16)  **1st Grade 1:35 – 2:20** (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15)  **2nd Grade 12:30 – 1:30** (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15)  **3rd Grade 9:45 – 10:45** (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15)  **4th Grade 8:40 – 9:40** (2/6, 2/20, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 4/17, 5/1, 5/15)  Interested? Please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org)  **Field Trip Funding** Field Trips that advance student learning and student exposure are critical to student success at Buena Vista. We are seeking donations from school partners to offset costs of these trips so that students can attend regardless of their financial ability to pay.  **Career Day**  Volunteers are needed to attend our annual career day, date TBD. Volunteers will discuss careers and experiences as students rotate through career booths. Demonstrations, hands on activities, and promotional materials are welcome! Interested? Please contact Dhyana Hodge at [dhyana.hodge@mnps.org](mailto:dhyana.hodge@mnps.org)  **Science Fair Judging**  Volunteers are needed to judge and assign scores to 4th grade students’ Science Fair project, date TBD. Scoring rubrics and instructions will be provided. Interested? Please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org) |
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| **HEALTH AND WELLNESS** | |
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| Community Achieves Pillars:   * Family Engagement * College & Career Readiness * **Health & Wellness** * Social Services & Adult Development | **SHARED GOALS**  We want to improve student health & wellness, in alignment with the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the district’s Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). We want to engage improve conditions for learning by supporting health and wellness. In achieving this, CA schools want students to \*\*be physically capable to enter and participate in school, \*\* feel safe at school physically, socially, and emotionally *(CA OUTCOMES 6, 7)*. |
| **Our Data / What’s Happening at Our School:**  The bullets below present information we use to continually monitor our assets and unmet needs, as well as our progress toward improving college and career readiness in our school. We are sharing this information with you to develop a shared understanding of our current status and how we will monitor our progress.   * In 2017-18 at Buena Vista, we worked with 11 partners to offer interventions and programs to 129 students to promote health and wellness. * In 2017 – 18, Buena Vista had 63 student discipline incidents. This a decrease from 86 incidents in 2016- 17. * Based on the Panorama Student survey administered in Fall 2017, only 13% of student respondents (n~39) felt that students treat each other with respect. 49% strongly agreed that students are teased, picked on, made fun of, or called names at school. * Data from MNPS Coordinated Health indicate that 35% of our students were overweight or obese in the 2017-18 school year. |
| **Our Needs / How We Want to Engage the Community to Help Meet Our Needs:**  **Lunch Buddies**  Our students benefit from one-on-one or small group time with community members. In talking with adults of varied careers and experiences, our students expand their horizons, build trusting relationships, and build self-confidence. Volunteer opportunities available daily, in 30 minute – one hour slots (dependent upon volunteer’s schedule) Monday – Friday from 11 – 12:30. *We will make no NEW Lunch Buddies until new CA is hired/onboarded. Volunteers can use this link to sign up:* [*https://goo.gl/forms/WqaDAibuisE2hitq2*](https://goo.gl/forms/WqaDAibuisE2hitq2)  **Group Character Ed Programming**  We are seeking partners to provide character education and social-emotional learning programming for our students. These programs can be one-time events, or partners can work ongoing with a cohort of students during lunch/recess and or students’ Related Arts. We are especially looking for programs that promote positive social skills, empathy, kindness/respect, coping mechanisms, and mindfulness. Interested? Contact Dhyana Hodge at [dhyana.hodge@mnps.org](mailto:dhyana.hodge@mnps.org)  **Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)**  Buena Vista implements a PBIS program that rewards students for positive behavior. Students will receive a “paycheck” every Friday (based on how many points they earned for good behavior during the week) that he/she can use to buy items from the school’s PBIS Store. Volunteers are needed to assist students in the store every Friday from 11:30 – 1:00. Additionally, Buena Vista is in consistent need of donated items to “sell” in the store. These items should be student-friendly and $5 or less in cost. Please contact Charles Flowers at [Charles.flowers@mnps.org](mailto:Charles.flowers@mnps.org)  **Bedtime Boxes**  Buena Vista seeks to provide all Pre-K, Kindergarten and 1st grade students with a “Bedtime Box” consisting of pajamas, new books, hygiene products (lotion, soap, toothbrush, toothpaste), and a developmentally appropriate bedtime routine. Partners are invited to donate the pajamas, books, or hygiene items. Additionally, volunteers are needed to assemble the boxes in preparation of distribution. DATES TBD. Interested? Please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org)  **Afterschool Physical Activity**  Buena Vista partners with Girls on the Run and Black Men Run to provide programming to students who will benefit from a combination of character education, physical activity and mentoring. Volunteers are invited to participate in these programs after-school.   * Girls on the Run – Thursdays from 4-5:30 (Oct. 5 – Nov. 29th. 5K is on December 3rd) Please contact Megan McGuire, [mktmcguire@gmail.com](mailto:mktmcguire@gmail.com) for more information * Black Men Run – Spring 2019 – Please contact Lori Dunlap at [lori.dunlap@mnps.org](mailto:lori.dunlap@mnps.org)   **Field Day Volunteers**  One of our most special days of the year is field day! We are seeking sponsors for field day, this can include but is not limited to: donations of water, popsicles, help in paying for inflatables, and volunteers to run stations. Date TBD. Please contact Raymond Pratcher at [Raymond.pratcher@mnps.org](mailto:Raymond.pratcher@mnps.org)  **Staff Appreciations**  Happy teachers have happy students! Please support our staff by donating snacks or small gifts throughout the school year or by sponsoring coffee, donuts, breakfast/lunch/snacks encouragement. Please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org) |

| **SOCIAL SERVICES AND ADULT DEVELOPMENT** | |
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| Community Achieves Pillars:   * Family Engagement * College & Career Readiness * Health & Wellness * **Social Services & Adult Development** | **SHARED GOALS**  We want to support access to social services and adult development opportunities, in alignment with the School Improvement Plan (SIP) and the district’s Key Performance Indicators (KPIs). We want students to have basic needs of food and clothing met, have access to the range of public services relevant to their needs, and help our parents and community adults to be actively involved in personal development *(CA OUTCOMES 8, 9, 10).* |
| **Our Data / What’s Happening at Our School:**  The bullets below present information we use to continually monitor our assets and unmet needs, as well as our progress toward improving access to social services and adult development opportunities for our school community. We are sharing this information with you to develop a shared understanding of our current status and how we will monitor our progress.   * In 2017-18 91% of our students were classified as ‘economically disadvantaged.’ Because this estimate relies on direct certification, we feel the actual percent is likely higher. Direct certification is the process under which Local Education Agencies (LEAs) certify children who are members of households receiving assistance under the assistance programs (e.g., SNAP, TANF) as eligible for free benefits, without further application, based on information provided by the state or local agencies administering those programs. * Buena Vista served 91 students in the H.E.R.O. program for students and families experiencing homelessness. * In 2017-18, Buena Vista distributed 8781 food boxes / bags, 1630 clothing items, and 813 school supplies. |
| **Our Needs / How We Want to Engage the Community to Help Meet Our Needs:**  **Donations of high-need items:**   * School Uniforms (khaki, black, or navy pants sizes 4T-Kids 20/polo shirt – any solid color with a collar – sizes 4T – XXL) * Children’s underwear, socks, undershirts * Winter coats * New or slightly used children’s tennis shoes or closed-toe shoes in sizes 11 – 4 * Teacher Supplies (Lysol wipes, paper towels, Flip Chart markers, Expo markers, Hand sanitizer) * Food for our on-site Emergency Food Pantry (kid-friendly snacks, juice, cereal/cereal bars, canned raviolis/pastas, etc.) * Laundry detergent/dryer sheets for the Washer/Dryer unit available to our families   **Stock the Pantry Drive** Items include: cereal, granola bars, crackers, microwavable pasta dishes, macaroni and cheese, juice, fruit snacks, fruit cups, pasta, pasta sauce, etc. A flyer is available upon request. To arrange drop-off, please contact Myra Taylor at t [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org)  **Distribution Management**  We are seeking 2-3 volunteers to assist in distributing food bags to our students every Friday from 11:30 – 1 p.m. Please contact Myra Taylor at [myra.taylor@mnps.org](mailto:myra.taylor@mnps.org) |

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